

✝ THIRD WEDNESDAY IN ADVENT ✝

December 18, 2024

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✝ JESUS  
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**Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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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.

# Third Wednesday in Advent

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*Midweek Advent*

## ***The Name That Is Above Every Name***

*“Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11).*

When we speak of *God’s name*, we aren’t just talking about the sounds of the letters *G-o-d*. God’s name is every name, title, word, or phrase by which he reveals who he is and what he has done for us. God’s name recalls everything that is true about him. God’s name is how he defines himself. Therefore, God’s different names have meaning behind them.

So, why was the Second Person of the Holy Trinity given the name “Jesus”? Why do we call him “Christ”? What does it mean that he is our “Lord”? During our Midweek Advent services, we will explore the meaning behind these and some of the other names for our Savior and delight in what they reveal about his love for us.

*Second Wednesday in Advent*

## ***“Lord”***

*“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Joel 2:32).*

The title *lord* is not exclusive to God. In many cultures, a *lord* is a nobleman, landowner, master, or someone else who has power and authority over others. However, there is a “Lord of lords” who is greater than all others, and whom we serve above all earthly masters. And unlike worldly master-servant relationships which are marked by sin, the relationship *our* Lord has with us is characterized by love. God’s name “Lord” reminds us of his special covenant name – the “LORD” – which identifies him as the God of free and faithful grace. Though he is our Master, and though he rules over everyone and everything, this Lord – *the* LORD – is also meek and humble, merciful and gracious to his servants. We see this most clearly in Jesus Christ, our suffering Savior. May the name of the Lord be praised!

# Evening Prayer

## Vespers

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

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

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

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

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## Service of Light

### Opening Hymn

381 vv 1, 3, 5 "The People Who in Darkness Walked"



1 The peo - ple who in dark - ness walked have seen a glo - rious  
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Ev - er - last - ing  
5 Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, and make us yours a -



light; the heav'n - ly dawn broke forth on those who  
Lord, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the  
lone, for you are with the Fa - ther and the



dwelt in death and night, who dwelt in death and night.  
God by all a - dored, the God by all a - dored.  
Spir - it ev - er one, the Spir - it ev - er one.

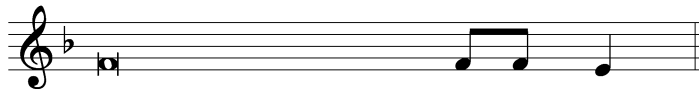
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*Please stand*

## Opening Sentences

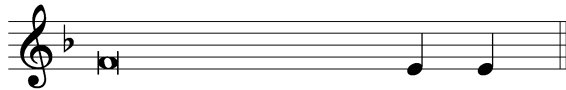
(John 8:12; Luke 24:29; 1 John 1:5)

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



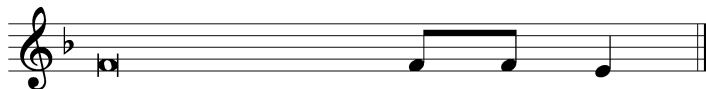
**the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,



**and the day is almost o - ver.**

Be our light and scatter the darkness,



**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

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## Opening Dialogue

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! *(Psalm 8:1)*

**I will praise your name, O LORD, because it is good.** *(Psalm 54:6)*

Those who know your name will trust in you,  
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. *(Psalm 9:10)*

**Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.** *(Joel 2:32)*

“Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
**who will reign wisely as king  
and establish justice and righteousness on the earth.**” *(Jeremiah 23:5)*

“In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will dwell securely.  
**This is the name by which he will be called:  
The LORD Our Righteousness.**” *(Jeremiah 23:6)*

The angel went to (Mary) and said,  
“Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. *(Luke 1:28)*  
Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. *(Luke 1:31)*  
He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.  
The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.” *(Luke 1:32)*

**Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!** *(Matthew 21:9)*

God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, *(Philippians 2:9,10)*  
**and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.** *(Philippians 2:11)*

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and I will glorify your name forever. *(Psalm 86:12)*

**Lord, to whom will we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.** *(John 6:68)*

## Prayer

Eternal Son of God, we give thanks that you have revealed your holy name to us. Yours is the name in which we were baptized, the only name by which we are saved, and at your name every knee will bow. Give us strength to live each day to the honor of your blessed name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Psalm 141

*(Psalm 141:1-4,8)*

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up  
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Reading

Acts 2:14, 32-36

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: “Men of Judea, and all you residents of Jerusalem, understand this, and listen closely to my words.”

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that. <sup>33</sup> So, after he was exalted to the right hand of God and after he received the promised Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out what you are now seeing and hearing.

<sup>34</sup> “For David did not ascend into heaven, and yet he says:

The Lord said to my Lord,

‘Sit at my right hand,

<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies

a footstool under your feet.’

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Reading

John 20:19-28

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.” <sup>22</sup> After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup> After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light,



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 thro' all ranks of crea - tures to the cen - tral height,



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 cher - u - bim in heav - en, stars up - on their way,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed;  
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone him;

there let him subdue  
 all that is not holy,  
 all that is not true.

