



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

*Sunday, May 28, 2023  
Day of Pentecost*



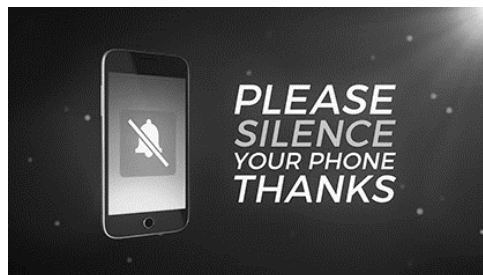
**NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday, May 28, 2023**  
**Day of Pentecost**  
**Reverend Giuseppe Mattei**

**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. The 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: 116**



## **INTRODUCTION**

*Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we, too, are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.*

**CHIMES**

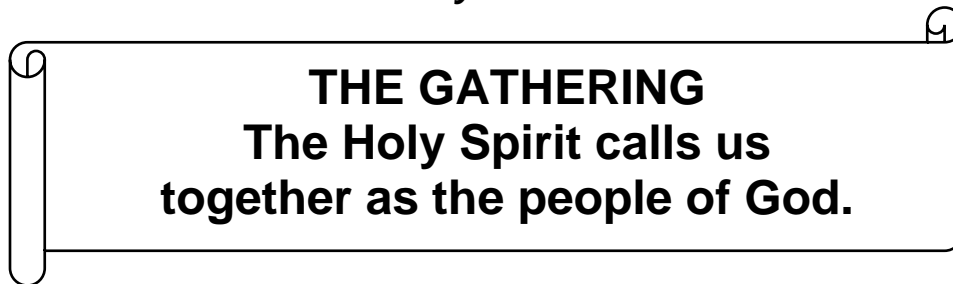
Indicates the start of worship.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Pastor Phil Schroeder leads our worship today and is our preacher. He is a retired Lutheran pastor and with his wife Sharon a long-time member of Nativity. From 2007 to 2014 he served as an assistant to the pastor of Nativity, and earlier he served as interim pastor at a number of area congregations. Most of his ministry was in campus ministry (Denison, Ohio State, Valparaiso, Augustana). In 1996 he retired from Trinity Lutheran Church, in Mt. Morris, IL, and moved to Spring Hill.*

**PRELUDE***Be Thou My Vision*

Heather Sorenson



**THE GATHERING**  
**The Holy Spirit calls us**  
**together as the people of God.**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are here not for ourselves  
**but for God.**

We worship not ourselves  
**but only God.**

We seek not to satisfy our spiritual hunger  
**but to praise and glorify God's Holy Name,**  
**Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.**

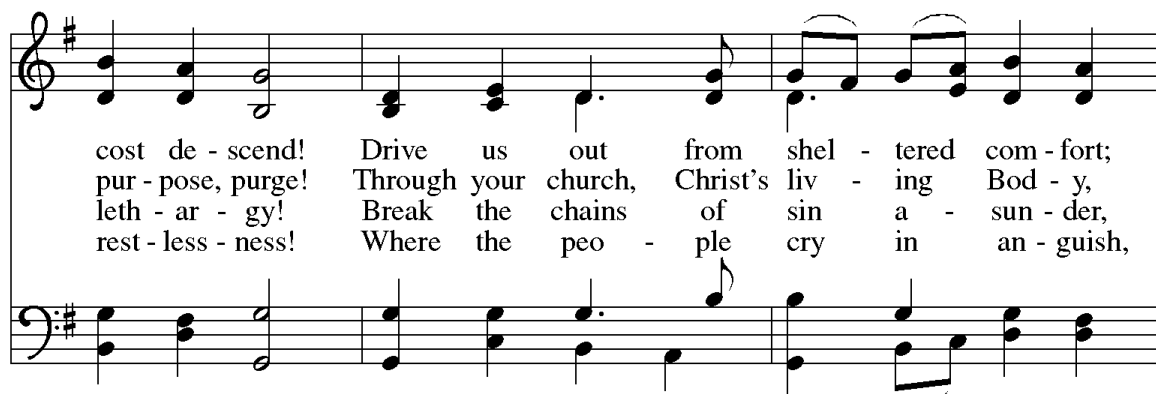
Please look toward the cross as it processes toward the altar.

