

# ✝ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✝

February 5, 2023



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## About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

### Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

### Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

### Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

### Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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*Epiphany*

## ***The Savior's Sermon***

The Greek word epiphany means “appearance.” In the first half of this church season called Epiphany, we saw Jesus appear on the scene, beginning his ministry. He calls his disciples. It is not long before large crowds start following Jesus around Galilee. So, in the second half of this season Jesus is going to teach us what it means to be one of his followers.

Jesus does this through the most famous sermon of all time. It is not delivered while standing in a pulpit but while sitting on a hill. Elevated above the crowd, Jesus’ voice would carry through the air. His followers hung on his every word as the Christ talked about living an authentic Christian life. It is called the Sermon on the Mount.

*Fifth Sunday after Epiphany*

## ***You Are... So Be***

Imagine a beautiful guitar, carefully crafted out of the finest mahogany and steel strings. Now imagine that fine instrument is never played. It is placed atop a bookshelf and never touched. It just collects dust. Tragic, right? What a thing is finds fulfillment when that thing does what it was made to do. Of what use is a guitar that makes no music? What would be the point of turning on a lamp and then throwing a heavy blanket over it. It might still be a lamp, but it provides no light. (It only serves as a fire hazard!) Form and function are intimately connected.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that the same is true of discipleship. He wants us to see that being a disciple and acting as a disciple are intimately connected. When God called us to faith, he declared that we were something new: light, salt, his children. Jesus now encourages us to be what God says we are, so that God might bless the world through us. As Jesus speaks to us, he means to mold our will to his own.

# The Service

## Setting One

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**Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**

*Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.*

*A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.*

*The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.*

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## The Preparation

### Opening Hymn

689 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, and let my  
2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin, from all im -  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, that glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly you may love and seek those



heart and soul be bright, il - lu - mined with the  
pure - ness make me clean. O grant me pow'r and  
I o - bey your Word. O let your will be  
things which are a - bove till I be - hold you



light of grace that is - sues from your ho - ly face.  
strength, my God, to strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.  
my de - sire and with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

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*Please stand*

## Invocation

(Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Confession

(1 John 1:8-9; Luke 18:13)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## Absolution

(Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23)

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

(Psalm 51:1; Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

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## Glory be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29; Acts 7:56)



**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



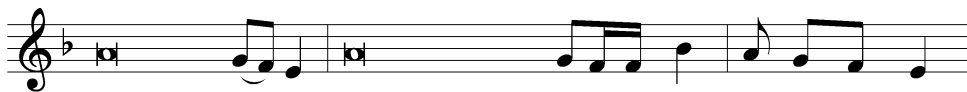
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



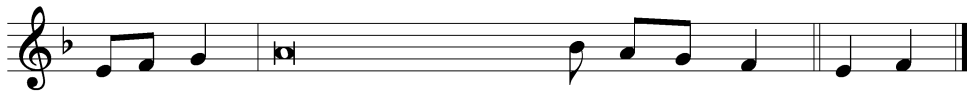
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

# The Word

## Salutation

*(Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22)*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*(Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6)*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Exodus 19:1-8a

*God made Israel, a nation of slaves, his special people. He wanted Israel to be the kingdom of priests he had called them to be.*

**19** In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup> Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

<sup>5</sup> Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. <sup>6</sup> You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.' These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites."



<sup>7</sup> Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the people answered together, “Everything that the LORD has said, we will do.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 112

*The Psalm will be spoken responsively*

Praise the LORD.

How blessed is a man who fears the LORD.

**In his commands he delights greatly.**

His descendants will be mighty in the land.

**The circle of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in his house,  
**and his righteousness stands forever.**

In darkness, light dawns for the upright.  
**He is gracious and compassionate and righteous.**

Good things will come to the man  
**who is gracious and lends,**  
**who conducts his business with justice.**

Surely he will never fall.  
**The righteous will be remembered forever.**

He will not fear bad news.  
**His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.**

His heart is secure.  
**He will have no fear, until he looks in triumph on his foes.**

He scatters seed—he gives to the poor.

**His righteousness stands forever.**

**His horn will be lifted high in glory.**

The wicked person will see and be frustrated.