Crown him as your captain  
 in temptation's hour;  
 let his will enfold you  
 in its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus

shall return again  
 in his Father's glory,  
 with his angel train;  
 for all wreaths of empire  
 meet upon his brow,  
 and our hearts confess him  
 King of glory now.

Sermon

“The Name That Is Above Every Name: Lord”

Song of Mary *Magnificat*

(Luke 1:46-55)

*Please remain seated*

My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord; my spir - it re -  
joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor  
on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions  
will call me bless - ed. The Al - might - y has done great  
things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on  
those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.  
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat - tered the  
proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y

from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.

He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich

he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the

help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his

prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,

to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

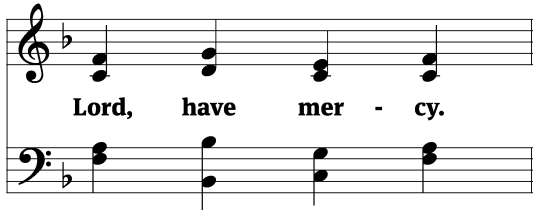
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# Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

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

*Please stand*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who govern our nation and for all public servants, that they may be upheld and strengthened for every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For... [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]... let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord.

Musical notation for the phrase "Thanks be to God." The notation is in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef and the bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics "Thanks be to God." are written below the notes.

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

*Silence for individual prayer*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord:

Musical notation for the phrase "to you, O Lord." The notation is in a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef and the bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics "to you, O Lord." are written below the notes.

## Prayer

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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

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

## Benedicamus

*(Psalm 103:1)*

Let us praise the Lord.



**Thanks be to God.**

## Blessing

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

541 vv 1, 4 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"



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*Special thanks to: Linda Loeffel for playing piano...  
and Joe Lopina for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream.*

*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!*

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

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*For more information about our synod, please visit its website: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)*



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## Advent & Christmas Service Schedule

### First Sunday in Advent

Sunday | December 1 | 10:00 am

*A Real Christmas Requires Remembering Why Christ Came*

### Midweek of Advent 1

Wednesday | December 4 | 4:00 & 7:00 pm

*The Name That Is Above Every Name: "Jesus"*

### Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday | December 8 | 10:00 am

*A Real Christmas Is Rooted in Repentance*

### Midweek of Advent 2

Wednesday | December 11 | 4:00 & 7:00 pm

*The Name That Is Above Every Name: "Christ"*

### Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday | December 15 | 10:00 am

*A Real Christmas Results in Great Joy*

### Midweek of Advent 3

Wednesday | December 18 | 4:00 & 7:00 pm

*The Name That Is Above Every Name: "Lord"*

### Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday | December 22 | 10:00 am

*A Real Christmas Will Lift Up the Lowly*

### Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve

Tuesday | December 24 | 5:00 pm

*God Gives Heaven's Best Gift in Earth's Unlikeliest Place*

### Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day

Wednesday | December 25 | 10:00 am

*God Gives Himself as One of Us*

### First Sunday after Christmas

Sunday | December 29 | 10:00 am

*God Gives Both Substitute and Sacrifice*

### Second Sunday after Christmas

Sunday | January 5 | 10:00 am

*God Gives Satisfaction to Those Who Patiently Wait*

### Epiphany of Our Lord

Monday | January 6 | 7:00 pm

*The Gift of God Is for All People*



## The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is believed to have originated in Germany, as a folk custom. The evergreen branches symbolize God's unending love for us, and eternal life found in Christ. The four candles set in the wreath represent the four Sundays in the season of Advent. The lighting of the candles each week in Advent marks the growing anticipation for the birth of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the World.

The color of the candles is significant. Some churches use three purple or violet candles on the first, second, and fourth Sundays to remind us that Advent is a season of repentance. Other churches use three blue candles on these Sundays to symbolize our hope and expectation at the coming of Jesus, especially his second coming in glory on the Last Day. A rose or pink candle is often used on the third Sunday, historically observed as Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday as a reminder that Advent is also a time of joy. The fifth candle, if used, is white. It is lit on Christmas Day and symbolizes the perfection and purity of God's gift to sinners: his righteous Son, Jesus Christ.

Some traditions associate a theme with each candle. One tradition is as follows...

The **Prophecy Candle** – Also called the Hope Candle, this purple/violet or blue candle symbolizes the Old Testament prophecies of Christ's coming.

The **Bethlehem Candle** – Also called the Peace Candle, this purple/violet or blue candle symbolizes the birth of Jesus to the Virgin Mary in the town of Bethlehem.

The **Shepherds' Candle** – Also called the Joy Candle, this pink or rose-colored candle symbolizes the coming of the Savior into the hearts and lives of believers, like he did with the shepherds at his birth.

The **Angels' Candle** – Also called the Good News Candle, this purple/violet or blue candle symbolizes the final glorious coming of the Savior with all his angels on the Last Day.

The **Christ Candle** – This white candle symbolizes the day of Jesus' birth, the coming we've been waiting for, the advent of Jesus, the Light of the World.