

✠ DAY OF 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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Easter

Resurrection Reality

St. Paul writes, “Christ has *indeed* been raised from the dead” (1 Cor 15:20). Jesus’ resurrection is not legend; it really happened. Easter is not just a holiday; it is history. On time’s infinite line, Jesus’ resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has *indeed* been raised, which means Jesus is exactly who he claimed to be – the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has *indeed* been raised, which means that “all those who believe in him “will be made alive” (1 Cor 15:22). In this glorious season of Easter, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

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Christ Has Not Left Us Alone

Jesus told his disciples that, though he was going to ascend into heaven, he wasn’t going to leave them alone. He was going to send “the Advocate,” a title for the Holy Spirit. But Jesus wasn’t sending the Spirit just to keep us company. Jesus would have the Advocate give us spiritual power so that we might participate in Christ’s saving work. Here is the final resurrection reality. The Spirit gives us the ability to raise the spiritually dead to life.

We see this happen on Pentecost. The festival of Pentecost was held fifty days after the Passover. (Pentecost is Greek for “fifty.”) It was a time to thank God for the harvest. But on that day, through the Church at work, the Holy Spirit gathered another harvest, a harvest of souls. Therefore, Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity of Our Lord and the Resurrection of Our Lord. With the Festival of Pentecost, the festival half of the Church Year comes to a close.

The Service

Setting One

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

Tolling of the Bells

Opening Hymn

590 "O Holy Spirit, Enter In"



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts
2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts



your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.
from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in
that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -



us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us
ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing
Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing
prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.
and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.

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



3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word,
in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing
that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love
and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing.
Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er
Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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Invocation

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

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Dialogue

(Jesus said to his disciples) “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” *(John 20:22b,23)*

No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. *(John 3:5b,6)*

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. *(Isaiah 61:1)*

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

(Romans 8:1,2)

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. *(2 Cor. 3:17)*

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia! *(Antiphon for Pentecost)*

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.



A - men.

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Hymn of Praise

935 verses 1 & 4 "All Glory Be to God on High"



1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks for all his
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light and source of con - so -



fa - vor; no harm can touch or ter - ri - fy a child of
la - tion, pro - tect us from the dev - il's might thro' Je - sus,



God for - ev - er. God shows his good and gra - cious will and
our sal - va - tion, who by his death up - on a tree has



grants his peace, the world to fill; all strife at last has end - ed.
res - cued us from mis - er - y: to this we hold for - ev - er.

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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.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace.

Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Church Choir

“Set Our Hearts on Fire, Lord!”

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Lord allows Ezekiel to see that the Spirit would give that prophet's words the power to raise the dead to life.

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. ² He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

³ He said to me, “Son of man, can these dry bones live?” I answered, “LORD God, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.’”

⁵ This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. ⁸ As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the wind. Prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live.”

¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, ‘Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.’

¹² Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. ¹³ Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 104 A "LORD, Send Out Your Spirit"

The entire congregation will sing together the whole Psalm

Refrain



LORD, send out your Spir-it and re-new the face of the earth.

Tone



How many are your / works, LORD!
In wisdom you / made them all.
All creatures / look to you
to give them their food at the / proper time.
When you give it to them, they gather / it up;
when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. *Refrain*

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;
may the LORD rejoice / in his works—
he makes winds his / messengers,
flames of fire his / servants.
I will sing to the LORD / all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

**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***

Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

The Day of Pentecost was the fulfillment of God's promise to pour out his Spirit.

² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the rushing of a violent wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw divided tongues that were like fire resting on each one of them. ⁴ They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, since the Spirit was giving them the ability to speak fluently.

⁵ Now there were godly Jewish men from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When this sound was heard, a crowd came together and was confused, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ They were completely baffled and said to each other, "Look, are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them speaking in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, and of Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya around Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring in our own languages the wonderful works of God." ¹² They were all amazed and perplexed. They kept saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocked them and said, "They are full of new wine."

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ On the contrary, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ This is what God says will happen in the last days:

I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.
Your young men will see visions.
Your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

- 19 I will show wonders in the sky above,
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and a rising cloud of smoke.
- 20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- 21 And this will happen: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Gospel Acclamation is introduced

Gospel Acclamation

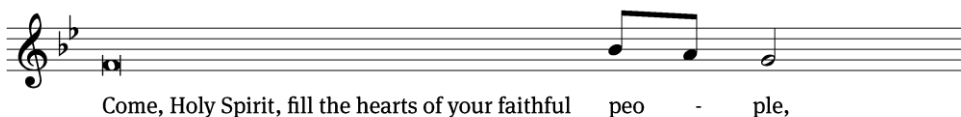
Antiphon for Pentecost



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

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11

Jesus promised he would not leave us alone but would send us the Spirit of truth to give us the courage and power to testify to the world.

