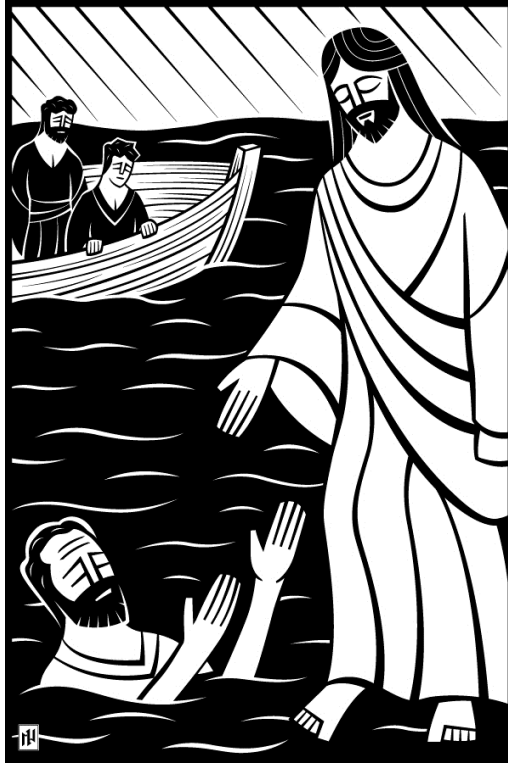


✝ ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✝

August 13, 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.

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 14

August 13, 2023



*Sundays after Pentecost*

### ***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.

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

### ***The Christian Answers Doubt with Faith***

Wherever faith clings to the promises of God, doubt is always lingering in the back of our mind, constantly asking the serpent’s garden question, “Did God really say?” How striking to think that one must have faith in God before it is even possible to doubt him!

It is not uncommon that, in times of adversity, doubt rears its ugly head—doubts about God’s care, God’s promises, God’s providence. In those times, the true answer to doubt is not found in some great miracle that removes adversity, but in the still small voice of our Savior God whispering to us in his Word. Through that Word Christ reaches out to us with nail-scarred hands, proof of his great love. Jesus gently says, “Why did you doubt?” Our faith is restored. The Christian answers doubt with faith because Jesus makes it so.

# The Service

## Setting One

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

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

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

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

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## The Preparation

Preservice Music

*"God Loved the World So That He Gave"*

Opening Hymn

800 *"How Firm a Foundation"*



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

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*Please stand*

## Invocation

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

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

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

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

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

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

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

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

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

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

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

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

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **Absolution**

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

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

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**    *Kyrie*

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



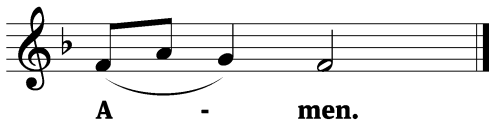
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

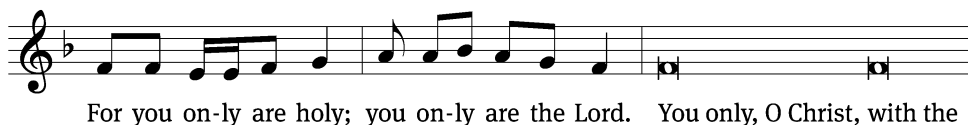
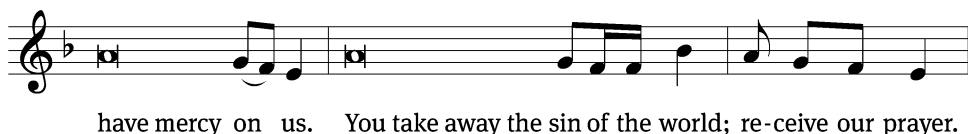
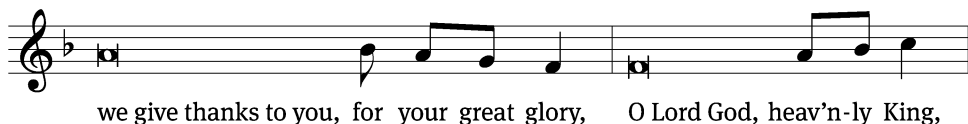
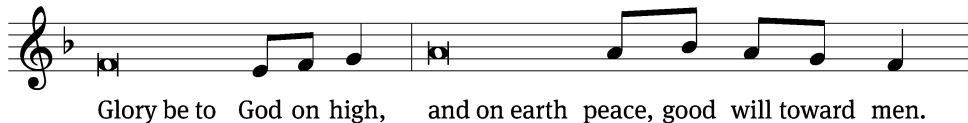
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

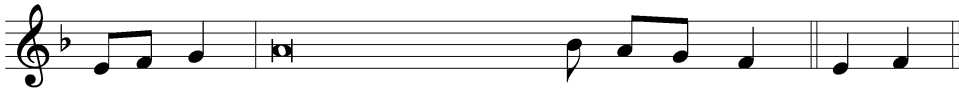


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## Glory be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*

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





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 most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; 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

1 Kings 19:9-18

*The Lord answers Elijah's doubt not with a great show of power but with the gentle whisper of God's gracious promise.*

<sup>9</sup> He came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD suddenly came to him, saying, "Why are you here, Elijah?"

