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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.

The 110th Anniversary of Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church

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On October 15, 1914, a group of believers met in West Allis, Wisconsin to formally organize a new congregation, adopt a constitution, and give a name to this new assembly of believers. They chose a unique name: Nain.

Nain was a village in the region of Galilee, near the town of Nazareth. It is only mentioned once in the Bible: in the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 7. It was just outside of Nain where Jesus once brought comfort and joy to a grieving widow by raising her son from the dead. After seeing Jesus perform this miracle, the large crowd in attendance could only conclude that, "A great prophet has appeared among us … God has come to help his people" (Luke 7:16).

The name of our congregation reminds us of Jesus Christ's almighty love and power to heal, restore, comfort, and save. Jesus' miracle of raising the young man from the dead foreshadowed his own resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. By rising from the dead, Jesus defeated sin, death, and the power of the devil. Therefore, Jesus' resurrection is our assurance that we who believe are holy in God's eyes and will live forever in heaven, even as Jesus lives and reigns eternally! Reminded of these things, we are led to confess the same timeless truth realized by those at Nain some 2,000 years ago: "God has come to help his people!"

As we pause to remember our congregation's 110th anniversary, we thank our gracious God for being our help in ages past. For over a century God has regularly come here to help his people through his Word and Sacraments – creating and sustaining faith in our hearts, forgiving our sins, and giving us hope for years to come. The work our Triune God has done among us truly is an occasion to celebrate with great joy – today and always! To God alone be the glory!

The Order of the Holy Communion

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The Lutheran Hymnal

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 located in the pew racks.

There will be no pre-service announcements.

Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the opening hymn.

The Prelude

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

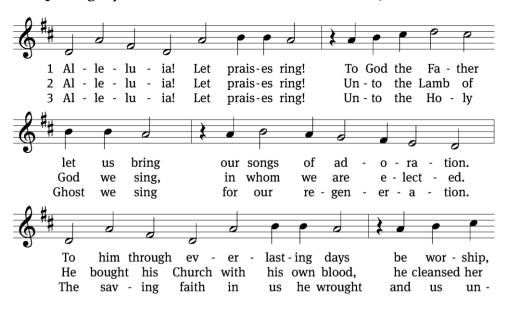
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

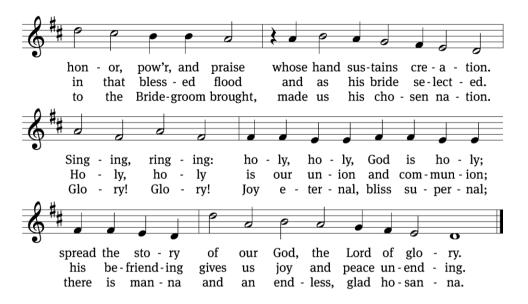
Abigail Peterson, violin ... Juanita Becker, piano

The Tolling of the Bells

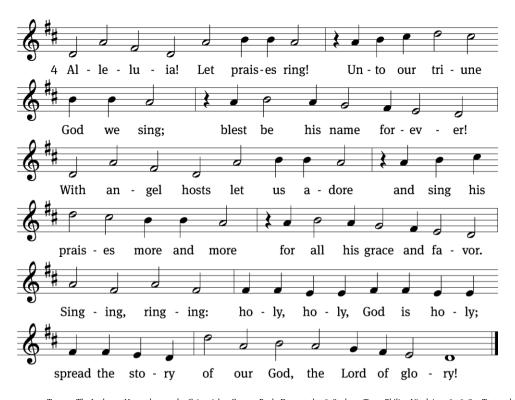
The Opening Hymn

481 "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring"





Please stand for the last stanza and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought to the chancel



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The Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



The Confession of Sins

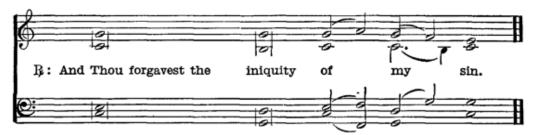
Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

All may kneel

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



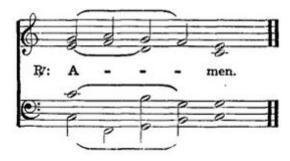
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

The Absolution

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



All may stand

The Introit Genesis 28:16,17

Surely the Lord is in this place: This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. Hallelujah!

