



*With the birth of Jesus in our hearts
We carry light and love to the world.*

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Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

The Liturgy is from Setting 4, page 147, in the hymnal.

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Today's worship service will be replayed next Sunday at 6pm on FM radio station 102.9 and is available to VIEW anytime late afternoon today on the home page of our website www.nlcww.org.

Attendance for last Sunday: 58



INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES

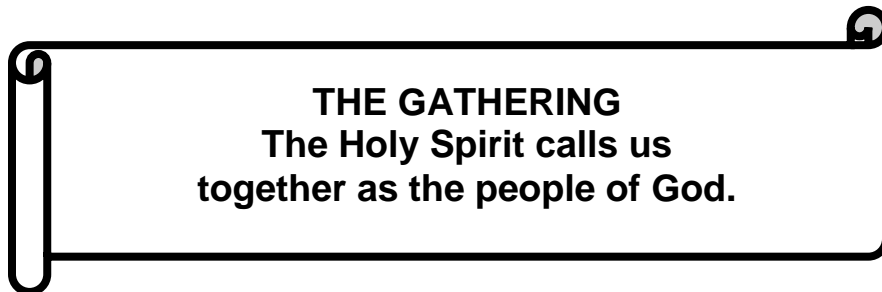
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PRELUDE

The Water is Wide

Nevue

Please stand as you are able.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, You know them; receive them in your divine mercy. **Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Baptized in Water

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- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our king: heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king: one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king: born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praise we sing.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Kyrie Eleison is a pre-Christian expression in Greek that means "Lord have mercy." When we ask for the mercy of God, we are asking for his nearness and for the necessary healing of our human brokenness.

As the Prodigal Son I come to You, merciful God. I have wasted my whole life in a foreign land; I have scattered the wealth which You gave me. Kyrie eleison, **Lord have mercy.**

Receive me in repentance, O God, and have mercy upon me. Open to me the doors of repentance, O Giver of life. Christe eleison, **Christ have mercy.**

In your compassion purify me by the loving kindness of your mercy. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Kyrie eleison, **Lord have mercy.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest **and on earth peace, good will to all people.**

We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for your great glory. Lord, King, heavenly God, Father, Almighty.

Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, You who take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You who sit at the right hand of the

Father, have mercy on us. For You alone are holy, You alone are Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

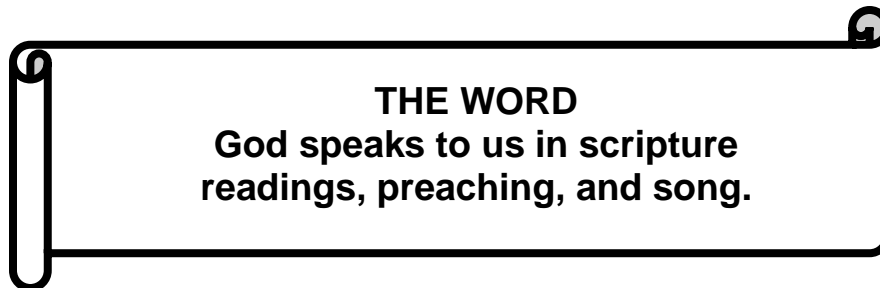
Each day I shall bless You, and I will praise your name forever and to the ages of ages.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God, Creator of light and Giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Come to the Water

Choplin

Soloist: Kim Mehan-Conklin

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

1:1-5

Reader: Kim Mehan-Conklin

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God

called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the
forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

19:1-7

Reader: Kim Mehan-Conklin

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” **Alleluia.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to

him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Deacon Michelle Mehan-Conklin

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free

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- 1 We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome!
We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From
now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set
free!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He
ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Stand or sit as you desire.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers
for the church, the world, and all people in need.

After each petition: Let us Pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the
sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our
Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please be seated.