<sup>10</sup> He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life."



<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is passing by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains and shattered rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind.

After the wind came an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

<sup>12</sup> After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire.

After the fire there was a soft, whispering voice.

<sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak, and he went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then a voice came to him and said, “Why are you here, Elijah?”

<sup>14</sup> He said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of Armies, but the people of Israel have abandoned your covenant. They have torn down your altars and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking to take my life.”

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came and go to the Wilderness of Damascus. When you get there, you are to anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> You will also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill, and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. <sup>18</sup> But I have preserved in Israel seven thousand whose knees have not bent to Baal and whose lips have not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 73 A “God Is the Strength of My Heart”

*The entire congregation will sing together the whole Psalm*

### Refrain



God is the strength of my heart and my por-tion for-ev - er.

### Tone



As for me, my feet had / almost slipped;  
I had nearly lost my / foothold.  
For I envied the / arrogant  
when I saw the prosperity of the / wicked.  
It troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary / of God;  
then I understood their final / destiny. *Refrain*

You guide me with your / counsel,  
and afterward you will take me into / glory.  
Whom have I in / heav'n but you?  
And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.  
My flesh and my / heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.

**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 8:28-39

*Paul teaches that in all things, good times and bad, we can trust that God is carrying out his perfect plan for his glory and our salvation.*

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, <sup>29</sup> because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

<sup>33</sup> Who will bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies! <sup>34</sup> Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is

the one who is at God's right hand and who is also interceding for us! <sup>35</sup>What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>Just as it is written:

For your sake we are being put to death all day long.  
We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 11:1



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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

## Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

*In the account of Peter walking on the water, we see how quickly doubt challenges faith. And we see how graciously Jesus responds to our doubt.*

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus urged the disciples to get into the boat and to go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed the crowd, he went up onto the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. <sup>24</sup> By then the boat was quite a distance from shore, being pounded by the waves because the wind was against it. <sup>25</sup> In the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified and cried out in fear, "It's a ghost!" <sup>27</sup> But Jesus spoke to them at once, saying, "Take heart! It is I! Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him and said, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Come!"

Peter stepped down from the boat, walked on the water, and went toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid. As he began to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. <sup>33</sup> Those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

847 "Be Still, My Soul"



|   |  |                |
|---|--|----------------|
| 1 | Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;       | bear pa-tient- |
| 2 | Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take   | to guide the   |
| 3 | Be still, my soul; when dear-est friends de - part | and all is     |
| 4 | Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on     | when we shall  |



ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to or - der  
 fu - ture as he has the past; your hope, your con - fi - dence, let  
 dark - ened in the vale of tears, then you will bet - ter know his  
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re -  
 noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
 love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
 fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend  
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 his voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.  
 from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.  
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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## Sermon

Matthew 14:22-33

“The Solution to Doubt and Fear”

*Please stand*

## Nicene Creed Credo

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

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

*Please be seated*

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

(Psalm 51:10-12)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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## Prayer of the Church

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

Let us pray.

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked August 15 as a day to remember God's work through St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord. We will recognize this minor church year festival in our prayers today.*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**Offertory Music**

*"What Is the World to Me"*



## 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

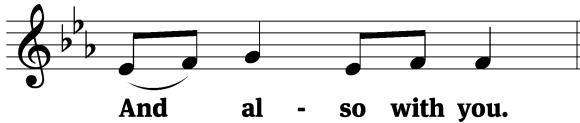
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*Please stand*

## 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."

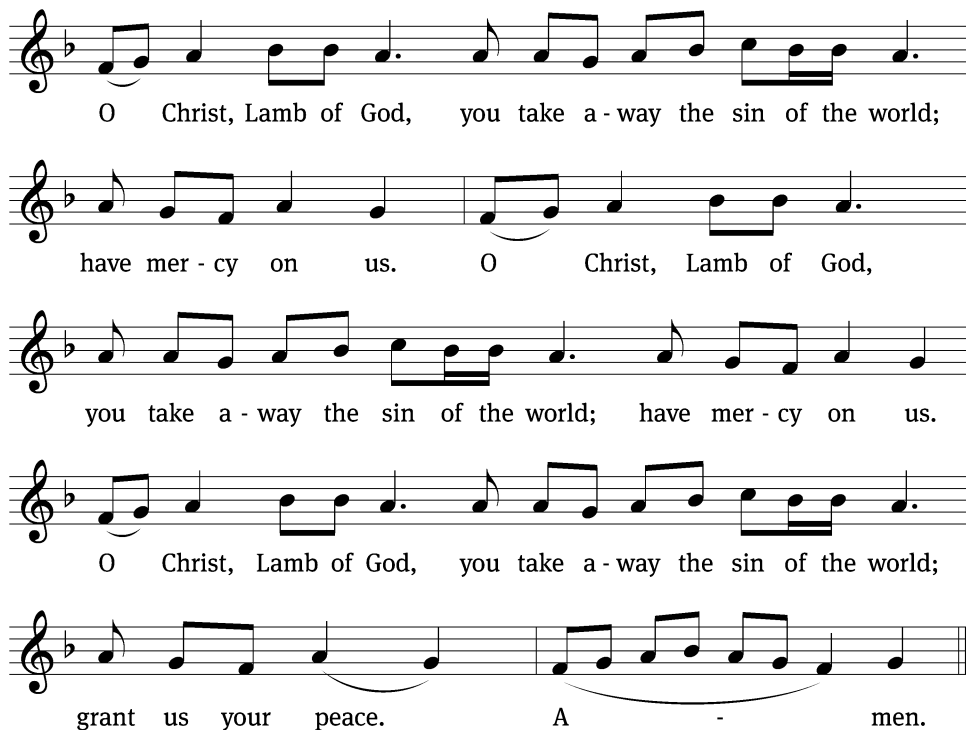
## Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

