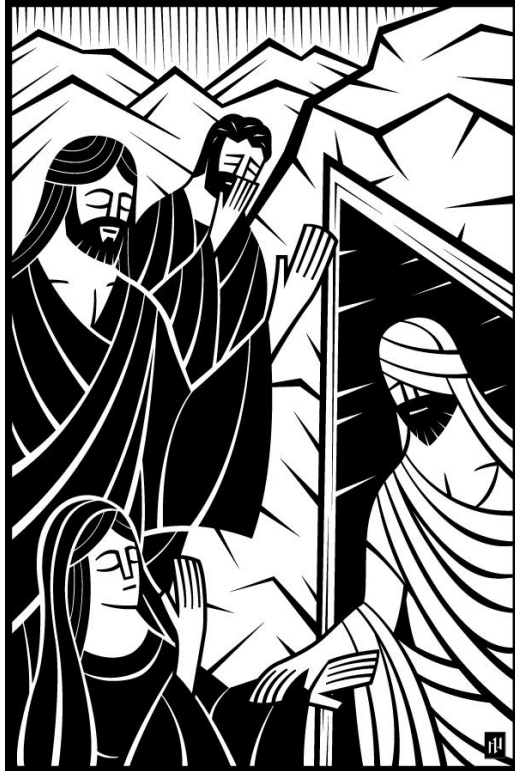


✝ FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT ✝

March 26, 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.

Judica

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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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Life for the Dead

The Fifth Sunday in Lent has traditionally been called "*Judica*." It derives its name from the Latin words of the Introit (the traditional opening verses) of the day: "Vindicate me (*Judica*), O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation (Psalm 43:1a).

When someone dies, the best the unbelieving world can offer is a sappy sentiment that our dead loved ones somehow "live on" in our memories. It is a sad way to attempt to cope as you walk through the cemetery. Jesus provides a better solution to death. He promises life. One day Jesus will give your faithful dead back to you—to love and to laugh and to hug and to dance. Body and soul, living and walking in the new heaven and the new earth. How do we know Jesus can and will keep that promise? Because the Son of God descended into the darkness of death himself and emerged on Easter Sunday as the first fruit of the resurrection of all God's people. In the creed we confess, "I believe in the resurrection of the body." Yet again, Jesus satisfies our greatest needs.

The Service

Setting Four

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.

The Preparation

Opening Hymn

846 "I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name"



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, a rest from all
2 I know of a morn - ing, bright and fair when ti - dings of
3 God's Son to our graves then makes his way; his voice hear all
4 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed and take me in -



toil and sor - row; earth folds in her arms my wea - ry frame
joy shall wake us, when songs from on high shall fill the air
tribes and na - tions. The trum - pet of God will sound the day
to your keep - ing and say when my spir - it hence is fled,



and shel - ters it till the mor - row. My soul is at
and God to his glo - ry take us, when Je - sus shall
and shake all the earth's foun - da - tions. He calls out a -
"This child is not dead, but sleep - ing." And leave me not,



home with God in heav'n; my sor - rows are past and o - ver.
bid us rise from sleep; how joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!
loud, "O dead, come forth!" In glo - ry we rise to meet him.
Sav - ior, till I rise to praise you in life e - ter - nal.

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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.



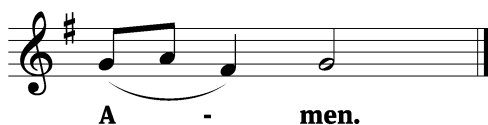
Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; 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

Church Choir

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

First Reading

2 Kings 4:17-37

God wants us to know that whoever believes in him will live, even though he dies. He enables the prophet Elisha to prove that to a grieving mother.

¹⁷ The woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her.

¹⁸ The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹ Then he said to his father, “My head! My head!”

His father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰ So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died.

²¹ Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. ²² Then she called to her husband and said, “Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back.”

²³ He said, “Why are you going to him today? It’s not the new moon, and it’s not the Sabbath.”

But she said, “It’s all right.”

²⁴ Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead the way. Don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.”

²⁵ So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! That’s the woman from Shunem! ²⁶ Now run to meet her and say, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?’ ”

She answered, “We’re all right.”

²⁷ Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me.”

