

**✠ FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠**

**June 23, 2024**



**Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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## About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

### Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

### Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

### Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

### Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 7

June 23, 2024



*Season after Pentecost*

### ***A Top-Down Faith***

We have entered the second half of the Church Year, the half that focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. Christian teachings come “from the top down,” but not in the sense that those teachings are oppressively imposed on us. When we call Christianity a “top-down faith,” we mean that it tells us things about God that are so beautiful and good – teachings that couldn’t possibly have originated from human thinking. The Christian faith contains teachings that are so wonderful that we would never even believe them unless God himself revealed their truthfulness to us. So, God sent his Spirit from heaven to earth – from the top down – to empower his children to believe that which would otherwise be totally unbelievable.

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### ***Our Gracious God Is with Us through All the Storms of Life***

The raw power and unpredictability of storms can inspire both awe and terror. We cannot stop storms from coming. We can only hope to survive them. However, we know the Almighty God can stop storms. He can calm literal storms. He could remove metaphorical storms, other types of troubles and trials. So, if he can, why doesn’t he?

Well, would you rather have a God who was distant from you but removed all the storms of life? Or would you rather have a God who allowed some storms to come but promised to be right there by your side within them, holding you close? May God give us the top-down faith that sees that the latter is by far the better option. God promises to be with us through all the storms of life. Sometimes he removes them. But when he doesn’t, it’s only because he has plans to use even storms for our eternal good.

# The Service

## Setting One

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

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

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

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

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## The Preparation

### Opening Hymn

805 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the  
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic  
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its  
runs a - main, by moun - tain pass or val - ley low, wher -  
fir - ma - ment, O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save  
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy  
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
guard - ing hand from ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
watch - ful care from ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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*Please stand*

## Invocation

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

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

*(1 John 1:8–9; Luke 18:13)*

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

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

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

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

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

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

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

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

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

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

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## Absolution

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

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

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**A - men.**

# 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,



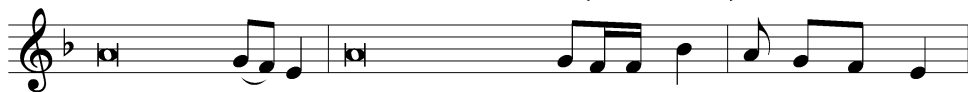
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



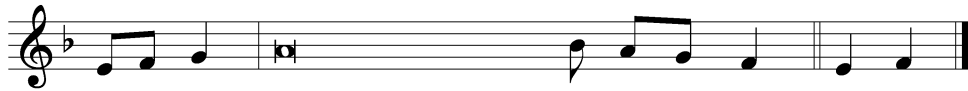
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; 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

Job 38:1-11

*Job questioned why God had allowed trouble to befall him. Out of a storm the LORD spoke to Job, explaining that no mere man has the capacity to understand the wonderful ways God works.*

**38** Then the LORD responded to Job out of a violent storm. He said:

<sup>2</sup> Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans  
with his ignorant words?

<sup>3</sup> Get ready for action like a man!  
Then I will ask you questions,  
and you will inform me.

<sup>4</sup> Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you understand anything about it.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its dimensions?  
I am sure you know.

Who stretched out the surveying line over it?

<sup>6</sup> What supports its foundation?  
Who set its cornerstone in place,



- 7 when the morning stars sang loud songs together,  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- 8 Who locked up the sea behind doors  
when it burst out of the womb?
- 9 When I clothed the sea with clouds,  
when I wrapped it with thick darkness as its swaddling cloths,
- 10 when I broke its power with my decree,  
when I locked it up behind barred, double doors,
- 11 I said, "You may come this far, but no farther.  
Here is the barrier for your proud waves."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 42 C "Why Does Such Grief Weigh Down My Soul"

*The Church sings Psalm 42 in services that recognize the reality of forces hindering the preaching of the gospel, whether those are natural storms or human opposition.*

*Refrain*

Why does such grief weigh down my soul? Why such de -

spair and pain? I hope in God who makes me

whole, and praise him once a - gain.

