

# ✝ SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT ✝

March 5, 2023



**Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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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.

# Reminiscere

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*Lent*

### ***Our Greatest Needs***

Mankind's greatest problems are universal. We all live under the curse of sin. That sin makes us utterly helpless in our natural state. Natural man is confused, unable to make sense of life. Left in sin, man is doomed to death, and not just physical death. After one's heart stops comes another type of death that is infinitely worse, an eternal nightmare.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when we wrestle with our greatest needs. Lent also shows us that in Christ, all our greatest needs are met. Here is what the Spirit makes clear this season. If you lack Christ, you have nothing. If you have Christ, you have everything you truly need.

*Second Sunday in Lent*

### ***A Gift for the World***

The Second Sunday in Lent traditionally has been called "*Reminiscere*" Sunday. It derives its name from the Latin words of the Introit of the day (the traditional opening verses): "Remember (*Reminiscere*), O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old" (Psalm 25:6).

When assessing the seriousness of need, one factor is how widespread that need is. When Jesus said, "*No one* can enter the kingdom of God," he declared that the need for salvation is universal. He rightly condemned humanity as a whole. There is no one on the face of the earth who can make the case that they deserve God's blessing. Yet, ages ago, God declared that all nations would be blessed. God has declared his love for the world and promised he would save the world.

Some interpret this to mean that all people will be saved in the end. This is not true. The gift of salvation is meant for the world; however, it is received by faith. "Whoever believes in him..." the Gospel says. However, the good news is that faith is also God's gift, imparted through that gospel.

# The Service

## Setting Four

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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

613 "The God of Abraham Praise"



- 1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
- 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su - preme com-mand
- 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
- 4 He by him-self has sworn; I on his oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM, by earth and heav'n con - fessed,  
I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
He deigns to call me friend; he calls him - self my God.  
I shall be - hold his face; I shall his pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And he shall save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.

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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  $\dagger$  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.



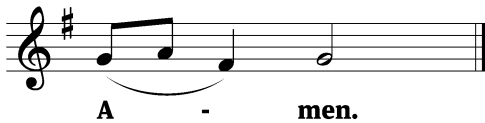
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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.



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*During the penitential season of Lent, the “Glory to God in the Highest” is omitted.*

## 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 see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 12:1-8

*The LORD promised Abram that one of his descendants would be a gift for the world. The LORD also gave Abram the gift of faith to believe that promise.*

**12** Now the LORD said to Abram, “Get out of your country and away from your relatives and from your father’s house and go to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a

great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse anyone who dishonors you. All of the families of the earth will be blessed in you.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took Sarai his wife, Lot his brother’s son, and all the possessions they had accumulated and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to travel to the land of Canaan. Eventually they arrived in the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land until he came to the Oak of Moreh at the place called Shechem. The Canaanites were in the land at that time.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “I will give this land to your descendants.” Abram built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> He moved on from there to the hill country east of Bethel and pitched his tent there, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 121 “*I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains*”

*The entire congregation will sing together the whole Psalm*

### Refrain



I lift up my eyes to the moun-tains, from where shall come my  
help? My help shall come from the One who has made the  
heav - ens and the earth, the mak - er of heav-en and earth.



*Tone*



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—  
where does my help / come from?  
My help comes / from the LORD,  
the maker of / heaven and earth.  
He will not let your / foot slip—  
he who watches over you will not / slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over / Israel  
will neither / slumber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—  
the LORD is your shade / at your right hand.  
The LORD will keep you / from all harm—  
he will watch / over your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and / going  
both now and for- / evermore.  
**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

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

*Abraham provides an example of how salvation is not earned but received as a gift through faith.*

<sup>4</sup> What then will we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup> If indeed Abraham had been justified by works, he would have had a reason to boast—but not before God. <sup>3</sup> For what does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

<sup>4</sup> Now to a person who works, his pay is not counted as a gift but as something owed. <sup>5</sup> But to the person who does not work but believes in the God who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup> Indeed, the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not given to Abraham or his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness that is by faith. <sup>14</sup> To be sure, if people are heirs by the law, faith is empty and the promise is nullified. <sup>15</sup> For law brings wrath. (Where there is no law, there is no transgression.) <sup>16</sup> For this reason, the promise is by faith, so that it may be according to grace and may be guaranteed to all of Abraham’s descendants—not only to the one who is a descendant by law, but also to the one who has the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

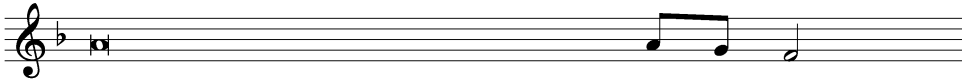


### Refrain

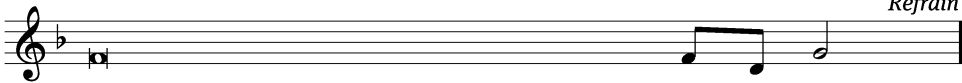


Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

### Tone



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and on - ly Son,



that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have e - ter - nal life.

