

✠ FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT ✠

March 9, 2025



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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.

# Invocabit

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*Lent*

### ***Open Door Policies***

#### ***God's Surprising Strategies for Getting Sinners Back Home***

When a wayward child wanders far from home, how does a loving parent pursue them without driving them further away? One thing that parent does is let the child know that there is an ongoing open-door policy. The child knows they will always be welcomed back home. Likewise, when we wander from God, he always keeps his door open for us. But God doesn't just passively wait for us to return. He lovingly pursues sinners in ways that make them long for home. Throughout the season of Lent, we will see the surprising strategies our heavenly Father uses for getting sinners back home, close to him and the loving care he offers.

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### ***One Stands; Everyone Else Sits***

The First Sunday in Lent is traditionally known as "*Invocabit*" Sunday. The Sunday derives its name from the Latin words of the Introit (i.e. the opening verses) of the day: "He will call (*invocabit*), upon me, and I will answer him" (Psalm 91:15a).

Normally in a family everyone must do their part. In God's family, he assigns and accepts the work of one on behalf of all. In God's house, his Son stands alone on the battle field against our enemies in our place. He fights vicariously. He fights victoriously.

This week we see one man, Jesus Christ, stand against Satan. We simply sit and watch with eyes full of wonder and repentant faith. Because Christ fought that battle as one of us, he won that battle for all of us. The door to heaven stands wide open for those who believe in him.

# The Service

## Setting Two

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

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

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

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

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## The Preparation

### Opening Hymn

871 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"



1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the  
2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure and bold - ly strive for  
3 Je - sus, all your chil - dren cher - ish, and keep them that they



foe de - stroy you, for Sa - tan has de - signed your fall.  
heav'n - ly trea - sure. Be stead - fast in the Sav - ior's might.  
nev - er per - ish whom you have pur - chased with your blood.



Wield God's Word, a weap-on glo - rious; a - gainst each foe you'll  
Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, for Je - sus from all  
Let new life to us be giv - en that we may look to



be vic - to - rious, for God will set you o'er them all.  
harm will hide you. By faith you'll con - quer in the fight.  
you in heav - en when - ev - er fear - ful is our mood.



Fear not the prince of hell, here is Im-man-u-el!  
Take courage, weary soul! Look forward to the goal!  
Your Spirit on us pour that we may love you more,



Sing hosanna! The strong ones yield to Christ, our shield,  
Joy awaits you. The race, then, run; your battle done,  
hearts overflow; and then shall we, from sin set free,



and we as conquerors hold the field.  
the crown of glory will be won.  
sing praise through all eternity.

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*Please stand*

## Invocation

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

In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Opening Dialogue

Return to the Lord your God,  
for he is gracious and compassionate,  
**slow to anger and abounding in mercy,**  
**and he relents from sending disaster.** *(Joel 2:13)*

Throw off from yourselves all your rebellious actions by which you have rebelled,  
and obtain a new heart and a new spirit for yourselves. *(Ezekiel 18:31)*

**For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, declares the Lord God.**  
**So repent and live!** *(Ezekiel 18:32)*

God is faithful.

He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability,

**but when he tests you,**

**he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.** (1 Corinthians 10:13)

For we do not have a high priest

who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

**but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are,**

**yet was without sin.** (Hebrews 4:15)

## 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.



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



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.



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



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



*Traditionally, "Glory to God in the Highest" (i.e. the "Gloria") is not sung during the penitential season of Lent. During this time of preparation, the Church looks forward to the return of this song on Easter Sunday when we will celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ's glorious resurrection from the dead.*

## **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.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; 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

1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-40, 45-49

*One warrior from each nation stood and fought while everyone else sat. David's victory over Goliath is as much a spiritual victory as a military one, for it teaches us that the battle is the Lord's.*

<sup>4</sup> A challenger who represented the Philistines came out from the camp of the Philistines. He was named Goliath of Gath. He was nine feet, six inches tall. <sup>5</sup> He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he wore scaled body armor, which was made of more than one hundred pounds of bronze. <sup>6</sup> He had bronze greaves on his shins and a bronze spear slung between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup> The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spearhead was made of fifteen pounds of iron. His shield bearer went out ahead of him.