**He will gnash his teeth and melt away.**

**The desire of the wicked will perish.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 2:9-12

*St. Peter encourages us to be what God has declared us to be: members of a royal priesthood, citizens of a holy nation.*

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup> At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live an honorable life among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

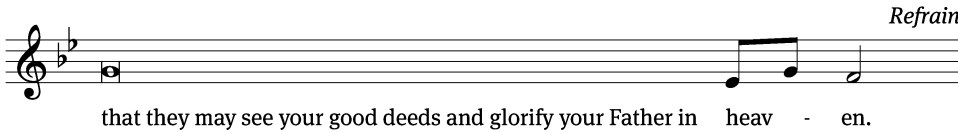
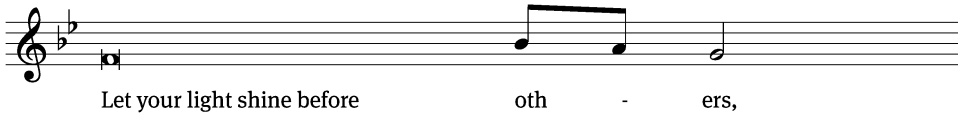
Matthew 5:16



### Refrain



### Tone



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*The minister processes to the nave floor for the Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word*

## Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

*Jesus declares that his disciples are blessings to this dark, decaying world. He calls us to be what he says we are.*

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people.

<sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way let your light shine in people’s presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. <sup>19</sup> So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and

teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

854 “Church of God, Elect and Glorious”



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly  
2 God has called you out of dark - ness in - to  
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, stran - gers  
4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the

na - tion, cho - sen race, called as God's own  
his most mar - v'lous light, brought his truth to  
to God's heart of love, but he brought you  
peo - ple he in - tends, strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace;  
life with - in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight.  
home in mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.  
swift to an - swer each com - mand your mas - ter sends.

know the pur - pose of your call - ing, show to  
Let your light so shine a - round you that God's  
Let his love flow out to oth - ers, let them  
Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your



all his might - y deeds, tell of love that  
 name is glo - ri - fied and all find fresh  
 feel a Fa - ther's care, that they too may  
 sac - ri - fice and prayer; give your lives in

knows no lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know his wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice, sing his praise, his love de - clare.

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## Sermon

Matthew 5:13-16

*"Jesus Has Made You What You Are: A Blessing to Others"*

*Please stand*

## Nicene Creed *Credo*

*(Romans 10:9-10; Philippians 2:10-11)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is,  
 seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,**

and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be seated*

## Create in Me a Clean Heart (CW 942)

*(Psalm 51:10-12)*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



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## Prayer of the Church

*(Matthew 18:19,20; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Timothy 2:1-4)*

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love and take them into your tender care.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## Offering

*(Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Matthew 6:19-21; 25-34)*

### Offering Collection

*God, who blesses us with all we have, gives us the privilege of showing him our thanks in many ways. One way is giving back a portion of what he has given us to support the work of the Church.*

*If you are a guest, please don't feel that you must give an offering. We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' eternal love for you.*

*If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!*

### Friendship Registers

*A Friendship Register (i.e. the maroon book) is located at the end of each pew. Sometime before you leave, please write in your name and the names of those with you and check any appropriate box. If you want the pastor to reach out to you, please also provide your contact information. Thank you!*



# The Sacrament

*Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices"*

*Please stand*

## Prefaces

*(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)*

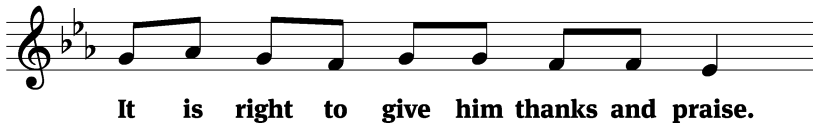
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy    *Sanctus*

*(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,  
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)*

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Words of Institution    *Verba*

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## Peace of the Lord    *Pax Domini*

(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

## Distribution of Holy Communion

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)

*As he distributes the elements, the minister says to the communicants:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

**Amen.**

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**Amen.**

*As he dismisses the communicants, the ministers says:*

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.

**Amen.**

## Our Holy Communion Practices

*(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)*

### Visitors

*Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:*

*The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.*

*We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.*

*If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.*

### Communicants

*"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.*

*The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.*

### Children and Non-Communicants

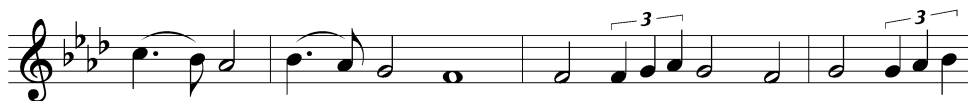
*Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.*

# Distribution Hymn

630 "Thy Strong Word"



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
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thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats to shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!

- 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light from Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!

