

# ✚ THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✚

August 18, 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.

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 15

August 18, 2024



*Season after Pentecost*

### ***I Am the Bread of Life***

Jesus had recently fed many thousands of people. Everywhere he went, he was mobbed by a multitude looking for the hope and healing he provided. Jesus was extremely popular. But that changed so quickly. Many of his followers began to walk away from him. What had Jesus done that was so bad? He said, “I am the Bread of Life.” In this worship series we will examine what Jesus is teaching when he calls himself “the Bread of Life.” We will discuss why people would abandon Jesus for making that claim. And we will wrestle with whether we would ever do the same.

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### ***The Bread That Gives Wisdom and Life***

There are many different theories about the healthiest way to eat. We can debate which diet is best, but what is undebatable is that whatever your diet, you are going to die. Perhaps a vegetarian diet is indeed easier on your heart. Still, your heart is going to stop eventually. But in his Bread of Life discourse, Jesus offers food that enables us to live forever.

There are foods you might never have tasted without someone working hard to convince you to try them. Likewise, this spiritual food that Jesus describes is something no one finds appealing at first, but distasteful. And so today Jesus explains that we need God to work within us, so that we have the wisdom to see that this food gives life and the faith to find this bread most delicious.

# 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

591 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace that we our  
2 Help us that we your sav - ing Word in faith - ful  
3 Then when our earth - ly race is run, death's bit - ter



Lord and Sav - ior in faith and fer - vent love em - brace  
hearts may trea - sure; let e'er that bread of life af - ford  
hour im - pend - ing, may your good work in us be - gun



and tru - ly serve him ev - er, so that when death is  
new grace in rich - est mea - sure. Make us to die to  
con - tin - ue till life's end - ing, un - til we glad - ly



near at hand we at his cross may  
ev - 'ry sin; each day cre - ate us  
may com - mend our souls in - to our



firm - ly stand and there find our sal - va - tion.  
new with - in that fruits of faith may flour - ish.  
Sav - ior's hand to rest in peace e - ter - nal.

*Text: tr. Oluf H. Smeby, 1851–1929, alt.; Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–1599  
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*Please stand*

## Invocation

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

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

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

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

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

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

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

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

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

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

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

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

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## Absolution

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

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

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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



**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,



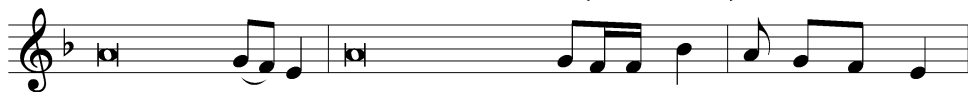
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



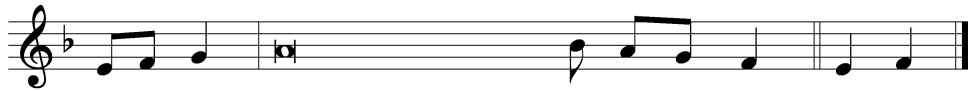
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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.

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

*In this poetic reading, spiritual wisdom is personified as a kind woman. Lady Wisdom invites us to dine on the spiritual food that empowers us to truly live.*

- 9 Wisdom has built her house.  
She has carved out her seven pillars.  
2 She has prepared her meat.  
She has mixed her wine.  
She has already set her table.  
3 She has sent out her servant girls.  
She calls from the highest point in the city,  
4 “Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here.”  
To someone who lacks sense she says,  
5 “Come, eat my food,  
and drink the wine that I have mixed.  
6 Abandon your naïve ways and live.  
Travel the road to understanding.”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 111 B "I Will Give Thanks to the LORD"

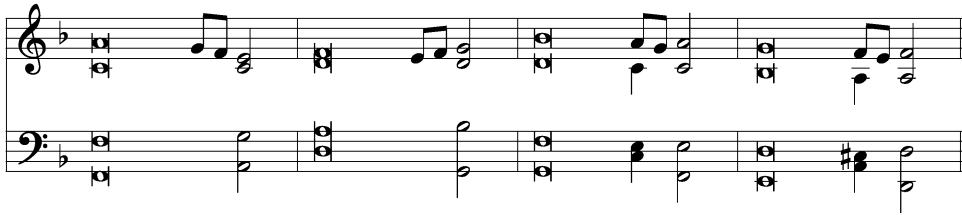
*The Church sings Psalm 111 in services where Christians marvel at God's gracious salvation.*

### Refrain



Al-le - lu-ia! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.

### Tone



Great are the works / of the LORD;  
they are pondered by all who de- / light in them.  
Glorious and majestic / are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures for- / ever.

### Refrain

He has caused his wonders to be re- / membered;  
the LORD is gracious and com- / passionate.  
He provided redemption for his / people;  
holy and awesome / is his name.

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

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

*St. Paul explains that we need a wisdom that only the Spirit can give, a wisdom that understands that in Christ we have the bread of life.*

<sup>6</sup> Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. <sup>7</sup> Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) <sup>9</sup> But as it is written:

What no eye has seen and no ear has heard  
and no human mind has conceived—  
that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

<sup>10</sup> But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> Indeed, who among men knows a man's thoughts except the man's spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God's thoughts except God's Spirit.