### Tone



As the deer pants for streams of / water,  
so my soul pants for / you, my God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the / living God.  
When can I go and / meet with God?  
My tears have been my food / day and night,  
while people say to me all day long, “Where / is your God?” *Refrain*

These things I re- / member  
as I pour / out my soul:  
how I used to go to the / house of God  
under the protection of the / Mighty One  
with shouts of / joy and praise  
among the / festive throng.

**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

Acts 27:13-26

*St. Paul and others were on a boat in the middle of a hurricane. God did not calm the storm. Yet, he was with them in the storm, accomplishing his good and gracious work.*

<sup>13</sup> When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they could carry out their plan. They raised the anchor and sailed close to the shore of Crete.

<sup>14</sup> But before long, a hurricane-like wind, called the “northeaster,” rushed down from the island. <sup>15</sup> Since the ship was caught in it and could not head into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. <sup>16</sup> As we sailed on the sheltered side of a small island called Cauda, we were barely able to secure the skiff. <sup>17</sup> After hoisting it on board, the men tied ropes around the ship to reinforce it. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and in this way were driven along. <sup>18</sup> Because we were tossed around so violently by the storm, the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. <sup>19</sup> On the third day, they threw the ship’s gear overboard with their own hands. <sup>20</sup> When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the violent storm kept pressing down on us, finally all hope that we would be saved was disappearing.

<sup>21</sup> After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have followed my advice and not set sail from Crete and avoided this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup> But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because there will be no loss of life among you. Only the ship will be lost. <sup>23</sup> In fact, last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me <sup>24</sup> and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar. And surely God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.’ <sup>25</sup> So keep up your courage, men, because I believe God that it will be exactly the way I have been told. <sup>26</sup> However, we must run aground on some island.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

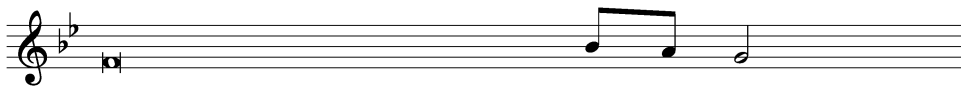
Mark 4:41



*Refrain*



*Tone*



They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this?"



Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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

## **Gospel**

Mark 4:35-41

*Even the winds and the waves must obey Jesus Christ.*

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's go over to the other side."

<sup>36</sup> After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him. <sup>37</sup> A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up. <sup>38</sup> Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to drown?"

<sup>39</sup> Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind stopped, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?"

<sup>41</sup> They were filled with awe and said to one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

# Hymn of the Day

501 "Evening and Morning"



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing, wealth, peace, and  
 2 Fa - ther, O hear me, par - don and spare me; calm all my  
 3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me; though bil - lows  
 4 With joy - ful sing - ing let us be bring - ing to God in



glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness: these are the works of your  
 ter - rors, blot out my er - rors that by your eyes they may  
 tow - er, and winds gain pow - er, af - ter the storm the fair  
 heav - en all we've been giv - en, of - fered as gifts our Cre -



glo - ry di - vine. Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in  
 no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my  
 sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er  
 a - tor will prize. Our best pos - ses - sions are thank - ful ex -



slum - ber, your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre -  
 do - ings; guard me and guide me, stay close - ly be -  
 ceas - ing: these shall I trea - sure and share in full  
 pres - sions: hymns that a - dore him, our wor - ship be -



serves us, caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.  
 side me; all I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand.  
 mea - sure when in his man - sions God grants me a place.  
 fore him— all to his throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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**Nicene Creed**    *Credo*

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

*Please stand*

**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 June 24 as a day to remember the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, and June 25 as a day to celebrate the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession. We will recognize these minor church year festivals 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.**