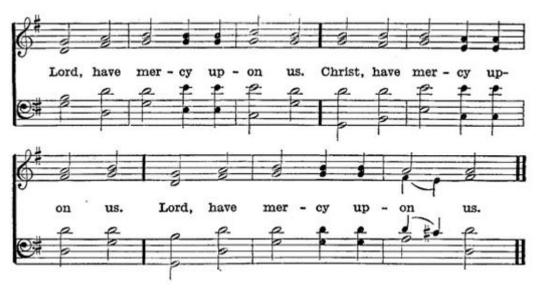
The Psalm 93:1

The Lord reigneth. He is clothed with majesty: the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself.

The Gloria Patri

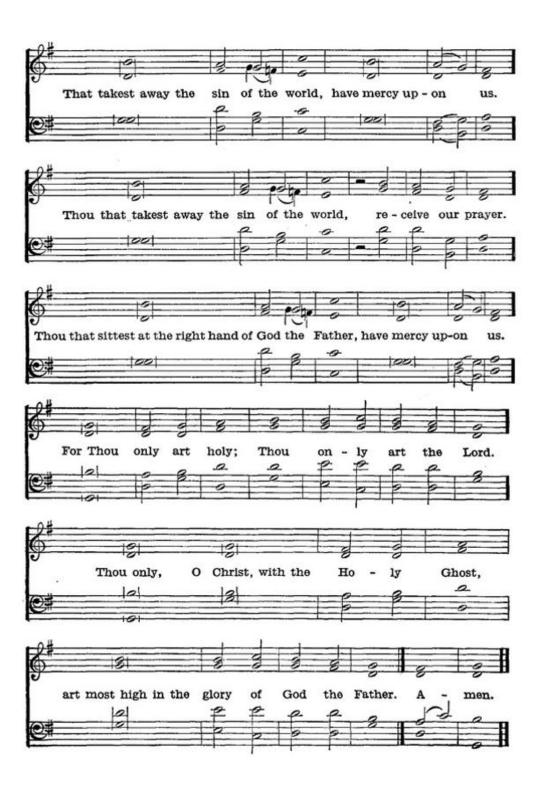


The Kyrie



The Gloria in Excelsis





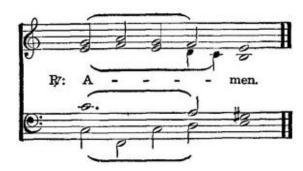
The Salutation

The Lord be with you.



The Collect for the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing Giver of good gifts, we thank Thee that Thou this day didst enter into this house with Thy Word; and we heartily beseech Thee continually to dwell among us with Thy Word and Thy Sacraments, so that by Thy grace we poor sinners may be converted unto Thee and saved eternally; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



All may be seated

The Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

The Old Testament Reading is written in the seventh chapter of the fifth book of Moses – Deuteronomy – beginning at the sixth verse.

⁶ For you are a people that is holy to the LORD your God, because the LORD your God has chosen you to belong to him as a people that is his treasured possession, chosen from all the

peoples that are on the face of the earth. ⁷The LORD became attached to you by love and has chosen you, not because you were more numerous than all the peoples. Actually you were the fewest of all the peoples. ⁸But because of the LORD's love for you and because he was keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that is why the LORD brought you out by a strong hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

⁹ He did this so that you would know that the LORD your God, yes, he is God, the faithful God who maintains both his covenant and his mercy for those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

Here endeth the Old Testament Reading.

The Church Choir Anthem

861 "Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head"

The congregation is invited to sing along with the Church Choir on the **final stanza**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foundation; in you she trusts, before you bows, and waits for your salvation. Built on this rock secure, your Church shall endure though all the world decay and all things pass away. O hear, O hear us, Jesus!
- 2 O Lord, let this your little flock,
 your name alone confessing,
 continue in your loving care,
 true unity possessing.
 Your sacraments, O Lord,
 and your saving Word
 to us e'er pure retain;
 grant that they may remain
 our only strength and comfort.
- 3 Help us to serve you evermore with hearts both pure and lowly; and may your Word, that light divine, shine on in splendor holy that we repentance show, in faith ever grow; the pow'r of sin destroy and evils that annoy.
 O make us faithful Christians.
- 4 And for your gospel let us dare
 to sacrifice all treasure;
 teach us to bear your blessèd cross,
 to find in you all pleasure.
 O grant us steadfastness
 in joy and distress.
 Lord, for your mercy's sake,
 let us by grace partake
 of endless joy and glory.