<sup>8</sup> He would stand up and shout to the armies of Israel, "Why have you come out to line up in battle formation? I am a Philistine, and you are servants of Saul, aren't you? Choose a man to represent you, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight with me and kill me, we will be your servants. But if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our servants, and you will serve us." <sup>10</sup> The Philistine would say, "I defy the ranks of Israel today! Give me a man, and we will fight each other!" <sup>11</sup> When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified.

<sup>32</sup> David said to Saul, "Do not let anyone lose heart because of this Philistine! Your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup> But Saul said to David, "You cannot go against this Philistine to fight with him, because you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior since he was a youth."

<sup>34</sup> David said to Saul, "Your servant has been taking care of his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after it and struck it and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. When the lion reared up against me, I grabbed it by its mane, struck it, and killed it. <sup>36</sup> Your servant struck both the lion and the bear. This uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has defied the ranks of the living God." <sup>37</sup> David added, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go then! May the LORD be with you." <sup>38</sup> So Saul dressed David in his own gear. He placed a bronze helmet on his head and dressed him in scaled body armor. <sup>39</sup> David strapped his sword over his gear. David tried to walk around in them, since he had never trained with this kind of equipment before.

David said to Saul, "I cannot go in these, because I have never trained with them." So David took them off.

<sup>40</sup> Then David took his staff in his hand and picked five smooth stones out of the stream bed and put them into the pouch of his shepherd's bag. He took his sling in his hand and approached the Philistine.

<sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> Today the LORD will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and all those gathered here will know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear, for the battle belongs to the LORD, and he will deliver you into our hand."

<sup>48</sup> Then, when the Philistine started advancing to attack David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> David put his hand into his bag, took a stone from it, shot it from his sling, and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 91 A "The Shadow of the Almighty"

*The Church sings Psalm 91 in services that focus on times of crisis, especially temptation or persecution. The lion and the snake (verse 13) are sometimes scriptural references to the devil, and the devil used this psalm to tempt Jesus (Luke 4:10,11).*

### Refrain

He who dwells in the Most High will  
rest in the shadow of th'Al - might - y.

Tone



Surely he will save you from the / fowler's snare  
and from the deadly / pestilence.  
He will cover you with his / feathers,  
and under his wings you will find / refuge.

You will not fear the ter- / ror of night,  
nor the arrow that / flies by day,  
nor the pestilence that stalks in the / darkness,  
nor the plague that destroys at / midday. *Refrain*

If you say, "The LORD is my / refuge,"  
and you make the Most High your / dwelling,  
no harm will over- / take you,  
no disaster will come / near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- / cerning you  
to guard you in / all your ways;  
they will lift you up / in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot a- / gainst a stone.

**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

Hebrews 4:14-16

*Jesus has stood in our place, facing every temptation that we have faced. Yet he did not sin.*

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup> So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced*

## Gospel Acclamation

1 John 3:8



*Refrain*



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

*Tone*



The reason the Son of God ap - peared was to destroy the dev - il's work.

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

## Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

*Weak and in the wilderness, Jesus stands against Satan's temptations. He overcomes them, winning the victory for us.*

<sup>4</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where he was tempted by the Devil for forty days. He did not eat anything during those days. When they came to an end, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The Devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

<sup>5</sup> The Devil led him up to a high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> The Devil told him, "I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, because it has been entrusted to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. <sup>7</sup> So, if you worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

<sup>9</sup> The Devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> because it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you.

<sup>11</sup> And, they will lift you up with their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, "It says: 'You shall not test the Lord your God.'"

<sup>13</sup> When the Devil had finished every temptation, he left him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y shield  
 2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our loss  
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger to  
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y thanks



and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry need  
 ef - fact - ed; but for us fights the val - iant one  
 de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no ill;  
 have for it; he's by our side up - on the plain



that has us now o'er - tak - en. The old  
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask,  
 they shall not o - ver - pow'r us. This world's  
 with his good gifts and Spir - it. And take



e - vil foe now means dead - ly woe;  
 "Who is this?" Je - sus Christ it is,  
 prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
 they our life, goods, fame, child, and wife,



deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight;  
 the al - might - y Lord, and there's no oth - er God;  
 he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
 though all may be gone, our vic - to - ry is won;



on earth is not his e - qual.  
 he holds the field for - ev - er.  
 one lit - tle word can fell him.  
 the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## 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*

# Holy God, We Praise Your Name (CW 953: 1, 5) (Psalm 44:8; 86:9,10; Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8; 7:9-12)

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of  
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

all, we bow be - fore you. All on  
Spir - it, three we name you, though in

earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -  
es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed

bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -  
God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the

main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

*Text: tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, alt.; German version, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, abr.; Latin, c. 4th cent.  
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## 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

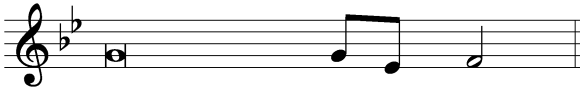
*(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 107:1)*

The Lord be with you.