OFFERING

Please remain seated. You may drop your offering in the basket by the exit door or at the office during the week. You may also donate safely on-line at <https://www.nlcww.org> or on our Facebook page. Please pull your communion set out of the bag and hold both containers in your hands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, receive these gifts as You receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

THE INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Listen to the words the apostle Paul wrote to the church of Corinth: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor. 11: 23-26)

And so, we proclaim in unison with the saints of all time and all places, with the angels and archangels:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Let us pray the prayer Christ himself taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING

Consume the elements now. Return the non-consumed wine to the table in the narthex for proper disposal. Wait until the end of the service to toss the empty containers into the wastebasket.

We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born. By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

SENDING

People of Nativity, what is our mission?

With the birth of Jesus in our hearts we carry light and love to the world.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rivers of Mercy

Johnson



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51

PRAYERS: The list will be cleared every other week. If you wish to remain on the list for longer than two weeks, please call the office and request a long-term prayer. *In case of emergency, contact the office at **352-597-1456** and leave a detailed message. Messages are checked daily.*

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Peg Ahlquist, Windy Binns, Bob Bohn, Linda Borowski's son and family, Linda Borowski's daughter and family, Kim Bozzuto, Terri Breida, Elliott Burger, Darlene Christensen, Woody and Joan Cornetta, Patti Cotter, Mike Davis, Norma Diedrich, Shirley Dowd-Filkins, Donald Foley, Jocelyn Foudali, Jacob Abraham Foudali, Austin Garrett, Cindy Garrett, Geiser family, Irene and Larry Gilbert, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, William and Charlotte Hamm, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Richard and Nancy Heinecke, Rose Hennessey, Zoila Herrera, Kay

Hill, Lilo Horeis, April Horton, Bob Johnson and family, Mary Jones, Michael Koch, Alfred Korndoerfer, Jackie Luebee, Carl and Asta Lundh, Claude and Germaine Major, Elaine Malone, Robert Meredith, Maria Mesko, Rich Miller, Marianne Mock, Christopher Morman, Mark and Wayne Musarra, Sheryl O'Connor and family, Oliver family, Amanda Rizzo and family, Mike Ruffner, Nancy Salerno, Judy Seidl and family, Margret Steffens, Keli Tedesco, Nina Vaznelis, West family, Janet Wilkens, Ann Wright, Laurretta Z.

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Nic Baker, Carlos Bayron Jr., Daniel Davis, Kyle Davis, 2nd Lt, USMC Robert M. Heinecke, Colton Hill, Andria T. Hook, Jonathan Hudson, Brett Johnson, Cpt. Will Lawlor, Zachary McGuire, CTT2 William Pause, Brandon Pierce, Clinton Pierce, Isaac Redmond, Andrea Roache, Joel Roberts, William Robishaw, OS2 Jordan A. Torres, Cpl. Timothy Spruytte, Chad Waldorf.

ALTAR FLOWERS: *If you would like to honor someone special or commemorate a special event, please call the church office (352-597-1456) to order altar flowers. Donation is \$25.00.*

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	Deacon Michelle Mehan-Conklin
Assisting Minister	Kim Mehan-Conklin
Music Director	Donna Olsen
Scripture Reader	Kim Mehan-Conklin
Altar Guild	Janet Jones, Marilyn Henkel, and Suzanne Chelf
Audio/Video Record	Art Alt
Gardener(s)	
Head counter this week	Ernie Horeis

MISSION STATEMENT

**With the birth of Jesus in our hearts
we carry light and love to the world.**

OUR VALUES STATEMENT

We recognize that we are not here by chance but are gathered together to be the church of God in Christ.

We recognize that God is making us, through grace, into a Fellowship that embodies and expresses the spirit of Christ.

In this fellowship, the Bible says, “there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of us are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28). We, therefore, welcome equally all people, regardless of religious office, position, possessions, education, race, age, gender, sexual orientation, mental ability, physical ability or other distinctions. (Adopted 9/7/07)

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Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.