(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

832 "Immoveable Our Hope Remains"



1 Im - mov - a - ble our hope re - mains,      though shift - ing sands be -  
 2 This is e - ter - nal life: to know      the liv - ing God and  
 3 The Lord ac - quits, who can con - demn?      Though Sa - tan's ac - cu -  
 4 Built in - to Christ, se - cure we stand,      for with his Spir - it



fore us lie;      the One who washed a - way our stains      shall  
 Christ, the Son.      The Sav - ior will not let us go      un -  
 sa - tions fly,      his pow'r can nev - er reach our names,      to  
 we've been sealed;      by grace we'll see the prom - ised land      where



bear us safe - ly to the skies.      The floods may rise, the  
 til his sav - ing work is done.      Our debt was great, as  
 blot them from the Book of Life.      The Son has sure - ly  
 ev - 'ry sor - row shall be healed.      To God who gave his



winds may beat,      tor - ren - tial rains de - scend,      yet  
 was our need,      but now the price is paid.      Who  
 made us free,      his Word for - ev - er stands,      and  
 on - ly Son,      to Je - sus Christ, our Lord      to



God his own will not for - get;      he'll love and keep us  
 can be - hold Im - man - uel bleed      and doubt his will - ing -  
 all our joy is know - ing we      are grav - en on his  
 God the Spir - it, Three in One,      be songs of praise for -



till the end. You'll love and keep us till the end.  
 ness to save? We trust your will - ing - ness to save.  
 wound-ed hands. We're grav - en on your wound - ed hands.  
 ev - er - more. We'll sing your praise for - ev - er - more.

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## Distribution Hymn

## 984 “A Vicious Storm, a Raging Sea”



1 A vi - cious storm, a rag - ing sea, a Sav - ior sleep - ing  
 2 A brief com - mand, all dan - gers pass—the lake be - comes a  
 3 The one whom wind and waves o - bey could clear - ly see the  
 4 Raised from the dead to end sin's curse, his pres - ence fills the



peace - ful - ly— their rac - ing hearts would not slow down: “Do  
 sheet of glass! Who is this man from Gal - i - lee who  
 com - ing day when he be - neath God's wrath would fall, when  
 u - ni - verse. The pow'r which he once set a - side he



you not care if we should drown!” I know that feel - ing  
 with a word can calm the sea? He is, by God's e -  
 he would bleed and die for all. Dis - miss - ing all his  
 now em - ploys, all - glo - ri - fied, to help his Church to



far too well— the fear of harm or death or hell.  
 ter - nal plan, the one who is both God and man.  
 pow'r di - vine, Christ Je - sus gave his life for mine.  
 per - se - vere, to drive a - way my fool - ish fear.



5 A boat, a storm, adrift again,  
they marshaled all their strength in vain.  
They saw the Lord; "A ghost!" they cried,  
and, sinking fast, one almost died.  
But he who walked out on the sea  
saved them from great catastrophe.

6 Lord Jesus Christ, when storms arise  
on you alone I'll fix my eyes.  
Through Word and water, bread and wine,  
I hear you saying, "You are mine!"  
Your promises are strong to quell  
all fear of harm and death and hell.

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

(Luke 2:29-32)

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*

Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles  
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## 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

849 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home.



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
so take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

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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 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!*

*All are invited to gather downstairs in the fellowship hall after the service for **Fellowship Time** and **Bible Study**. We are currently studying the Apostle St. Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians.*

*Today we will study chapter 2. We hope you will join us!*



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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.

"**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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## Define: Christian



*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:

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| 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   |

*This Sunday concludes a seven week focus on the characteristics of a Christian. After growing in our faith regarding the Holy Ministry and the characteristics of a Christian, next week begins an emphasis on Jesus’ Church called, “**The Church God Wants.**”*