



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

*Sunday, August 14, 2022  
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**Reverend Giuseppe Mattei**

**The Liturgy** is from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

**Are you hearing impaired?** If you are having difficulty hearing our worship service, try using our Assisted Hearing System, which is available from an usher.

**Today's worship** service is being live streamed beginning at 9:25am, and will be replayed next Sunday at 6pm on FM radio station 102.9. Service is available to VIEW anytime on the home page of our website [www.nlcww.org](http://www.nlcww.org).

**In-person attendance for last Sunday: 85**

**Our on-line attendance has remained steady at around 108 per Sunday.** Others worship with us by listening to the radio broadcast on Sunday evening.



## **INTRODUCTION**

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHIMES**

Indicates the start of worship.

**PRELUDE**

*Create In Me A Clean Heart*

Mark Hayes



*Please stand as you are able and turn toward the baptismal font.*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

When we are left to our own devices, we become like weak and cracked vessels, unable to sustain love, mercy, and justice.

**But when we come before God, seeking God's healing love, we are given the strength and courage to serve others.**

We often want to have our own way in all that we do.

**We have a difficult time trusting in God.**

Lord, come to us this day, healing our mistrust and our hesitancy.

**Give us spirits ready to receive your forgiveness and mercy.**

**AMEN.**

*Please look toward the cross as it processes toward the altar.*

**GATHERING HYMN**

*God, Whose Almighty Word*

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1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

## 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.**



but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

**LUKE 12:49-56**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From

now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” <sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*      596

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
 2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
 when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.



## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** *(see insert)*

*Remain standing or sit as you desire.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

After each petition: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our Holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

*Please be seated.*



## **OFFERING**

*You may drop your offering in the basket by the exit door or at the office during the week. You may also donate on-line at <https://www.nlcww.org>, or on our Facebook page.*

*Assisting Minister unveils the chalice and paten.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance: **You have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav'n 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.

## REMEMBERING GOD'S ACTS OF GRACE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, You have brought us this far along the way.

**In times of bitterness You did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.**

In every age You sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

**The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.**

In the fullness of time, You sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our Advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet!

*Please follow the instructions of the ushers as you come forward.*

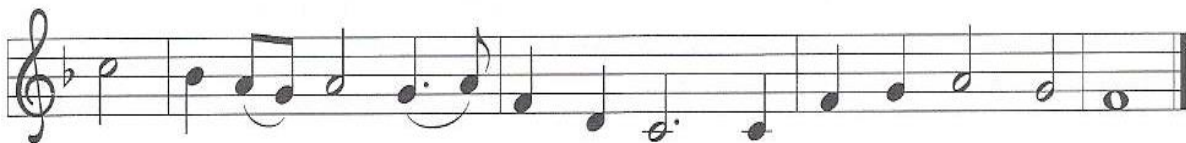
*Please let an usher know if you cannot come to the altar to receive communion. We will have communion brought to you.*

### Lamb of God

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

733, 870, 863, 853, 851

*Please stand as you are able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, **through this meal You have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**



## BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

*Please look toward the cross as it recesses to the baptismal font.*

## SENDING SONG

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

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1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;  
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence - forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.  
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;  
 for glad - ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;  
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir - ring drums,  
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.  
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.  
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

## 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

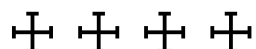
Go in peace! Love your neighbor!

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

Lani Smith



## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17



**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**

Angela, Rob Anthony, Tracey Baker, Frani and Larry Barnes, Anne Barsumian, Windy and Bill Binns, Murial Bishop, Linda Borowski's son and family, Linda Borowski's daughter and family, Agnes Burkart, Family of Debbie Christian, Joyce Colombo, Woody and Joan Cornetta, Patti Cotter, Denise Crawford, Kat Crawford, Eric D'Ambrogi, Liz Deon, Vivian Deon, Judy Dietz, Charlotte Downing, Irene Froehlich, Rich Geiser, Addy Hackl, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, Terry Halgren, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Richard and Nancy Heinecke, Marilyn Henkel, Kay Hill, Brian Johnson, June Johnston, Alfred Korndoerfer, June and Buddy Kristoferson, Lofgren family, Carl Lundh, Mary and Bob McDowall, Rich and Sharelle Miller, Mark and Wayne Musarra, Sheryl O'Conner, Oliver family, Jack Page, Rich Rombalski, Eric Schaub, Barbara Strohl, Paul Umbaugh, Lorraine & Vinnie Vadala, Violet Weeks, West family, Janet Wilkens, Roger & Jane Zimany, Laoretta Z., Hernando County Drug Court Graduates: Magen, Crystal, Bradley, Anna, Mitchell, Patrick, and Jessica.

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY**

Nic Baker, Brandi Culpepper, Daniel Davis, Tyler A. Germann-US Air Force, Robert M. Heinecke-2nd Lt USMC, Maj. Matthew Henry, Colton Hill, Andria T. Hook, Jonathan Hudson, 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, Kesley Underwood, Kyle Underwood, Chad Waldorf.

**Altar Flowers:** *If you would like to order flowers in honor or in memory of someone, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you can call the office at 352-597-1456. Donation is \$25.00. Flowers can be picked up after the 9:30AM Sunday service, or you can schedule a pick-up time with the office if you are not attending service.*

## ***Worship Leaders***

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<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Reverend Giuseppe Mattei
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Ed Lewis
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Cam Martin
<b>Crucifer</b>	Claude Major
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mark Major
<b>Usher</b>	Robert Rios & Eddie Q.
<b>Music Director</b>	Donna Olsen
<b>Bell Choir Directors</b>	Janet & Todd Holly
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Connie Chase and Sharon Schroeder
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Connie Chase
<b>Greeter</b>	Evelyn Galli
<b>AV Director</b>	Art Alt
<b>Audio</b>	Guy Peeters, Tim Noe & Pat Squires
<b>Cameras</b>	Tim Cotter, Buddy Kristoferson & Mark Major
<b>Graphics</b>	Diane Alt, Ed Lewis & Linda Rizzo
<b>Video Production</b>	Vicki Page
<b>Gardener(s)</b>	
<b>Head counter this week</b>	Ernie Horeis

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

With the birth of Jesus in our hearts  
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## **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, 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 Services at 9:30 a.m.