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

## Gospel

John 3:1-17

*By sharing the gospel of God's love for the world, Jesus gave the gift of faith to a Pharisee named Nicodemus.*

**3** There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! <sup>6</sup> Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh.

Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> “How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus.

<sup>10</sup> “You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things?

<sup>11</sup> Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

<sup>14</sup> “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

570 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; his Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the



Son the lost to save that all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in  
sav - ing grace is nigh. His Spir - it in the  
sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares that we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death;  
this is the anchor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity,  
be praise now and eternally!

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## Sermon

John 3:1-17

*"Righteousness That Is by Faith"*

*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*

# O Lord, Our Lord (CW 939)

(Psalm 8:1; 103:2-4; John 1:1,14,18; Romans 8:32)



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life



with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;



you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your



on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of



God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Fa-ther known; you washed us from our sins in



your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!



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## Prayer of the Church

Lent

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**We confess that without your love we are lost.**

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

**By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**



Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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

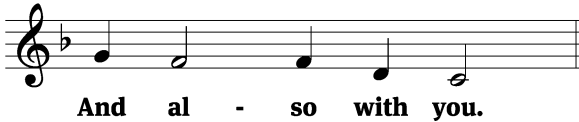
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*Please stand*

## 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.



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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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

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)

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!' The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**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. A - men.

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*Please be seated*

## 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 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.**

## Distribution Hymn

523 *“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”*

*N.B. We do not have permission to print or stream this hymn.*



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, had not to earth de -  
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; de - spair no more reigns  
 3 I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sor - row  
 4 All right-eous-ness by works is vain; the law brings con - dem -  
 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my



scend - ed and in our mor - tal flesh and blood had not sin's  
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op-pressed, for Christ has  
 ceas - es. His words a - bid-ing peace im - part; his blood from  
 na - tion. True right-eous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is  
 Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, you my debt have paid and gained for



pow - er end - ed, then this poor, wretch-ed soul of mine in  
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died that,  
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace thro' him I now ob - tain; he  
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, has  
 me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine be-cause of my trans - gres - sion.  
 rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide with you, my God, for - ev - er.  
 wash-es me from ev - 'ry stain, and pure I stand be - fore him.  
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; in him my hope is an - chored.  
 good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

Text: tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941; (sts. 1-4): Johann Heermann, 1585-1647, abr.; (st. 5): *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, Braunschweig, 1661

Tune: *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524

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## Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise (CW 948)

(Psalm 105:1-5; Isaiah 55:12)

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Text: Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978 Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010*

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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

400 "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, which be -  
2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing all our  
3 Here we find the dawn of heav - en while up -  
4 Oh, that, near the cross a - bid - ing, we may  
5 Lord, in lov - ing con - tem - pla - tion fix our



fore the cross we spend, life and health and  
sins on Je - sus laid; here we see re -  
on the cross we gaze, see our tres - pass -  
to the Sav - ior cleave, naught with him our  
hearts and eyes on you till we taste your



peace pos - sess - ing from the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.  
demp - tion flow - ing from the sac - ri - fice he made.  
es for - giv - en, and our songs of tri - umph raise.  
hearts di - vid - ing, all for him con - tent to leave!  
full sal - va - tion and your un - veiled glo - ry view.

*Text: alt. Walter Shirley, 1725-1786; James Allen, 1734-1804  
Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.  
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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.*

***Please join us this Wednesday at 4:00 or 7:00 pm for our Midweek Lenten Service.***

*The 7:00 pm service will be live streamed on our YouTube channel.*

*During our midweek services this year, we follow the order of Evening Prayer, read one of the Penitential Psalms (this week: Psalm 32), and hear a portion of the Passion History of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Gospel of St. Matthew (this week: Matthew 26:36-56).*

*If you are unable to attend, please consider reading the Passion History reading at home so you can remain caught up on our journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb.*



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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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