# GATHERING HYMN *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

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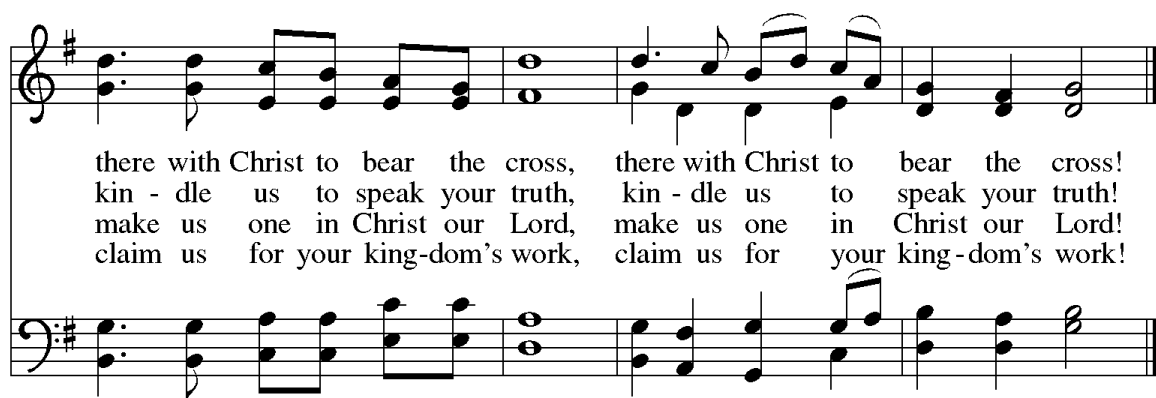
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -  
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your  
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from  
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;  
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,  
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,  
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser-vice,  
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,  
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;  
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!  
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!  
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!  
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

# 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

Cantor: Sharon Schroeder

*The cantor sings the verses, the congregation sings the refrain.*

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN


For your Spirit to guide; that You center our lives in the water and the word; that You nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. REFRAIN

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE


*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be




peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



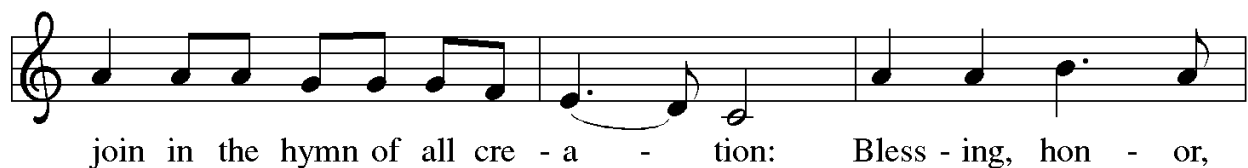
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



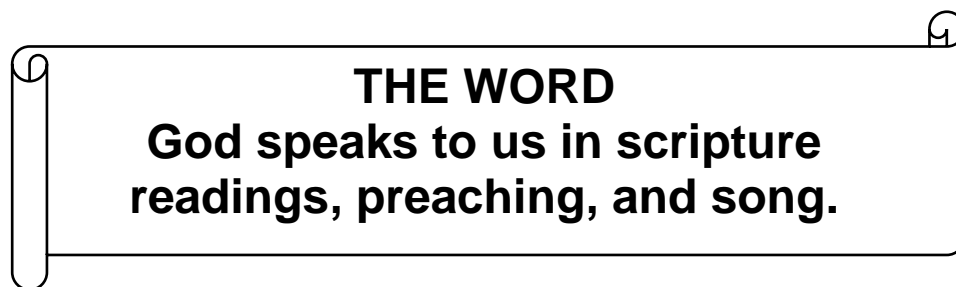
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God... one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



## SPECIAL MUSIC

*The Power of My Spirit*

Pepper Choplin  
Sanctuary Choir

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

**2:1-21**

Reader: Mae Haines

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 104:24-31, 33, 35b

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

<sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

## A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

12:4-11

Reader: Mae Haines

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

**John 20:19-23**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Three Pentecost Gifts*

Pr. Phil Schroeder

*Please stand as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy God, we confess to You our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your**

**creation; we cause hurt though You call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Send Down the Fire*

Chorus:

Send down the fire of Your justice,  
Send down the rains of Your love;  
Come, send down the Spirit  
Breathe life in Your people,  
And make us the people of God.

