

✝ TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✝

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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.

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Define Christian

Christ himself defines the term Christian and describes what Christians do. We will be struck by how often we do not do all those things. There likely are times when people could look at our behavior and assume we were unbelievers. Yet Jesus demonstrates that ultimately a Christian is one who runs to Christ for forgiveness precisely because he has failed to live like what he is—a Christian. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to better fit Christ's beautiful definition, doing all the things Jesus says that Christians do.

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The Christian Trust God to Provide

The hardest times to trust in God are the times we need him most. It's easy to trust God when your job is great, your health is fine, your relationships are strong, and your family is well. It's easy to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when your life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days?

When tragedy or conflict affect us, we may wonder if God continues to care and provide for us. At those times the Christian focuses on certain foundational facts. The Christian was chosen, predestined, and adopted as God's dear child. God has provided the Christian with innumerable spiritual blessings and promises the Christian an eternity of glory, peace, and joy. If we look at those spiritual blessing God provides to us, how could we doubt that he will, at the right time, give us everything we truly need? The Christian trusts God to provide.

The Service

Setting One

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

708 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a
bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem-ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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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.



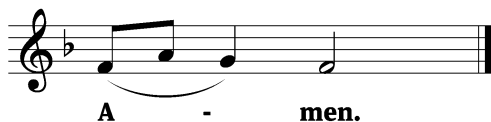
Lord, have mer - cy.

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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Glory be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*

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

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

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

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

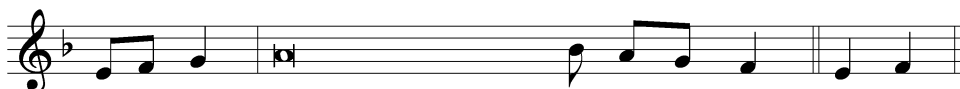
God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

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

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

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

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



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

The Word

Salutation

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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

1 Kings 17:1-6

Elijah told a wicked king God would send years of drought and famine. In those dark times, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet.

17 Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word.”


² Then the word of the LORD came to him: ³ “Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴ You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there.”

⁵ So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁶ The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.


The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 136 C “We Thank You, LORD, for You Are Good”


The entire congregation will sing together the whole Psalm



1 We thank you, LORD, for you are good; your
2 You, Lord, a - lone did won - drous deeds; your
3 You made the star - ry lights to rise; your
4 You res - cue us from ev - 'ry foe; your



mer - cy lives for - ev - er. Your kind - ness from of
mer - cy lives for - ev - er. From you a - lone all
mer - cy lives for - ev - er. Your glo - ries shine in
mer - cy lives for - ev - er. You feed your crea - tures



old has stood; your love will keep us ev - er.
good pro - ceeds; your love will keep us ev - er.
ra - diant skies; your love will keep us ev - er.
here be - low; your love will keep us ev - er.



O God of gods, O sov - 'reign Lord, we bless you
Your wis - dom made the heav'ns to be; you formed the
Your glow - ing moon en - hanc - es night; your sun brings
We give you thanks, Cre - a - tor, Lord; we sing the



now with one ac - cord: your love is ev - er - last - ing.
earth a - bove the sea: your love is ev - er - last - ing.
forth each morn - ing's light: your love is ev - er - last - ing.
glo - ries of your Word; your love is ev - er - last - ing.

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Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-10

Before the world was formed, God chose us to be his beloved children. This is why we can trust God to provide.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

⁴ He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, ⁶ and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves.

⁷ In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. ¹⁰ This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:32

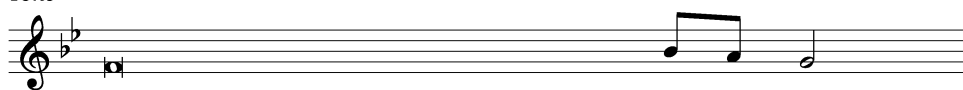


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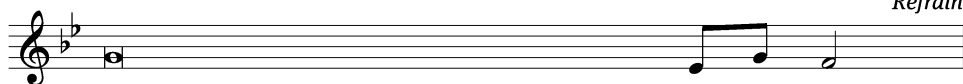


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—



how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

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

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus graciously and abundantly provides for the needs of a great multitude.

