

✝ TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✝

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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.

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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.

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Followers of Christ Know How to Love Their Families

The world's version of "love" can cause harm. Consider the wife whose husband wants little to do with church. She loves him and does not want to upset him. So, when her husband wants her and the children to stay home on Sunday morning, she complies without protest. That wife's love for her husband hurts him, her children, and herself. Or consider the father who loves his child so much that he gives the child everything that child asks for. That father's love is toxic. It is shaping that child to be a selfish, entitled adult.

In our families, it is not enough to have the world's version of "love." We need God's love. We need to love in the way God calls us to love so we are a blessing to those we claim to love.

In Jesus we see perfect, self-sacrificial love. Jesus loves us, the sinners that we are. He also loved us too much to leave us as we are. So, in love he gave his life up so that we might be holy and blameless. His love for us shapes the way we love our spouse, our children, our parents. Today we see that followers of Christ know how to love their family.

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

505 "For the Beauty of the Earth"



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the
2 For the won - der of each hour of the
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our



glo - ry of the skies, for the love which
day and of the night; hill and vale, and
heart and mind's de - light, for the mys - tic
sis - ter, par - ent, child, friends on earth, and
world so free - ly giv'n; for that great, great



from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light:
har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.
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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.



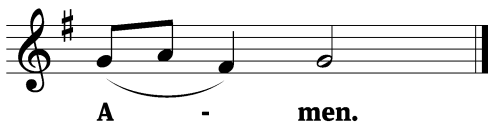
Lord, have mer - cy.

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 seat - ed 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.

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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.

Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; 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

Genesis 2:18-25

The family is the foundation of society, and marriage is the foundation of family. Marriage is not a social construct or custom but an institution of the Creator God.

¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." ¹⁹ Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. ²¹ The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. ²² The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

Now this one is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh.

She will be called “woman,”
because she was taken out of man.

24 For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother
and will remain united with his wife,
and they will become one flesh.

25 They were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 127 C “Children Are a Heritage”

The Church sings Psalm 127 in services that celebrate the blessings of family. The benefits of community and family are gifts from God rather than fruits of human labor.

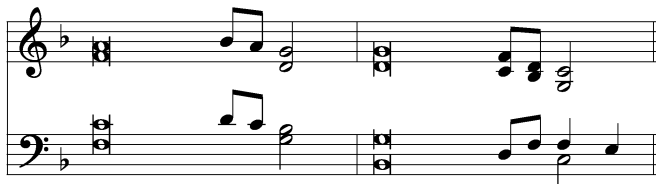
The entire congregation will sing together the whole Psalm

Refrain



Chil-dren are a her-i-tage from the LORD.

Tone



**Unless the LORD / builds the house,
the builders la- / bor in vain.**

**Unless the LORD watches over the / city,
the guards stand / watch in vain.**

**In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for / food to eat—
for he grants sleep to / those he loves.**

Refrain

**Children are a heritage / from the LORD,
offspring a re- / ward from him.**

**Like arrows in the hands of a / warrior
are children born / in one's youth.**

Blessed is the man whose quiver is / full of them.

They will not be put to shame when they contend with their opponents / in court.

**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

Ephesians 5:18b – 6:4

St. Paul describes the various roles and responsibilities God has given to different people within a family, ways for them to demonstrate love not only for each other but also for Christ.

^{18b} Be filled with the Spirit ¹⁹ by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord), ²⁰ by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ and by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. ²⁴ Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. ²⁷ He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we

are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh.” ³²This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with a promise: ³“that it may go well with you and that you may live a long life on the earth.” ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation

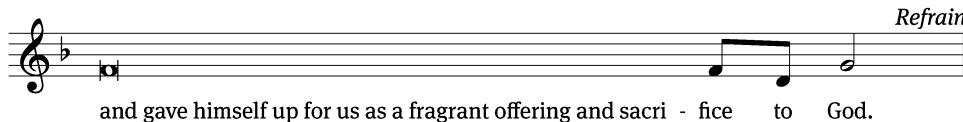
Ephesians 5:2



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 10:2-16

Jesus explains that husbands and wives are to retain the bond of love, existing as one flesh. Jesus also teaches that God craves a loving relationship with children.

² Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

³ He replied, “What did Moses command you?”

⁴ They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

⁵ But Jesus told them, “He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts.