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## Distribution Hymn

715 "Let Me Be Yours Forever"



- 1 Let me be yours for - ev - er, my faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, my light, my life di - vine,  
3 O gra - cious Ho - ly Spir - it, my com - fort - er and guide,



let me for-sake you nev - er nor wan - der from your Word.  
my on - ly con - so - la - tion, to you I all re - sign,  
grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver but give me stead-fast - ness, and  
for you have dear - ly bought me with blood and bit - ter pain. Let  
him to the end con - fess - ing whom I have known by faith. Give



for such grace and fa - vor your ho - ly name I'll bless.  
me, since you have sought me, e - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
me your con - stant bless - ing and grant a Chris - tian death.

*Text: tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.; (st. 1): Nicolaus Selnecker, 1532–1592; (sts. 2–3): Gesang-Büchlein, Rudolstadt, 1688*

*Tune: Musika Teutsch, Nürnberg, 1532*

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## Lord, Now You Let Your Servant (CW 951) *Nunc Dimittis*

*(Luke 2:29–32)*

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*



Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,

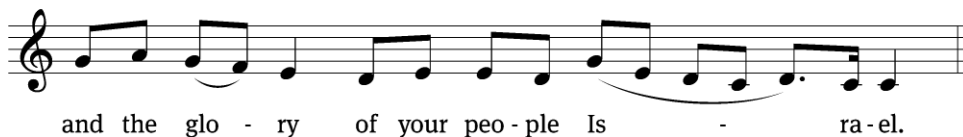


which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles





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## Thanksgiving

(*Psalm 118:1*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

## Proclamation

(*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

(*Romans 15:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 5:11*)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

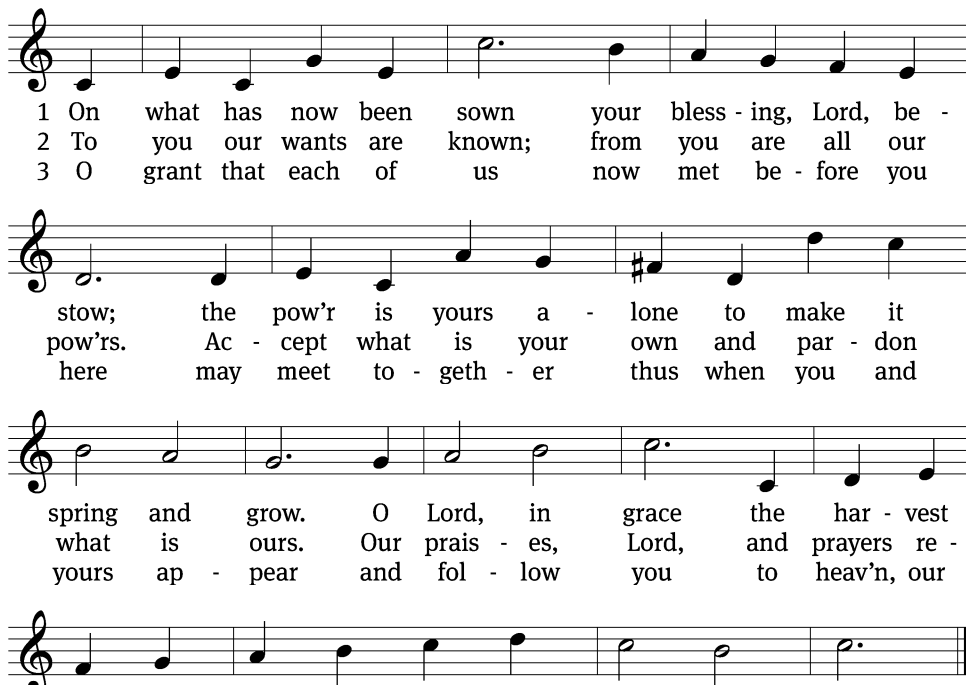
(*Numbers 6:24-26*)

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

925 “On What Has Now Been Sown”



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -  
2 To you our wants are known; from you are all our  
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you

stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it  
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own and par - don  
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest  
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -  
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!  
ceive and to your Word a bless - ing give.  
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

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*A **personal prayer for after worship** is printed on the first page of the hymnal.*

**You will not be ushered out.** You may depart any time after the closing hymn and post-service announcements.

*If you haven't done so already, **please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.***

**If you have an offering,** you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

**Thank you for joining us** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

**Please contact Pastor Berg** at any time if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.



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All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter, the “Nain Messenger”** to stay informed about all congregational news. Several copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.

For more information about today’s Scripture readings, the current season of the Church Year, and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit the “Worship Resources” page of our website to read this Sunday’s **“About the Propers,”** a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.

**“The Congregation at Prayer,”** a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is also posted on the “Worship Resources” page of our church website.

**“Understanding Lutheran Worship”** provides excellent information about the Lutheran Liturgy, the Christian Church Year, and the Books of the Bible. A copy of the booklet is located in the hymnal rack of each pew.

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