The Epistle Revelation 3:7-13

The Epistle is written in the third chapter of Jesus Christ's Revelation to the Apostle and Evangelist St. John, beginning at the seventh verse.

⁷ To the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write:

The Holy One, the one who is true, the one who has the key of David, the one who opens and no one can shut, and who shuts and no one can open, says this:

⁸ I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ Look, I will make those who are from the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not but are lying—look, I will make them come and bow down at your feet, and make them realize that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will also keep you from the hour of testing, which is about to come over the whole inhabited world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹ I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have so that no one takes your crown.

¹² The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will never leave it again. I will also write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God—the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God—and my new name.

¹³ Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Here endeth the Epistle.

The Gradual Exodus 20:24

In all places where I record My name I will come unto thee and bless thee, saith your God.

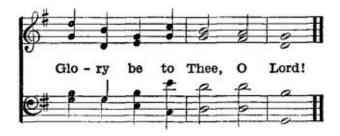


The minister processes to the nave floor for The Gospel, symbolizing Christ's presence among us in his Word

The Gospel John 17:1, 13-26

All may stand

The Holy Gospel is written in the seventeenth chapter of St. John, beginning at the first verse.



17 After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you......

¹³ "But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

 17 "Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. 19 I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth.

²⁰ "I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. ²¹ May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me, and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. ²² I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: ²³ I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me, because you loved me before the world's foundation. ²⁵ Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them, and that I may be in them."

Here endeth the Gospel.



The Nicene Creed

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.



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued. a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song. and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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The Sermon

John 17:1, 13-26 "A

"A Glorious Thing"

Serving as guest preacher today is Rev. Peter Snyder. Pastor Snyder is a son of our congregation and one of the pastors of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lewiston, Minnesota.

The Offertory

All may stand at the direction of the minister



All may be seated

The Offering Collection

If you are a guest, please do not feel like you must give an offering. We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus' eternal love for you!

The Prayer of the Church

All may stand

Let us pray.

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

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

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

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

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

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

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

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

Special prayers and intercessions

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

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

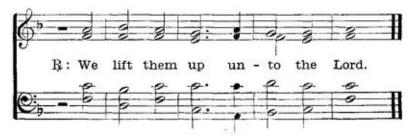
Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

The Prefaces

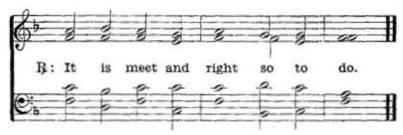
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: because Thou didst mightily govern and protect Thy holy Church, which the blessed Apostles and Evangelists instructed in Thy divine and saving truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

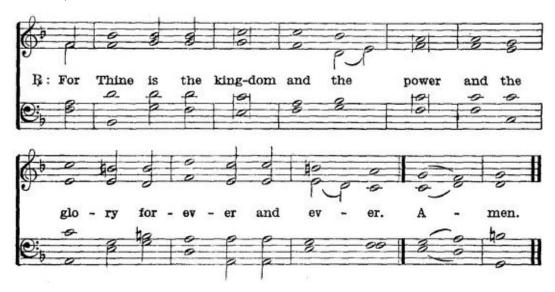
Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus



The Lord's Prayer

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;



The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

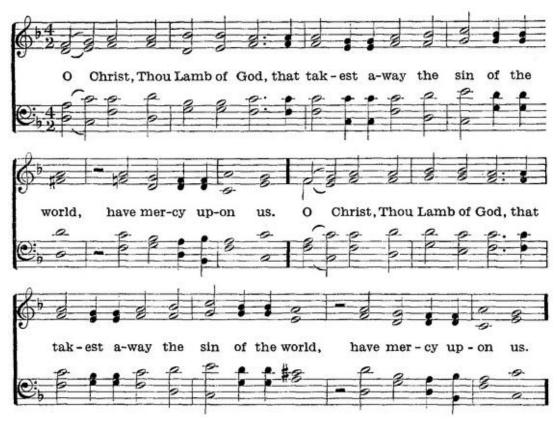
After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