¹³ When Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴ When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. He had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ When evening came, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place and the hour is already late. Send the crowds away, so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

¹⁶ But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

¹⁷They told him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

¹⁸“Bring them here to me,” he replied. ¹⁹Then he instructed the people to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish. After looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples. The disciples gave the food to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were filled. They picked up twelve basketfuls of what was left over from the broken pieces. ²¹Those who ate were about five thousand men, not even counting women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

603 “All Praise to God Who Reigns Above”



1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy
3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O
4 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, his cho - sen
5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and
he is keep - ing; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning
hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -
gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their
praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing
shade his eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the
deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my
rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a
claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row
king - dom of his might, all things are just and good and
thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with
moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen
un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is



stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!
right: To God all praise and glo - ry!
me: To God all praise and glo - ry!
band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

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Sermon

Matthew 14:13-21

“God Always Has a Plan”

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)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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



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Prayer of the Church

Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

His love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to him with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

We thank you, Lord God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

We thank you, Lord God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

We thank you, Lord God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

We thank you, Lord God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures:

We thank you, Lord God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies:

We thank you, Lord God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom and fairness:

We thank you, Lord God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

We thank you, Lord God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

We thank you, Lord God.

For the Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

We praise you, Lord God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith, hope, and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship:

We praise you, Lord God.

Above all, O God, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

His love is everlasting.

Offertory

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

Offerings to Our Lord

God, who blesses us with all we have, gives us the privilege of showing him our thanks in many ways. One way is by 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.

How to Submit Your Offering

If you have an offering, you can place it in the collection box located in the narthex, mail it to the church, or if you wish to give electronically via [PayPal](#), you can scan the QR code printed at the back of the bulletin, or visit <https://www.nainlutheran.org/resources/online-giving>.

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

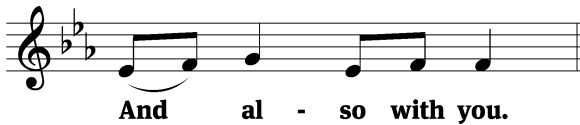
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Please stand

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

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."

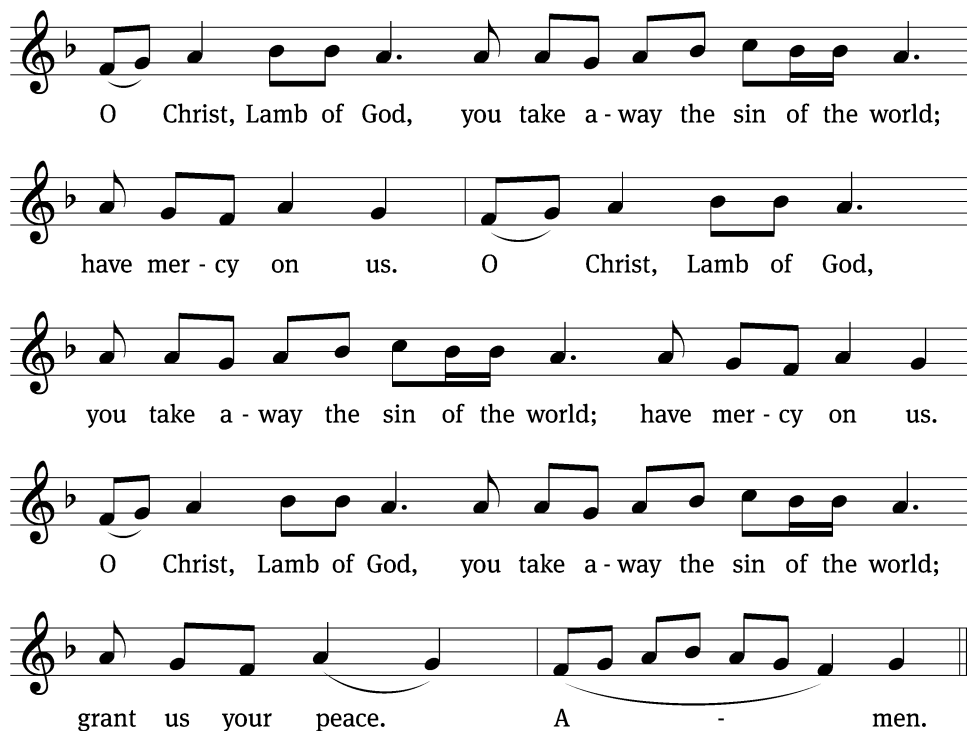
Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

(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 minister 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

504 "We Sing the Almighty Power of God"



1 We sing th'al - might - y pow'r of God that
 2 We sing the good - ness of the Lord that
 3 There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but



made the moun - tains rise, that spread the flow - ing
 filled the earth with food; he formed the crea - tures
 makes your glo - ries known, and clouds a - rise and



seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
 with his Word and then pro - nounced them good.
 tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;



We sing the wis - dom that or - dained the
 Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher -
 while all that bor - rows life from you is



sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at
 e'er we turn our eyes, if we sur - vey the
 ev - er in your care, and ev - 'ry - where that



his com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 ground we tread or gaze up - on the skies.
 we can be, you, God, are pres - ent there.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Tune: English; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, alt.