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also are going to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.”

^{16:4} “...I did not tell you these things from the beginning, because I was with you.

⁵ “But now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart.

⁷ Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment:

⁹ about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹ about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

585 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord! May all your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, and cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, grant us the will your



be out-poured on each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do and in your ser - vice to a - bide;



your fer-vent love to them im-part. Lord, by the bright-ness
and call him Fa-ther with de-light. From ev-'ry er-ror
let tri-als turn us not a-side. Lord, by your pow'r pre-



of your light you gath-er and in faith u-nite
keep us free; let none but Christ our mas-ter be
pare each heart, and to our weak-ness strength im-part



your Church from ev-'ry land and tongue: this to your
that we in liv-ing faith a-bide, in him, our
that brave-ly here we may con-tend, through life and



praise, O Lord our God, be sung. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Lord, with all our might con-fide. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
death to you, our Lord, as-cend. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sermon

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21

“Can These Bones Live?”

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

Create in Me a Clean Heart (CW 942)

(Psalm 51:10-12)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Create in Me a Clean Heart". It consists of five staves of music in G minor (three flats) and 3/4 time. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

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Lutheran Confirmation

Confirmation is a church rite for those who have been baptized and instructed in the Christian faith. This public ceremony allows an opportunity for the confirmands to publicly confess their faith, to be prayed for by both family and congregation, and as individuals who are able to “examine themselves,” to be recognized as those who are properly prepared to receive Christ’s true body and blood in the Lord’s Supper as communicant members of this congregation and others in our fellowship. This year, one young believer has presented herself before our congregation to profess her Christian faith in our Triune God:

Hermione Claire Krueger

baptized on February 7, 2010

The minister speaks to the one being confirmed:

My dear young friend, when you were baptized, your gracious Lord forgave all your sins and covered you with the robe of Christ’s righteousness. Through water and Word he created faith in your heart and adopted you into the family of believers. As you matured and heard and studied the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit enlightened your mind and preserved you as a child of God.

You have expressed the desire to confess the truths you believe before your Savior, your family and friends, and this congregation. You are ready to say with St. Paul, “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” You have learned to examine your thoughts, words, and actions in the light of God’s law, and you have experienced the comfort of forgiveness in the Savior’s gospel. With this preparation you are eager to receive the Savior’s body and blood in the sacrament.

As we worship with you on this day, we are filled with joy as we see how the Lord has grown your faith and love. We are bringing our prayers to the Savior’s throne of grace and imploring him to keep you faithful to him and his Word until you join us and all believers in the glories of heaven.

I now ask you:

Are you ready and willing to confess your faith before the triune God and those who are worshiping with you today?

I am.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe that all the books of the Bible are the inspired and inerrant Word of God?

I do.

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as you have learned to know them from Martin Luther's Small Catechism, are faithful and true to the Word of God?

I do.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus and his Word all the days of your life?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your sincere prayer and desire to live a life that pleases God, to value his Word and sacraments, and to witness to your Savior wherever you go?

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

The minister speaks to the congregation:

Friends in Christ, the Word of God urges us to pray for one another and especially for the youth of the church. On this special day, it is fitting that we bring our prayers before God, firmly believing that he alone is able to strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit and keep us faithful to the Savior until we die.

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, in Holy Baptism you created faith in Hermione's heart and gave her a new birth as a member of your family. Help her remember her baptism every day and find comfort in your promise that you will never leave her or forsake her. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give her strength to put down and drown the sinful nature that lives within her so that each day her faith may triumph in her living and loving and in her words and actions. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead her to see and believe that in the gospel she finds forgiveness for her sins and relief for her guilt. Use the remembrance of your commandments to drive her to the comfort of the gospel and then to guide her as she lives for you and others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Protect her from Satan when he tempts her to be careless with your Word and sacrament, to make plans for this life and not for the life to come, or to find popular theories more appealing than your truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empower her by the gospel of your Son to live in this world with kindness, humility, and patience that others may see her good works and glorify you in heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

When the end comes and we all stand before the judgment seat of Jesus Christ, have compassion on us and accept us into your heavenly mansions, through the merits of Jesus our Savior, who became sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The minister speaks to the one being confirmed:

I now invite you to receive a blessing from the Lord and a word of encouragement from the Scriptures.

The one being confirmed kneels.

Hermione Claire Krueger, may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your heart and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Hermione, your confirmation verse is Job 19:25,26: “As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust. Then, even after my skin has been destroyed, nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.”

Your church now invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given to you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often.