⁶ But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. ⁷ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰ In the house his disciples asked him about this again. ¹¹ He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹² If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³ Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, “Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

760 "Oh, Blest the House"



1 Oh, blest the house, what e'er be - fall, where Je - sus
2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found and all in
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed un - to their
4 Blest such a house, it pros - pers well; in peace and
5 Then here will I and mine to - day a sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not
hope and love a - bound; they trust their God and
chil - dren's fore - most need and wea - ry not of
joy the par - ents dwell, and in their chil - dren's
prom - ise make and say: though all the world for -



whol - ly his— how sad and poor and dark it is!
serve him still and do in all his ho - ly will.
care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
lives is shown how rich - ly God can bless his own.
sake his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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Sermon

Mark 10:2-16

"True, Lasting Unity"

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: 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 (D major), and the time signature is 7/8. The score includes lyrics and musical notation. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The second staff has a '3' above it, indicating a triplet. The third staff has a '3' below it, indicating a triplet. The fourth staff has a '3' above it, indicating a triplet. The fifth staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The sixth staff has a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (B minor). The seventh staff has a key signature change to one flat (B minor). The eighth staff has a key signature change to two sharps (D major). The ninth staff has a key signature change to one flat (B minor). The tenth staff has a key signature change to two sharps (D major). The lyrics are: '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. 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!'.



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

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Dedication of the New Piano

Brothers and sisters in Christ, today we seek God’s blessing as we set apart our new piano to his glory. God has given us the gift of music, and to him we sound our praise.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

proclaim his salvation day after day.

(Psalm 96:2)

Sing to the Lord a new song;

play skillfully, and shout for joy.

(Psalm 33:3)

For the word of the Lord is right and true;

he is faithful in all he does.

(Psalm 33:4)

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

bring an offering and come into his courts.

(Psalm 96:8)

Almighty God, you dwell among angels who praise you continually and move our voices to sing salvation’s new song. We thank you for the gift of music and for the way it stirs our minds and touches our hearts. In music you provide a glance into the perfection of paradise and a glimpse of the majesty of heaven. In music your servants recall for us the greatness of your love. In music you offer us a vehicle for our praise. Move those who make music on this instrument to offer their skills and talents to your praise and our blessing. Inspire us to add our voices to their art that we may proclaim the wonders of your grace in our psalms, hymns, and songs of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We, the members of Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church, dedicate this piano for the worship of God, the proclamation of the gospel, and the praise of his people in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Marriage & Family

Let us pray.

Loving Lord, according to your wisdom and will you bring us together into families. We pray today for the special interests of our Christian homes.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Make our families dwellings of joy and schools of character. Grant to those who are married true love and unbreaking loyalty for the sake of their children, to be models in their communities, and for the welfare of society.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Protect us from the spiritual enemies of our household, from quick temper, cranky moods, thoughtless words, and selfish pleasures which rob marriage of love and deprive childhood of joy.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Guide and guard us as we move through the changes of family life, from early joys to hectic support to aging reflection. Provide the wisdom we need to enjoy the transitions of life.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

For the sake of our society, whose foundations are in the family, we pray for the homes of others. Spare men and women from marriage vows lightly planned, carelessly made, and easily broken.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Protect us and others from evils which deplete households, degrade children, cheapen love, and dishonor old age.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

O Lord, for the sake of your Son and with the power of your Spirit, give us strength and wisdom to build our homes in the shadow of your gracious and forgiving love.

In your mercy, hear us, Lord, and grant us your blessings. 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 a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, and a quarter note B4. 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

Our Holy Communion Practices

(Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:27-29; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 John 1:3; 2 John 9-11)

Visitors

Before approaching the altar to receive Holy Communion, please read the following notes:

The Holy Bible teaches the celebration of the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and teaching. To be "in communion" means to share and hold in common. By receiving Holy Communion, we are not only sharing Christ's true body and blood, but we are also confessing that we publicly hold in common the same teachings of God's Holy Word.

We therefore invite to Holy Communion only those Christians who share the same teachings to which we hold, all the while recognizing the true spiritual unity and fellowship of all believers in God's Holy Christian Church (i.e. the Communion of Saints). Confirmed members of Nain and confirmed visiting members of sister congregations in the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) are welcome to commune with us.

If you are a member of another Lutheran synod, another Christian denomination, or of another belief, we ask that you refrain from communing with us at this time. We do this out of love and in accordance with God's words through St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29. The pastor would be happy to speak with you if you have interest in communing in the future or have any other questions or concerns about our practices. Thank you for your patience and understanding, and for respecting our beliefs.

Communicants

"Christian Questions," a guide for personal preparation before receiving Holy Communion is printed on pages 295-296 in the hymnal. Prayers for before and after communing are printed on the first page of the hymnal.

The usher will direct you to the front of the nave, where you will commune. When the pastor distributes the bread and body of Christ, he will say, "The body of Christ, given for you." When he distributes the wine and blood of Christ, he will say, "The blood of Christ, poured out for you." Before consuming the sacramental elements, you may respond to the pastor's words by saying, "Amen" (which is Hebrew for, "Truly," or "Yes, it is so") as a way to confess your belief that the body and blood of Jesus are truly present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins.

Children and Non-Communicants

Children and other non-communicants are welcome to approach the altar to receive a blessing from the pastor. He will make the sign of the cross on the head of each and say, "The Lord bless you." Non-Communicant adults are asked to cross their arms over their chest to indicate that they do not intend to commune.

