

# ✚ SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ✚

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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.

# Sixth 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*

## ***Live A Holy Life***

The word “holy” comes from an Old English word, “halig” which means “whole” or “healthy.” We have a holy God. He wants us to live a holy life, one that is wholly dedicated to him, one that is spiritually and emotionally healthy for us. So, as Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, he makes a crucial point that not all his followers understand well. Jesus came to free us *from* sin. He did not come to free us *to* sin. God commands that we live a holy life. He provides dire warnings to remind us just how holy he wants us to be. Today we face a rapid decline in public morals and private piety. Yet, Jesus calls his followers to be different. He urges personal purity.

After examining our lives, we can only despair over our lack of holiness. So, the Gospel Acclamation reminds us to flee to Christ who loves us despite our failures and who sacrificed himself for unholy people. Secure in his grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, each day we strive to live the holy lives to which we have been called.

# 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

631 "Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening"



1 Speak, O Sav - ior, I am lis - t'ning, as a ser - vant  
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you and to lis - ten  
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing where I quench my  
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
to your voice; let me ev - er love and fear you,  
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



to your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, that each day, my whole life  
let your Word still be my choice! Man - y hard - ened sin - ners,  
on your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will be my  
that I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing your



through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your Word e'er  
Lord, flee in ter - ror at your Word; but to all who  
light thro' death's cold and drear - y night; yes, they are my  
praise, from my heart glad an - thems raise, till my high - est



be my plea - sure and my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.  
feel sin's bur - den you give peace and words of par - don.  
sword pre - vail - ing and my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
praise is giv - en in the end - less joy of heav - en.

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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,



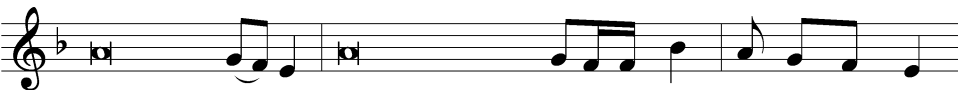
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



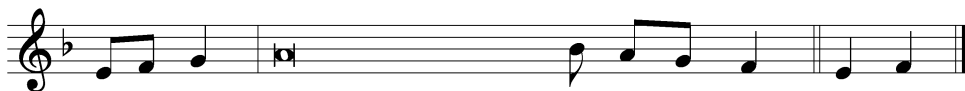
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; 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

2 Samuel 11:1-17,26-27

*King David committed adultery first in his heart, then in the flesh. David's example illustrates the danger of unrepentant sin. It is the antithesis of a holy life.*

**11** Springtime arrived, the time when kings go out to war. David sent Joab out with his officers and with all Israel. They ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> One evening David had gotten up from his couch and was walking around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very good looking.

<sup>3</sup> David sent to inquire about the woman, and he was told, "Isn't this Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

<sup>4</sup> David sent messengers to bring her. She came to him, and he lay down with her. (She had been purifying herself from her ceremonial uncleanness.) She then returned to her house.

<sup>5</sup> The woman became pregnant, so she sent a message and told David, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup> David sent a message to Joab, "Send Uriah the Hittite to me." So Joab sent Uriah to David, <sup>7</sup> and Uriah came to him.

David asked how Joab and the troops were doing, and how the war effort was going.

<sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet."

When Uriah went out from the palace, the king sent a gift to him. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all the servants of his master. He did not go down to his own house.

<sup>10</sup> David was informed, "Uriah has not gone down to his house." So David said to Uriah, "Haven't you come a long distance? Why didn't you go down to your house?"

<sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are living in shelters, and my master Joab and the servants of my master are camped on the bare ground in the open countryside. Should I go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie down with my wife? By your life, as surely as you live, I will not do such a thing."

<sup>12</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also. Tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> David summoned him, and Uriah ate

as his guest, and David got him drunk. But in the evening he went and slept on his mat where the servants of his master were. He did not go to his own house.

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and he sent it in the hands of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In the letter he wrote, “Station Uriah opposite the fiercest fighting. Then withdraw from behind him so that he will be struck down and die.”

<sup>16</sup> So when Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew that the enemy’s strongest warriors were. <sup>17</sup> The men of the city came out and fought against Joab, and some of the troops of David fell. Uriah the Hittite also died.

<sup>26</sup> The wife of Uriah the Hittite heard that her husband was dead, so she mourned for her husband. <sup>27</sup> When her mourning was completed, David sent for her and brought her to his house, and she became his wife. She gave birth to a son for him. But what David had done was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119 G “Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet”

*The entire congregation will sing together the whole Psalm*

### Refrain



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

### Tone



Oh, how I / love your law!

I meditate on it / all day long.