²⁸ Then she said, “Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn’t I say, ‘Don’t give me false hope?’”

²⁹ Then Elisha said to Gehazi, “Hike up your garments for travel, and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy’s face.”

³⁰ But the boy’s mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. ³¹ Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on

the boy's face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, "The boy did not wake up."

³² When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. ³³ So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. ³⁴ He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy's mouth, his eyes to the boy's eyes, his palms to the boy's palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy's flesh became warm. ³⁵ He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes.

³⁶ Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, "Call the woman of Shunem!" So he called her, and she came in. He said, "Pick up your son." ³⁷ So she came in and fell at Elisha's feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

The Word of the Lord.

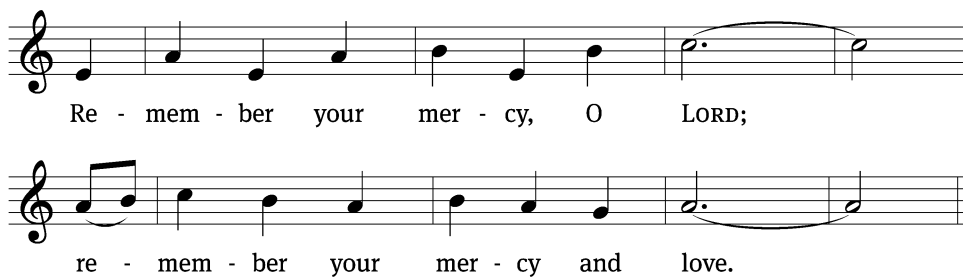
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

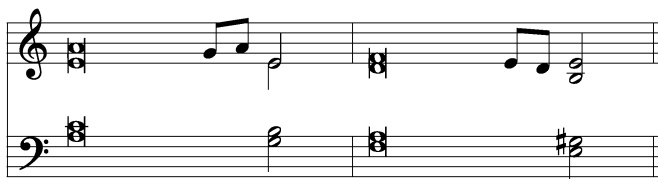
Psalm 130 B "Remember Your Mercy, O LORD"

The entire congregation will sing together the whole Psalm

Refrain



Tone



Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive

to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,

and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,

more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel

from / all their sins.

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 8:11-19

The Father promises to raise his children from the dead and make them heirs of everlasting glory.

¹¹ And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

¹² So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³ For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

¹⁸ For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

John 11:25



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

I am the resurrection and the life.

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: a whole note B-flat, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note F, and a half note E. The word "Refrain" is written above the staff on the right side.

Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.

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

John 11:17-27,38-45

A corpse responds to the empowering command of Christ. This greatest miracle of his ministry proves that Jesus is the Lord of life.

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

²¹ Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴ Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.”

²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

³⁸ Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ “Take away the stone,” he said.

Martha, the dead man’s sister, told him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days.”

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

⁴¹ So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

⁴⁴ The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

723 "When in the Hour of Utmost Need"



1 When in the hour of ut - most need we know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone that we may
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed your chil-dren's
4 And so we come, O God, to - day and all our
5 So that with all our hearts we may to you our



where to look for aid, when days and nights of
meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful
cries in time of need through him whose name a -
woes be - fore you lay; be with us in our
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
an - guish still, free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
to your Word and now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

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Sermon

John 11:17-27,38-45

"The Christian's Tears"

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)



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

Spoken by the minister

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

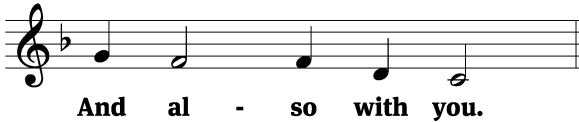
Visitors, before approaching the altar, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices"

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.



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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 first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second staff begins the lyrics. The third staff continues the lyrics. The fourth staff continues the lyrics. The fifth staff continues the lyrics. The sixth staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line.

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)

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It consists of eight lines of music. The first line is a short phrase. The second and third lines form a full phrase: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' This phrase is repeated in the fourth and fifth lines. The sixth and seventh lines form another full phrase: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.' The eighth line is a short phrase: 'A - men. A - men.' The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes that span multiple syllables.

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 minister says:

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

Amen.

Distribution Hymn

544 "I Am the Bread of Life"

Verse



1 "I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not




hun - ger, and who be - lieve in me shall not thirst.