Distribution Hymn

731 "Oh, How Good It Is"



1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -



geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
live as one we all share in the love of the



fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.
of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,



and with one heart we'll live out his word,



till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,



for he dwells in the pres - ence of his peo - ple.

Distribution Hymn

910 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend"



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the chil - dren's friend, to each of
2 In Chris - tian homes, Lord, let them be your bless - ing
3 That car - ing par - ents, gra - cious Lord, and faith - ful
4 For by your Word we clear - ly see that we have



them your pres - ence send; call them by name and
to their fam - i - ly; let Chris - tian schools your
teach - ers find re - ward in lead - ing these, to
sinned con - tin - ual - ly; but show us, too, for -



keep them true in lov - ing faith, dear Lord, to you.
work ex - tend in liv - ing truth as you in - tend,
whom you call, to find in Christ their all in all.
giv - ing Lord, your sav - ing gos - pel's great re - ward,

5 That all of us, your children dear,
by Christ redeemed, may Christ revere.
Lead us in joy that all we do
will witness to our love for you.

6 Then guard and keep us to the end,
secure in you, our gracious friend,
that in your heav'nly family
we sing your praise eternally.

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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:

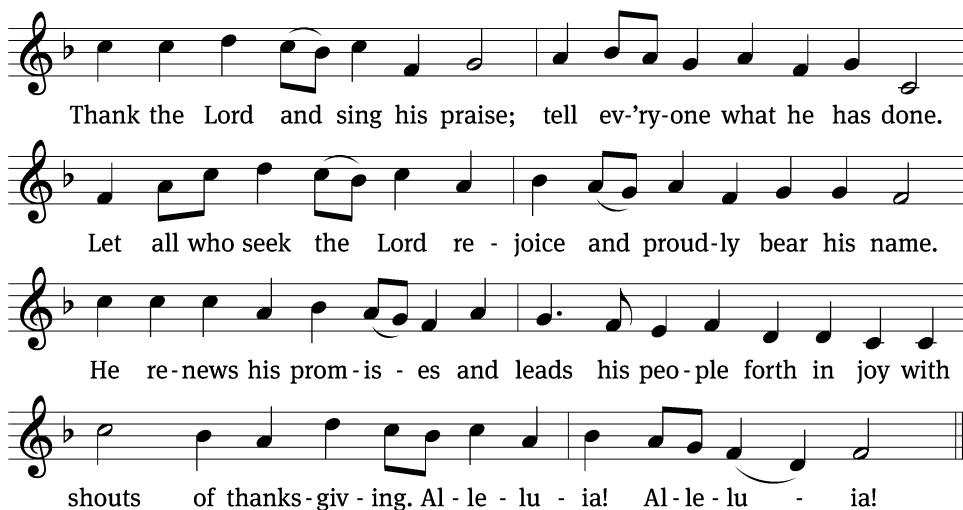
The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

Amen.

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 - joice 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

726 “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, bind - ing faith - ful
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, clothed in Christ's hu -
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, faint - ing not when



hearts in one; love in Christ is true and giv - ing,
mil - i - ty, gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
ills at - tend; love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



may his will in us be done.
reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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

You will not be ushered out. You may depart any time after the closing hymn.

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... Joe Lopina for serving as distribution assistant...

Michael Kraft for serving as usher... Mark Buske 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



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Nain's 110th Anniversary Celebration

On October 15, Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church will turn 110 years old. We will celebrate this occasion on the weekend of October 19 & 20. I hope you will join us as we thank God for allowing his gospel to be proclaimed to us and our predecessors for the last 110 years!

Our celebration will include the following...

Nain Lectures - "Why Another Synod: The Beginnings of the Wisconsin Synod"

- Saturday, October 19 | 3:00 pm
- Speaker: Rev. Joel Otto, professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Divine Service - Special Anniversary Service

- Sunday, October 20 | 10:00 am
- Guest Preacher: Rev. Peter Snyder, pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Lewiston, MN

Anniversary Meal

- Sunday, October 20 | 11:30 am
- Main Course: The congregation will provide beverages, cake and ice cream, cheesy potatoes, bread rolls, and the main course of smoked pork shoulder.
- Potluck: Members are invited to bring something else to complement the meal. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you want to bring something. Thank you!

Please RSVP

All members and friends are welcome to attend each of the anniversary weekend events listed above.

So we are properly prepared to serve everyone who will join us, we ask that each person who plans to attend any of the events RSVPs, preferably by using the Google Form that was created for this purpose.

You can access the Google Form by scanning this QR code → or by clicking on the link provided in the Weekly E-News and on our church website: www.nainlutheran.org.



If you have any questions about our anything related to the celebration of our church anniversary, please speak with Pastor Berg.