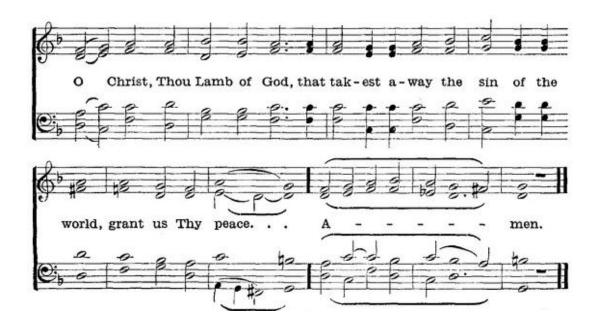
The Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



The Agnus Dei





The Distribution

As he distributes the elements, the minister says to the communicants:

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

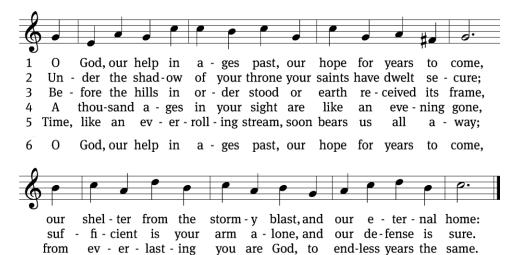
The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

Amen.

As he dismisses the communicants, the minister says:

May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. **Amen.**





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o-p'ning day.

The Nunc Dimittis

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All may stand as the canticle is introduced

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the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

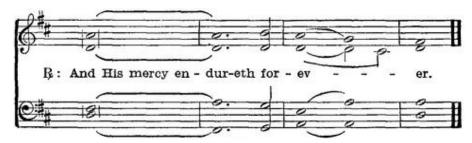
our guard while trou-bles last and our e - ter - nal home!

a dream dies at the

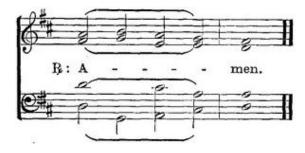


The Thanksgiving

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



The Salutation

The Lord be with you.



The Benedicamus

Bless we the Lord.

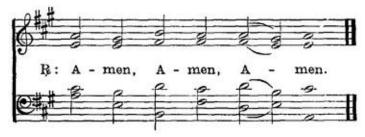


The Benediction

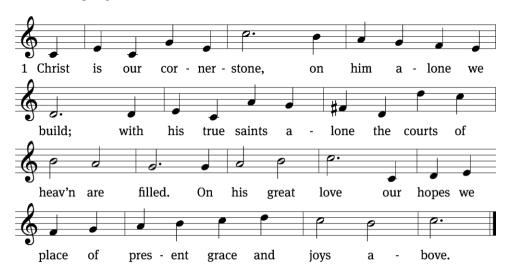
The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

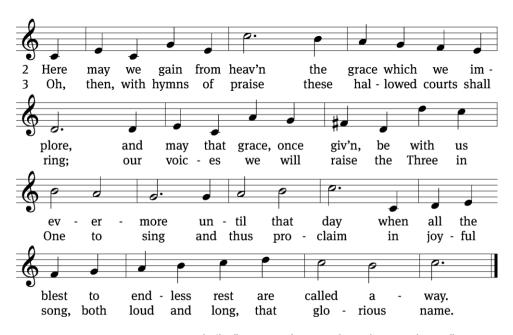
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



Please remain standing for the first stanza of The Closing Hymn, and direct your attention to the processional cross as it is brought out of the nave



All may be seated



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Special thanks to: Rev. Peter Snyder for serving as guest preacher... Rachel Cordes for playing organ...

Juanita Becker for playing piano... Abigail Peterson for playing violin... the Church Choir for singing...

Lois Buske for directing the Church Choir... Mark Buske for serving as distribution assistant...

Michael Kraft and Joe Lopina for serving as ushers... Tina and Hermione Krueger for serving on Altar Duty...

Ben Leyrer for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream... Everyone who brought food for yesterday's lecture and today's lunch... and Lois Buske, Mark Buske, Peter Hermanson, Ben Leyrer, Joan Sanicola, and Deb Sheble for helping to plan this weekend's festivities.

After the service, all are invited to join us for lunch in the downstairs fellowship hall!

We are collecting a special free will offering to be sent to the WELS in celebration of her upcoming 175th anniversary and in gratitude to God for blessing our congregation and synod. If you would like to contribute, you can place your offering in the collection box located in the narthex. If you plan to write a check, please make it payable to "Nain Lutheran Church." Thank you!

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

If you haven't done so already, please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.

If you wish to give your offering via <u>PayPal</u>, you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin.

Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

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.

Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.**For more information about our synod, please visit its website: <u>www.wels.net</u>



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