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

Please stand at the direction of the minister

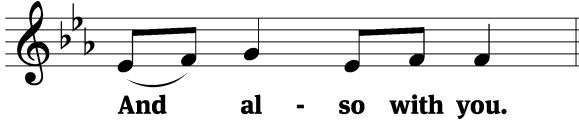
The Sacrament

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.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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 on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world.

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 heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(John 1:3; Romans 8:32)

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.

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."

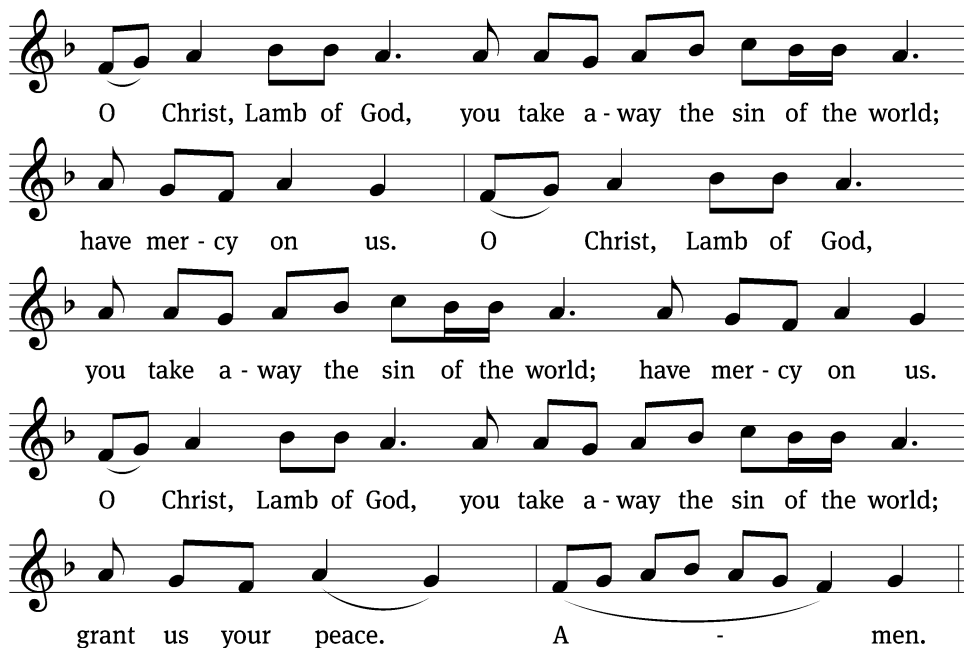
Peace of the Lord *Pax Domini*

(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)



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 2:42)

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

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

Amen.

As he dismisses the communicants, the minister says:

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

Amen.

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

477 "O Day Full of Grace"



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may be
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub - lime,
cross was hang - ing, and then he a - rose to claim his throne
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be lost,
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
great joy for us all re - triev - ing, for Je - sus all
that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.
light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

Text: tr. Gerald Thorson, 1921–2001; Scandinavian, c. 1450

Tune: Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

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Distribution Hymn

563 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

* Hymn 563 was chosen by our confirmand as her "class hymn"



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



Refrain
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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Lord, Now You Let Your Servant (CW 951) *Nunc Dimittis*

(Luke 2:29-32)

Please stand as the canticle is introduced



Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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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 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

Closing Hymn

592 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing in the ho - liest
realms of light, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing
o'er a world of gloom and night, Ho - ly Spir - it,
ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high, liv - ing,

life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.

Please be seated

2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing as the Church's
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing through the Church's

ver - y life, Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing
min - is - try, teach - ing, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing,

through us in a cease - less strife, Ho - ly Spir - it,
set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free, Ho - ly Spir - it,

ev - er form - ing in the Church the mind of Christ, you we
ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul in com -

praise with end - less wor - ship for your gra - cious gifts un - priced.
mun - ion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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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... Abigail Peterson for playing violin... the Church Choir for singing, and Lois Buske for directing them... Peter Hermanson for serving as crucifer and distribution assistant...

Aaron Palmer for serving as usher... Ben Leyrer for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream...
and Joanne Kohler 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



The Paschal Candle

Paschal, meaning "having to do with the Passover," is a word associated with Easter, for it was at the conclusion of the Jewish Passover Festival (the "Pasch") that Jesus rose from the dead and proved himself to be the true Passover Lamb whose blood removes the threat of death (cf. Ex. 12; 1 Cor. 6:6-8).

Paschal Candles are usually very large, white, and inscribed with a cross and the Greek letters Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) - the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet – which symbolize that Christ is eternal, the beginning and end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).

The Paschal Candle is lit every Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday to symbolize that Jesus is alive and lives among his people. It is then lit for every service during the season of Easter as we continue to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The candle is also lit at Holy Baptisms and Christian funerals, reminding us of the believer's new birth and resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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