<sup>12</sup> What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup> We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words. <sup>14</sup> However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God's Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually evaluated. <sup>15</sup> But the spiritual person evaluates all things, and he himself is evaluated by no one. <sup>16</sup> Indeed, "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

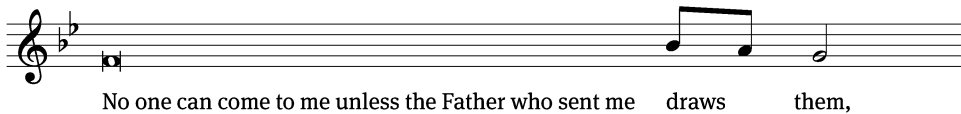
John 6:44



### 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

John 6:35-51

*Jesus declares that anyone wise enough to eat the bread of life will live forever.*

<sup>35</sup> “I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have also seen me, and you do not believe. <sup>37</sup> Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me, but raise them up on the Last Day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. And I will raise him up on the Last Day.”

<sup>41</sup> So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> They asked, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, “Stop grumbling among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup> I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

<sup>48</sup> “I am the Bread of Life. <sup>49</sup> Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## Hymn of the Day

633 “Speak, O Lord”



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it  
 true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our  
 of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,  
 at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.  
 dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma-jes-tic  
And by grace we'll stand on your prom-is-es, and by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-  
love and au-thor-i-ty. Words of pow'r that can  
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur-poses for your glo-ry.  
nev-er fail, let their truth pre-vail o-ver un-be-lief.  
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo-ry.

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## Sermon

John 6:35-51

## 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

Christian Education

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.**

You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

**Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

**Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

**Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.**

Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches and around the world. Lead teachers and professors to be faithful to your Word and provide insights that enable them to pass on your truth to their students. Ignite the zeal of young men and women to be willing and eager to share the truths of Scripture with others. Move us to support with our prayers and gifts the schools our synod has established.

**We pray that you send workers in your harvest fields.**

Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

**Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.**

*Special prayers and intercessions*

*The Christian Church has traditionally marked August 24 as a day to remember God's work through St. Bartholomew, Apostle. We will recognize this minor church year festival in our prayers today.*

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

**Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.**

*Please stand*



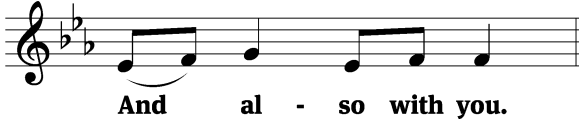
# The Sacrament

*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)

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."

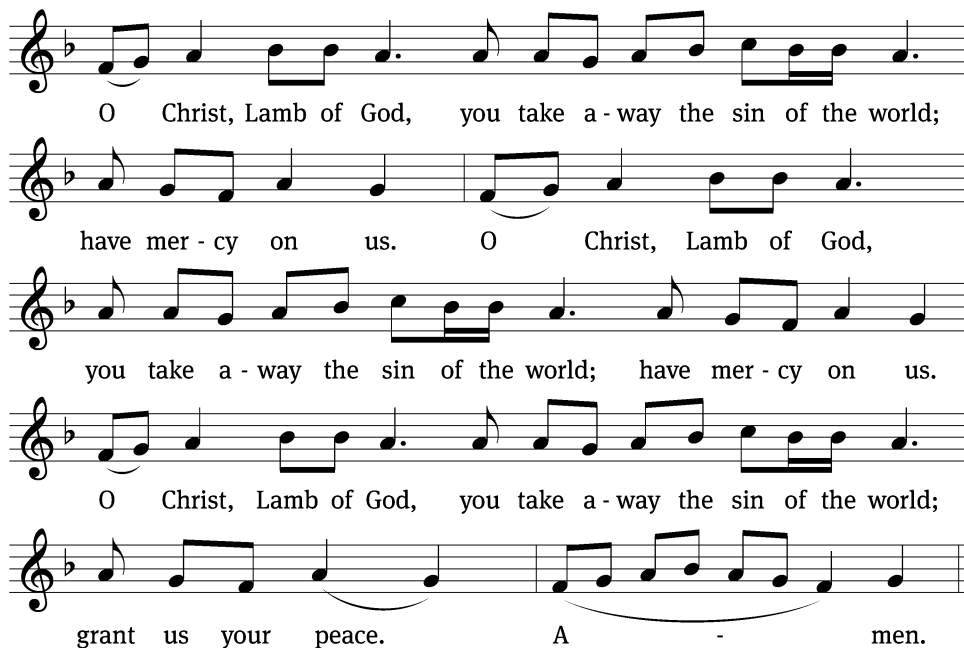
## Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

(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.**

# Distribution Hymn

661 "Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord"



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,  
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,  
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere  
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,  
He gave his life for great - est and for least,  
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,  
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,



with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.  
gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

*Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.; Latin, 7th cent., abr.*

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# Distribution Hymn

544 "I Am the Bread of Life"



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



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



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



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



world, and they who eat of this bread,



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



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



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

*Verse*



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



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

*Refrain*



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



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

*Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927*

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## 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

932 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us



shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
u - nite us as one in his life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us; his love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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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](https://www.paypal.com), 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.

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