

✝ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✝

September 8, 2024



**Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1665 South 57<sup>th</sup> St.  
West Allis, WI 53214

# ✝ Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church ✝

1665 South 57<sup>th</sup> Street | West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

414-545-6925 | [www.nainlutheran.org](http://www.nainlutheran.org) | [www.facebook.com/nainlutheran](https://www.facebook.com/nainlutheran)

---



Pastor: Joseph M. Berg

Pianist: Juanita Becker

Phone: 414-810-3392

Church Choir: Lois Buske

Email: [revjberg@gmail.com](mailto:revjberg@gmail.com)

Children's Choir: Peter Hermanson

---

## 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.

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Proper 18

September 8, 2024



*Season after Pentecost*

### ***The Need for Followership***

Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. And his leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are amiss in any of those arenas, what is needed is not better leadership, but better followership. In this series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead. May we better reflect the beauty of his life, better make his priorities our own, and better serve our God and neighbor.

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

### ***Followers of Christ See the True Purpose of His Power***

Power is neither inherently good nor bad. Fire is powerful. The chef uses fire to create meals. But the arsonist uses fire to destroy homes. Nuclear fission is a powerful force. The engineer harnesses it, producing abundant electricity. The tyrant harnesses it, threatening others with nuclear weapons. What matters is the intent of the one who has that power.

Jesus has limitless power, as the numerous accounts of his miracles demonstrate. Those who witnessed those miracles understood that Jesus used his power for good. That *doesn't* mean they all understood Jesus' true purpose. Some thought Jesus' purpose was to make this temporal life on earth better. And while Jesus did that at times, his ultimate purpose was to save us from sin and give us the gift of eternal life. Followers of Christ see the true purpose of his power.

# The Service

## Setting Four

---

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

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

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

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

---

## The Preparation

### Opening Hymn

537 "Word of God, Come Down on Earth"



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from  
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to  
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our  
4 Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with him be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth  
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,  
mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;  
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,  
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the  
loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in  
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



## 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.



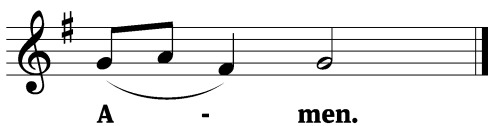
**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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.



Tune: © 2021 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758

## 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: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive 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.

*Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer*

*Tune: © 2002 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758*

## 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 God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

*Through the prophet Isaiah God promised that he would come, making the blind see and the lame leap. But the ultimate purpose of his coming was to save us.*

<sup>4</sup> Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.

<sup>6</sup> The crippled will leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.  
Waters will flow in the wilderness,  
and streams in the wasteland.

<sup>7</sup> The burning sand will become a pool,  
and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 146 A "I Will Praise the LORD All My Life"

*The Church sings Psalm 146 in services that encourage trust in the Scriptures because they testify about Jesus. It gives particular attention to God's love for the lowly.*

### Refrain

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

### Tone

**I will praise the LORD / all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.  
Do not put your trust in / princes,  
in human beings, who / cannot save.  
Blessed are those whose help is the God of / Jacob,  
whose hope is in the / LORD their God.**

### Refrain

**He upholds the cause of / the oppressed  
and gives food to the / hungry.  
The LORD sets / pris'ners free,  
the LORD gives sight / to the blind.  
The LORD reigns for- / ever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations. / Praise the LORD.**

**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*

*Tune: Henry V. Gerike    Setting: Henry V. Gerike  
Music: © 2002 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: License no. 130002495*

## **Second Reading**

**Acts 3:1-10**

*Christ gave his follower Peter the power to heal a man who was lame from birth. When healed, the man does not go first to family and friends but to the temple to praise God.*

**3** Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. <sup>2</sup> A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation.

<sup>4</sup> Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup> So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

<sup>6</sup> But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" <sup>7</sup> Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong. <sup>8</sup> Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God.

<sup>9</sup> All the people saw him walking and praising God. <sup>10</sup> They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:9

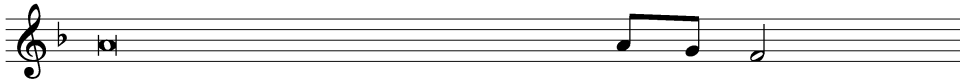


### Refrain



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

### Tone



Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us.



Let us rejoice and be glad in his sal - va - tion.

*Tune: © 2002, 2021 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758*

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

## Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

*Jesus uses his power not to elicit praise from the crowd but to demonstrate his love for a man who was deaf and mute.*

<sup>31</sup> Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis.

<sup>32</sup> They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. <sup>34</sup> After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!") <sup>35</sup> Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. <sup>36</sup> Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. <sup>37</sup> They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

769 "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old was strong to  
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, gave speech and  
3 O be our great de - liv - 'rer still, the Lord of



heal and save; it tri-umphed o - ver pain and death, o'er  
strength and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed re -  
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless, with



dark - ness and the grave. To you they came, the  
vealed you, Lord of light. And now, O Lord, be  
your life - giv - ing breath. To hands that work and



blind, the mute, the par - a - lyzed and lame, the lep - ers  
near to bless, al - might - y as be - fore, in crowd - ed  
eyes that see give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r that whole and



in their mis - er - y, the sick with fe - vered frame.  
street, by beds of pain, as by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.  
sick and weak and strong may praise you ev - er - more.