Your commands are always / with me  
and make me wiser than my / enemies.  
I have more insight than all my / teachers,  
for I meditate on your / statutes. *Refrain*

I have kept my feet from every / evil path  
so that I might o- / bey your word.  
How sweet are your words / to my taste,  
sweeter than honey / to my mouth!  
I gain understanding from your / precepts;  
therefore I hate every / wrong path.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

*Christians sincerely desire to live for Christ. St. Paul explains how. We seek to control our body in a way that is holy.*

**4** Therefore, beyond this, brothers, just as you received instruction from us about how you are to walk so as to please God (as indeed you are doing), we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that you do so even more. <sup>2</sup> To be sure, you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Indeed, this is God's will: that you be sanctified, namely, that you keep yourselves away from sexual immorality. <sup>4</sup> He wants each of you to learn to obtain a wife for yourself in a way that is holy and honorable, <sup>5</sup> not in lustful passion like the heathen, who do not know God. <sup>6</sup> No one is to overstep and take advantage of his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we said previously and solemnly testified to it. <sup>7</sup> For God did not call us for uncleanness, but in sanctification. <sup>8</sup> Consequently, whoever rejects this is not rejecting a man, but the God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> Concerning brotherly love, there is no need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God, with the result that you love one another. <sup>10</sup> In fact, you are doing so toward all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we encourage you, brothers, to do this even more, <sup>11</sup> and to make it your ambition to live a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, just as we instructed you. <sup>12</sup> Do this so that you are conducting yourselves decently toward outsiders and are not lacking anything.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

# Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 5:2



*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*

*What a high bar Jesus sets! He calls us to be holy in our relationships with our brothers, our adversaries, our bodies, our spouse, and our God.*

<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause will be subject to judgment, and whoever says to his brother, ‘*Raca*,’ will have to answer to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of hell fire.

<sup>23</sup> “So if you are about to offer your gift at the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother. Then come and offer your gift.

<sup>25</sup> “If someone accuses you, reach an agreement with him quickly, while you are with him on the way. Otherwise your accuser may bring you to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Amen I tell you: You will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ <sup>28</sup> but I tell you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> If your right hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

<sup>31</sup> “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup> But I tell you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, causes her to be regarded as an adulteress. And whoever marries the divorced woman is regarded as an adulterer.

<sup>33</sup> “Again you have heard that it was said to people long ago, ‘Do not break your oaths, but fulfill your vows to the Lord.’ <sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear at all: not by heaven, because it is God’s throne; <sup>35</sup> and not by earth, because it is his footstool; and not by Jerusalem, because it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your own head, since you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> Instead, let your statement be, ‘Yes, yes,’ or ‘No, no.’ Whatever goes beyond these is from the Evil One.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

695 “Take My Life and Let It Be”



- 1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau-ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

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## Sermon

Matthew 5:21-37

“Surpassingly Great Righteousness”

*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 -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues: B3, A3, G3, F#3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2. The third staff: D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F#1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0, G0. The fourth staff: F#0, E0, D0, C0, B0, A0, G0, F#0, E0, D0, C0, B0. The fifth staff: A0, G0, F#0, E0, D0, C0, B0, A0, G0, F#0, E0, D0. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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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

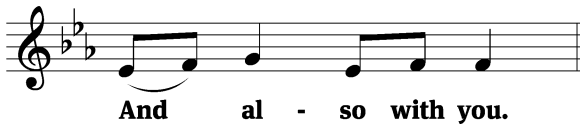
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*Please stand*

## 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

668 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his  
 gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the  
 ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
 pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
 whose own feast of love I savor,  
 bidden by his gracious call.  
 Wedding garments he provides me,  
 with a robe of white he hides me,  
 fits me for the royal hall.

- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
 comfort in my tribulation,  
 balm to heal the troubled soul.  
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
 cleanses me from sin and error,  
 makes my wounded spirit whole.

*Text: tr. David W. Rogner, b. 1960; Heinrich Puchta, 1808–1858*  
*Tune: adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; Johann Löhner, 1645–1705*  
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## Distribution Hymn

## 697 “May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on  
 2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -  
 3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;  
 dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.  
 hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra - cious help sup - ply.

still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your  
 One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of  
 To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian

chil - dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.  
 all our hopes the same: a glo - rious crown of life.  
 fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

*Text: Edward Osler, 1789–1863, alt.*  
*Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872*  
*Text and tune: Public domain*

## 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  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

The musical score is written on five staves in G-clef (treble clef). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The final note of the fifth staff is a double bar line.

*Text: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev.*

*Tune: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, rev. James E. Engel, 1925-1989*

*Text and tune: Public domain*

## 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

640 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -

ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our

chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it

is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its



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***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.*

*Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.***

*For more information about our synod, please visit its website: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)*

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