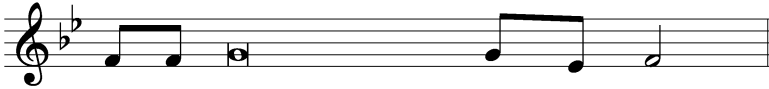
**And al - so with you.**

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.**

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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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome.

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 - en 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; Philippians 2:6-11)

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**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.**

## Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(John 1:29; Isaiah 53:4-7; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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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.**

# Distribution Hymn

# 836 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; the thought shall nev - er  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, with sin and ills con -  
 3 Grim death pur - sues me all the way, no - where I rest se -  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way, they shield me and be -



leave me that Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, is  
 tend - ing; in pa - tience I must bear each day the  
 cure - ly; he comes by night, he comes by day, he  
 friend me; all Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay when



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
 cross of God's own send - ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty  
 takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I  
 heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me. They are my sure de - fense;



may seize me un - a - wares if e'er I fail to  
 I know not where to flee, when storms of woe my  
 in death's strong grasp may lie to face e - ter - ni -  
 all fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



watch and pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 soul dis - may; I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 ty to - day; grim death pur - sues me all the way.  
 what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
 his guidance never fails me;  
 within his wounds I find a stay  
 when Satan's pow'r assails me;  
 and by his footsteps led,  
 my path I safely tread.  
 No evil leads my soul astray;  
 I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
 await, my soul, the morrow,  
 when you at last with joy can say  
 farewell to sin and sorrow.  
 All worldly pomp, begone!  
 To heav'n I now press on.  
 For all the world I would not stay;  
 my walk is heav'nward all the way.

# Distribution Hymn

873 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; from your sleep a -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares lest a - sleep he  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world with its lies de -  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, lest with grace you  
 5 But while watch - ing al - so pray to the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day un - a -  
 find you; for in - deed no pains he spares to de -  
 feat you lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled it be -  
 tri - fle; let not self your thoughts con - trol nor God's  
 ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, strength and



wares o'er - tak - en; for the foe, well we know, is a  
 ceive and blind you. Sa - tan's prey oft are they who se -  
 tray and cheat you. Watch and see lest there be faith - less  
 mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin lurk with - in, all your  
 faith in - creas - ing, so that still mind and will shall u -



har - vest reap - ing while the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing and no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve him and for - ev - er love him.

## Our Holy Communion Practices

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

### Visitors

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

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

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

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

### Communicants

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

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

### Children and Non-Communicants

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

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (CW 927 :1)

(Numbers 6:24-26; Colossians 1:3-6)

*Please stand as the canticle is introduced*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.

*Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879 Text and tune: Public domain*

## 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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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

723 *w 1-3* "When in the Hour of Utmost Need"



1 When in the hour of ut - most need we know not  
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone that we may  
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed your chil-dren's



where to look for aid, when days and nights of  
meet be - fore your throne; to you, O faith - ful  
cries in time of need through him whose name a -



anx - ious thought no help or coun - sel yet have brought,  
God, we cry for res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
lone is great, our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.



***Please join us this Wednesday at 4:00 or 7:00 pm for our Midweek Lenten Service.***

*The 7:00 pm service will be live streamed.*

*Please visit our website, [www.nainlutheran.org](http://www.nainlutheran.org), to be directed to our YouTube channel.*

*We will follow the order of Evening Prayer, read one of the Penitential Psalms (Psalm 6), and hear a portion of the Passion History of our Lord according to the Gospel of St. Luke (22:1-38).*

*If you are unable to attend, please consider reading the Passion History reading at home so you can remain caught up on our journey with Jesus to the cross and the empty tomb.*



*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 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 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.*

*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)*



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