## Sermon

Mark 7:31-37

*“Jesus Came to Open That Which Was Closed”*

## 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

Detailed description: The image shows 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 (F# and C#), and the time signature is 7/8. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are triplets indicated by a '3' above the notes in the second and third staves. A double bar line with repeat dots appears at the end of the sixth staff. The score concludes with a key signature change to one flat (Bb) in the final two staves.



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



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

*Text: Christian Worship, 1993 Tune: Kurt J. Eggert, 1923-1993*

*Text: © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758*

*Tune: © 1993 Kurt J. Eggert, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758*

## Prayer of the Church

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

Let us pray...

*After the prayer, please stand at the direction of the pastor*



# 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.**

*Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer    Tune: © 2021 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758*

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!

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer Tune: © 2002 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758

## 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 staff in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of several phrases, each with lyrics underneath. 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 three times. The final phrase is "sin of the world; grant us your peace." The score concludes with the word "A - men." repeated twice.

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. A - men.

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer Tune: © 2002 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758

*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.

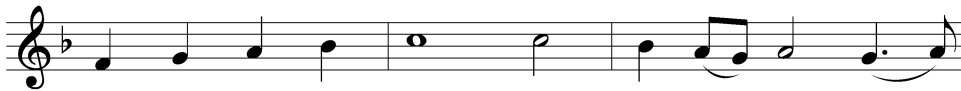
**Amen.**

## Distribution Hymn

765 "O Son of God, in Galilee"



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee you  
2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer of  
3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear you  
4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear of  
5 Then in your prom - ised hap - py land each



made the deaf to hear, the mute to speak, the  
your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on  
can re - store, O Lord; your "Eph - pha - tha," O  
stead - fast faith im - part, and let your Word bring  
loss will prove a gain; all mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.  
you their care; your grace to them make known.  
Sav - ior dear, can in - stant help af - ford.  
light and cheer to ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.  
un - der - stand, for you will make them plain.

# Distribution Hymn

611 "Joyously I'll Praise My Savior"



1 Joy - ous - ly I'll praise my Sav - ior; for my God I'll  
 2 God, with firm and clear con - vic - tion, gave for me his  
 3 God had seen my sad con - di - tion, gave me sight when  
 4 Since your love is nev - er - end - ing, far be - yond what



glad - ly sing, as I see his lov - ing fa - vor ev - i -  
 pre - cious Son, by whose blood - y cru - ci - fix - ion I from  
 I was blind; he will be my great phy - si - cian, heal - ing  
 words can say, up to you my hands ex - tend - ing, Fa - ther,



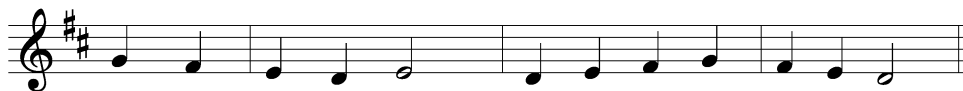
dent in ev - 'ry - thing. In his faith - ful heart is beat - ing  
 hell have now been won. O you spring of love pre - vail - ing,  
 bod - y, soul, and mind. When it seems it's not worth try - ing—  
 as your child, I pray: Let your grace to me be giv - en



love that's pure and wide and long, love that makes his  
 depth of which I'll nev - er know, cur - rent which will  
 all my skill gets noth - ing done— Je - sus helps me  
 that I may with all my might cling to you both



ser - vants strong. All I see on earth is fleet - ing; God's a -  
 ev - er flow. All I see on earth is fail - ing; God's a -  
 car - ry on. All I see on earth is dy - ing; God's a -  
 day and night till I see your face in heav - en where my



maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 praise and love will be yours for all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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!

*Text: Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978 Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010*

*Text and tune: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758*

## 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

503 verses 1 & 4 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



1 Oh, that I had a thou-sand voic - es to praise my  
4 Lord, I will tell, while I am liv - ing, your love and



God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
grace with ev - 'ry breath and greet each morn-ing with thanks-



joic - es, would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs to all, wher-  
giv - ing un - til my heart is still in death, and, when at



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me.  
last my lips grow cold, your praise shall in my sighs be told.

*Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. alt.; Johann Mentzer, 1658-1734. abr. Tune: Johann B. König, 1691-1758*  
*Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 726758 Tune: Public domain*



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!

---

**Special thanks to:** Juanita Becker for playing piano... Aaron Palmer for serving as distribution assistant... Kyle Peterson for serving as usher... Peter Hermanson for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream... and Joan Vitense for serving on Altar Duty.

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)

---



Scripture taken from: The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version™ (EHV™)

© 2016 The Wartburg Project. All rights reserved.

[www.wartburgproject.org](http://www.wartburgproject.org)

Setting Four from Christian Worship

Software distributed in partnership with [Northwestern Publishing House](#).

Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

Psalm introduction from Christian Worship: Psalter

© 2021 Northwestern Publishing House. Reprinted by permission.

Front and back cover artwork by Ian M. Welch <https://paramentics.com>. Used by permission.

Page 3 artwork courtesy of [Northwestern Publishing House](#). Used by permission.

Reprinted under OneLicense.net # 726758.