

✠ EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠

July 14, 2024



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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.

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 10

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*Season after Pentecost*

### ***Meaningful Ministry***

Ministry comes from the Latin word for “service.” Ministry involves serving others with love, compassion, and empathy. Sharing the good news of Christ in Word and Sacraments is generally called “gospel ministry.” While pastors are called to perform gospel ministry on behalf of others, ultimately every believer is called by God to reflect Christ-like love and share the message of salvation as God provides those opportunities.

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

### ***Sent with God’s Own Authority***

When a child asks a sibling to do something there isn’t much certainty as to the results. The sibling might simply ignore the request. However, if that same child goes to a brother or sister with “Dad said so,” or “Mom said so,” it’s a very different story! Now the parent’s authority is behind the child’s request.

As believers encourage others to turn to Christ in repentance, people might push back. “What gives you the right?” Maybe we ask that question ourselves. “I’m far from perfect. So, what gives me the right to talk about things like sin?” This week we are given the answer to that question. When our God calls us to serve him by telling others the good news of Jesus, he also gives us authority. In calling us to serve, God isn’t asking us to share our advice or our opinion or even our values. We are sharing God’s own authoritative Word. The gospel is shared by believers but with God’s own authority behind the effort.

# The Service

## Setting Four

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

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

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

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

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## The Preparation

### Opening Hymn

897 "Lord Jesus, You Have Come"



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en  
2 O bless - ed min - is - try of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,  
3 Pre - serve this min - is - try while har - vest days are keep - ing;  
4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing  
5 Bring those in - to your fold who still to you are stran - gers;



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.  
that shows the way to God and brings to us sal - va - tion!  
and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reap - ing,  
pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.  
guard those who are with - in a - gainst of - fense and dan - gers.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try  
Lord, by your gos - pel pure you bless and keep your fold,  
send work - ers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gath - er in  
Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;  
Press on - ward with your Word till pas - tor and his fold



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.  
you call, en - light - en, keep, you com - fort and up - hold.  
that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.  
what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!  
through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

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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.



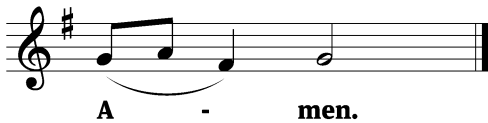
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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 to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis*

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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seated at the right hand of the

Fa-ther: receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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# 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, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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

Amos 7:10-15

*Wicked Amaziah questions the prophet's right to rebuke the king. Amos explains that he has authority only because the LORD told him to speak on God's behalf.*

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel:

Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. <sup>11</sup> This is what Amos says: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil."

<sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, "You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. <sup>13</sup> But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple."

<sup>14</sup> Then Amos responded to Amaziah:

I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I

took care of sycamore fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78 C “Your Word, O LORD, Is a Lamp”

*The Church sings Psalm 78 in services that highlight the teaching of God’s Word, especially to the next generation. With 78 lines in Hebrew (including the inscription), it is the second longest psalm, recounting the mercy of God in the history of his rebellious people.*

### Refrain

Your Word, O LORD, is a lamp for my feet  
and a light un - to my path.

### Tone

**My people, hear my / teaching;**

**listen to the words / of my mouth.**

**I will utter hidden things, things / from of old—  
things our ancestors have / told us.**

**We will not hide them from their de- / scendants;**

**we will tell the next gener- / ation**

**the praiseworthy deeds / of the LORD,**

**his power, and the wonders / he has done. Refrain**

He decreed statutes for / Jacob  
and established the law in / Israel,  
which he commanded our / ancestors  
to teach their / children,  
so the next generation would know them, even the children yet / to be born,  
and they in turn would tell their / children.  
Then they would put their / trust in God  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep / his commands.  
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

Titus 1:5-9

*St. Paul establishes qualifications for those who serve in public ministry and stresses that their authority comes from holding firmly to God's Word.*

<sup>5</sup> The reason I left you in Crete was so that you would set in order the things that were left unfinished and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you. <sup>6</sup> Such a man is to be blameless, the husband of only one wife, and to have believing children who are not open to a charge of wild living or disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Indeed an overseer, since he is God's steward, must be blameless, not arrogant, not quick-tempered, not a drunkard, not violent, not eager for dishonest gain. <sup>8</sup> Instead, he must be hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, upright, devout, and disciplined. <sup>9</sup> He must cling to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he will be able both to encourage people by the sound teaching and also to correct those who oppose him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

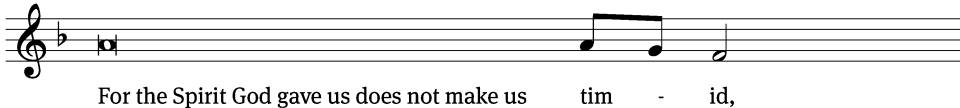
2 Timothy 1:7



### 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

Mark 6:7-13

*Before Jesus sends the Twelve out to do ministry, he gives them his authority.*

<sup>7</sup> Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. <sup>9</sup> They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. <sup>11</sup> Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them.”

<sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

898 "Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit"



1 Send, O Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it on your ser - vants  
2 You, O Lord, your - self have called them for your pre - cious  
3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help them nour - ish our dear chil - dren



now, we pray; let them all be faith - ful shep - herds  
lambs to care; but to pros - per in their call - ing,  
with your Word, that in con - stant love they serve you



that no lamb is led a - stray. Your pure teach - ing to pro -  
they the Spir - it's gifts must share. Grant them wis - dom from a -  
till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less bless - ings, Lord, be -



claim, to a - dore your ho - ly name, and to feed your  
bove, fill their hearts with ho - ly love; in their weak - ness,  
stow on your ser - vants' work be - low till by grace to



lambs, dear Sav - ior, make their aim and sole en - deav - or.  
Lord, be near them, in their prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear them.  
them is giv - en their re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

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## Sermon

Mark 6:7-13

"The Authority to Forgive Sins"

**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*

# O Lord, Our Lord (CW 939)

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

*Refrain*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'O Lord, Our Lord'. It consists of ten staves of music in treble clef. The key signature is two sharps (D major), and the time signature is 7/8. The score includes lyrics and a refrain. The first line is the refrain: 'O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.' The second line begins the main text: 'Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life'. The third line continues: 'with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;'. The fourth line: 'you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your'. The fifth line: 'on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,'. The sixth line: 'how glo - rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of'. The seventh line: 'God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;'. The eighth line: 'you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in'. The ninth line: 'your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!'. There are triplets of eighth notes in the second and third lines. A double bar line with repeat dots is at the end of the ninth line. The key signature changes to one flat (B minor) for the final line.



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

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## Prayer of the Church

## Mission of the Church

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

**Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*



Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.



**And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 pow - er, God of might.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

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

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

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

## **Lord's Prayer**

*(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**    *Verba*

*(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Peace of the Lord** *Pax Domini*

*(John 14:27; 20:19; 2 Thessalonians 3:16)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God** *Agnus Dei*

*(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a short instrumental introduction consisting of four measures. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." This phrase is repeated twice. The final line of the score is "A - men. A - men." with a double bar line at the end.

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*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

716 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and fol - low you, for -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for a - ges sealed, whose  
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd nev - er trod to  
4 O Christ, th'\_a - pos - tles' Lord, the mar - tyrs' strength and song, the



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways for ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, the ways of God re - vealed:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim the near - er reign of God:  
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King to whom the saints be - long:



grant us to hear your call to risk se - cur - i - ty and,  
in - struct us now, we pray, by your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
send us on ways where faith tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, where  
though gen - er - a - tions pass, our trib - ute still we bring, our



bound in heart and will to you, find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
teach - er, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains both life and min - is - try.  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, our lives an of - fer - ing.

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# Distribution Hymn

901 "O Christians, Haste"



1 O Chris - tians, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Be - hold how man - y thou - sands still are ly - ing  
 3 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 4 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,



to tell to all the world that God is light,  
 bound in the dread - y pris - on - house of sin  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 give of your wealth to speed them on their way;

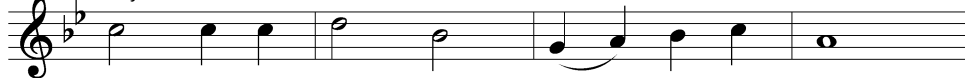


that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 with none to tell them of the Sav - ior's dy - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious;



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 or of the life he died for them to win.  
 and died on earth that they might live a - bove.  
 O Chris - tians, haste to bring the bright - er day!

## Refrain



Pub - lish glad ti - dings, ti - dings of peace,



ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

## 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.*



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

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

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*



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



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



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



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

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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

908 "Go Forth and Preach the Gospel"



- 1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.
- 2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,
- 3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!



As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.  
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.  
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great - ness of our God.



The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare  
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace  
The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.  
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.  
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

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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.

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.

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 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.

**"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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