*Please stand*



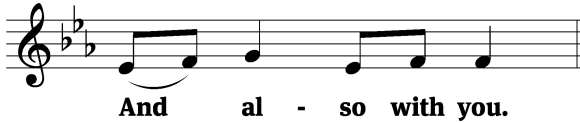
# The Sacrament

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

## 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.



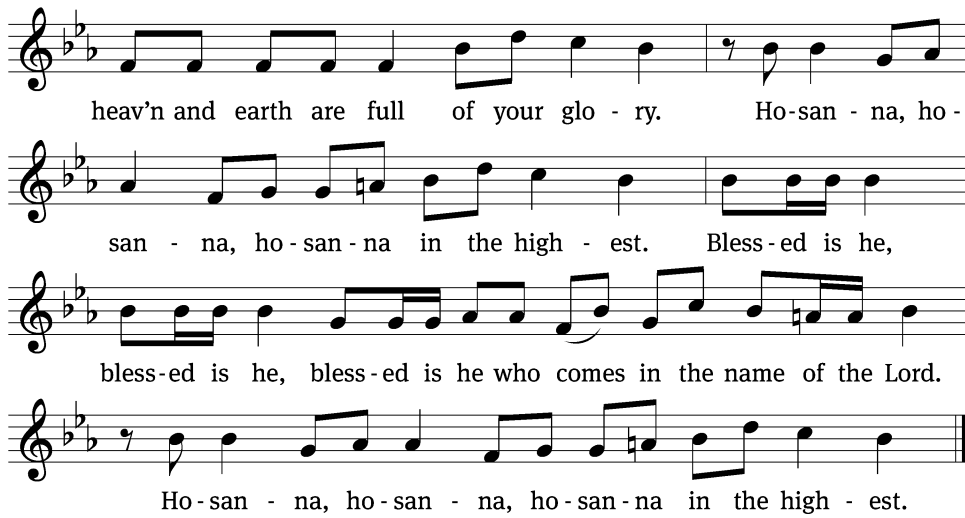
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again 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)





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.**

## Distribution Hymn

812 "Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"

1 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor in the  
 2 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor while the  
 3 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor through the  
 4 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor as we



fu - ry of the storm— when the winds of doubt blow  
tem - pest ra - ges on— when temp - ta - tion claims the  
floods of un - be - lief— hope - less, some - how, O my  
face the wave of death— when these trials give way to



through me and my sails have all been torn,  
bat - tle and it seems the night has won,  
soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.  
glo - ry and we draw our fi - nal breath,



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my  
deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I  
This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his  
we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be -  
Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er



sink - ing hopes are few, I will hold fast to the  
just - ly stand ac - cused; I will hold fast to the  
love for - ev - er proved; I will hold fast to the  
hind and life se - cure, and the calm will be the  
*faith - ful, ev - er true— we will hold fast to the*



*4th stanza repeat italics*  
an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.  
an - chor; *it shall nev - er be re - moved.*

# 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  
 6 Lord Je - sus Christ, when storms a - rise on you a - lone I'll



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  
 fix my eyes. Through Word and wa - ter, bread and wine, I



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  
 hear you say - ing, "You are mine!" Your prom - is - es are



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.  
 strong to quell all fear of harm and death and hell.

## 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.*

## 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.

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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

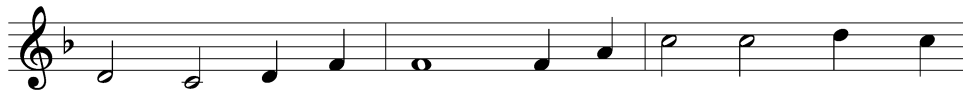
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1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -  
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing  
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the  
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing  
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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*If you have an offering, you can place it in the collection box located in the narthex.*

*If you wish to give your offering via [PayPal](#), you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin.*

*Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!*

*Please contact Pastor Berg at any time if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.*

*Thank you for joining us as we together worshipped 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.

"**The Congregation at Prayer**," a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is also posted on the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our church website.

"**Understanding Lutheran Worship**" provides excellent information about the Lutheran Liturgy, the Christian Church Year, and the Books of the Bible. A copy of the booklet is located in the hymnal rack of each pew.

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

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



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