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Distribution Hymn

667 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared this feast for
2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined to an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; it is your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, and in your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion, but you are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing that your true bod - y



and your blood, and at your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
ev - 'ry - where and with your con - gre - ga - tion.
and your blood our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



as wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, we come to
and though your peo - ple shall not see your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, and there is



you for need - ed rest, for com - fort, and for par - don.
and your maj - es - ty till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
naught you can - not do, for you, Lord, are al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand,
yet faith this truth embraces:
your body, Lord, is even now
at once in many places.

I leave to you how this can be;
your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
and let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
refreshes me and stills my fears
and is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
your supper, Lord, our Savior,
and, truly grieving for our sins,
may prove by our behavior
that we are thankful for your grace
and day by day may run our race,
in holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
be praised through out all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
the world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
a blessed comfort unto me
when living and when dying.

Text: tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.; Samuel Kinner, 1603–1668

Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630–c. 1692, alt.

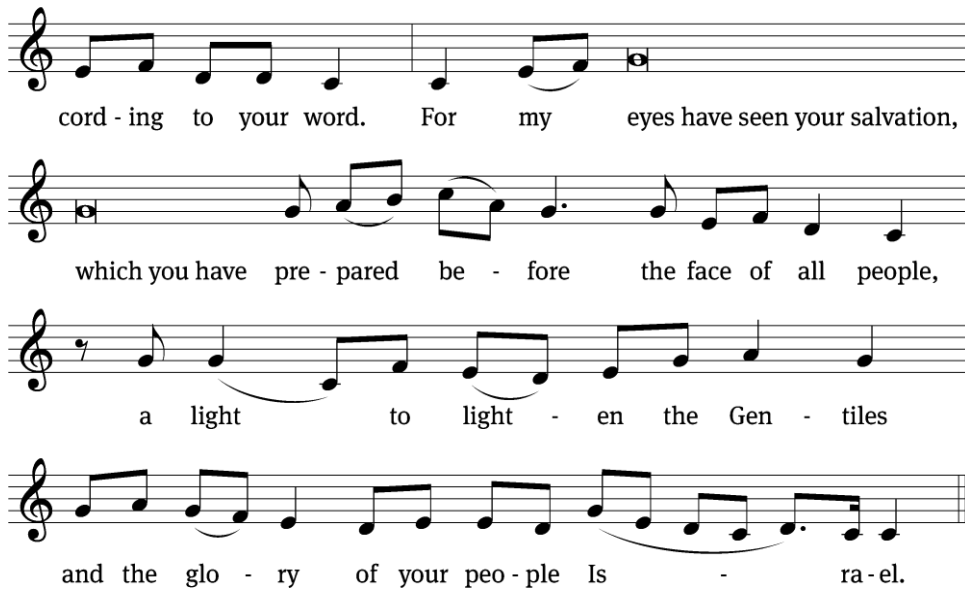
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Lord, Now You Let Your Servant (CW 951) *Nunc Dimittis*

(Luke 2:29–32)

Please stand as the canticle is introduced





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

509 “Feed Your Children, God Most Holy”

Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; com - fort sin - ners

poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en, bless the

food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,

may our souls in grac - es flour - ish till with saints in

heav'n - ly splen - dor at your feast due thanks we ren - der.

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*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 collection box located in the narthex.*

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

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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.

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

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"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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Sundays after Pentecost

Define Christian

Ask ten different people to define Christian and you may get ten different answers. One might say, “A Christian is someone who believes in Jesus.” Okay. But the demons believe that Jesus exists and is the Son of God. So is that definition adequate? Another person might have a more negative view. He says, “A Christian is someone who believes he is better than others.” Is that completely false? And if you aren’t humble, does that mean you aren’t Christian?

In our next worship series Christ himself defines the term Christian and describes what Christians do. We will be struck by how often we do not do all those things. There likely are times when people could look at our behavior and assume we were unbelievers. Yet throughout this series Jesus will demonstrate that ultimately a Christian is one who runs to Christ for forgiveness precisely because he has failed to live like what he is—a Christian. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to better fit Christ’s beautiful definition, doing all the things Jesus says that Christians do. Our worship follows this path:

7/2	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	The Christian Loves God above All
7/9	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	The Christian Finds Rest in Jesus
7/16	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	The Christian Is Planted by the Word
7/23	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	The Christian Lives as Wheat among Weeds
7/30	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	The Christian Seeks Spiritual Wealth
8/6	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Christian Trusts God to Provide
8/13	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	The Christian Answers Doubt with Faith