Refrain

No one can come to me un - less the Fa - ther draws them."

Verse



2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the



world, and they who eat of this bread,

Refrain

they shall live for - ev - er, they shall live for - ev - er."

Verse

3 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, I am the life. They who be -

Refrain

lieve in me, e - ven if they die, they shall live for - ev - er."

Verse

4 Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that you are the Christ, the

Refrain

Son of God, who has come in - to the world.

Refrain

"And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,

and I will raise them up on the last day."



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly that my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, treat - ing thee with



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
 all be whole; thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 cru - el scorn, and with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,
 O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
 rest to give my wea - ry soul; yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne that as thine thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me and with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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 Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.

- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee
 that from pain I might be free;
 falsely did thy foes accuse thee:
 thence I gain security.

Comfortless thy soul did languish
me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
and hast borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

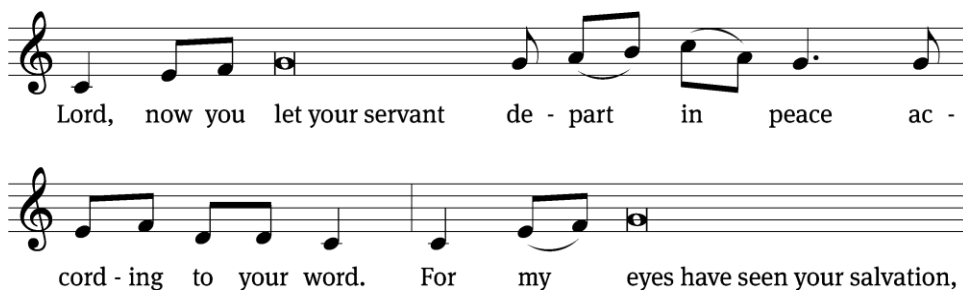
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
for thy sorrows deep and sore,
for thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank thee evermore,
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
for thy bleeding and thy dying,
for that last triumphant cry
and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

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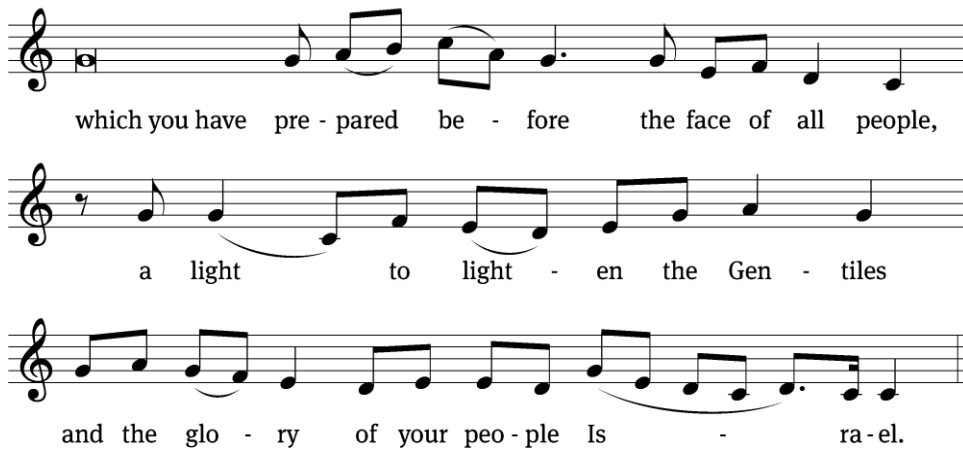
Lord, Now You Let Your Servant (CW 951) *Nunc Dimittis*

(Luke 2:29–32)

Please stand as the canticle is introduced



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the canticle, with lyrics: "Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -". The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics: "cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,". The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests.



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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

502 “Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; in his might - y arms he bears them.
show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958; Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, abr.

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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.

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 143), and hear a portion of the Passion History of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Gospel of St. Matthew (this week: Matthew 27:27-66).

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.



Special thanks to: Becky Aldinger for playing organ... Linda Loeffel for playing piano... the Church Choir for singing... Lois Buske for directing the Choir... Peter Hermanson for serving as distribution assistant... Kyle Peterson for serving as usher... Brooke Smith for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream... and Ashley Leyrer for serving on Altar Duty.

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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