Call us to be Your compassion,  
Teach us the song of Your love;  
Give us hearts that sing,  
Give us deeds that ring,  
Make us ring with the song of Your love. (Chorus)

Call us to learn of Your mercy,  
Teach us the way of Your peace;  
Give us hearts that feel,  
Give us hands that heal,  
Make us walk in the way of Your peace. (Chorus)

Call us to witness Your Kingdom,  
Give us the presence of Christ;

May Your holy light  
Keep us shining bright,  
Ever shine with the presence of Christ. (Chorus)

And we shall be people of God.

*Stand or sit as you desire.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church,  
the world, and all in need.

After each petition: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and  
praise to You, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our  
risen Lord. **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. Generous God, **in this meal You offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. 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.**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. 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.

## REMEMBERING GOD'S ACTS OF GRACE

Blessed are You, O God of the Universe!

**Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Praise to You for creating the heavens and the earth! Praise to You for saving the earth from the waters of the flood!

**Praise to You for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea!  
 Praise to You for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey!**

**Praise to You for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed One!**

Praise to You for the death and resurrection of Christ!

**Praise to You for your Spirit poured out on all nations!**

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
**Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.**

Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise You, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

*Please be seated. 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



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

## COMMUNION HYMNS

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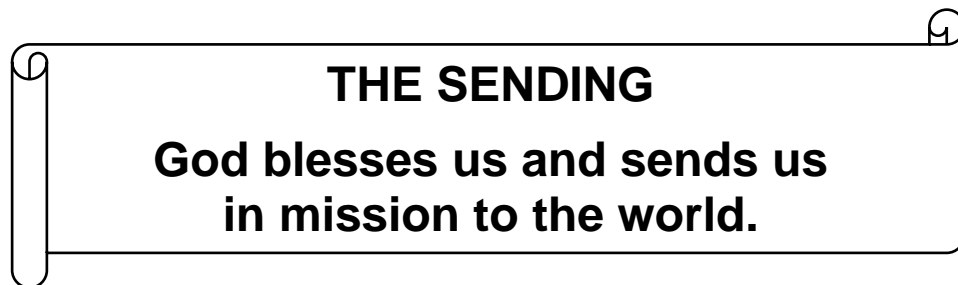
*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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. Gracious God, in You we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, You have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.



## BLESSING

The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*We All Are One in Mission*

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1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

## 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! Serve the Risen One!

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Majestic Postlude*

Mark Williams

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## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalm: 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20

***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.*

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Judy and Frank Alessio, Rob Anthony, Gus Arroyo, Windy and Bill Binns, Linda Borowski's family, Agnes Burkart, Joyce Colombo, Woody and Joan Cornetta, Judy Dietz, Tracy Flanders and family, Irene Froehlich, Janis & Ryan Geiger, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, Terry Halgren, Ron and Linda Hansen, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Jim Hennessey, Kay Hill, Sandra Hill, Carolyn Hively, Barbara Hofving, Hannah Hope, Barbara Jankowski, Brian Johnson, June Johnston, Alfred Korndoerfer, Buddy Kristoferson, Lisa Luckman, Lofgren family, Ned Long, Pastor Jorge Luis, Elaine Malone, Antonio Mattei, Raina McDannold,

Mary McDowall, Mark and Wayne Musarra, Sheryl O'Conner, Kim Ohlhauser, Alice Seeholzer, Rhonda Schadler, Carole Schaefer, Judi Schreiner, Schuttler family, Eileen Smith, Barbara Strohl, Jessica Swan, Torres family, Keith Wagner, family of Chad and Katy Waldorf, Janet Wilkens, Williams family, Luke Wilson, Roger & Jane Zimany, Lauletta Z.

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

Nic Baker, Brandi Culpepper, Areil Dietz, Tyler A. Germann, 1st Lt. Robert M. Heinecke, 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, Cpl. Timothy Spruytte, Cameron James Thompson-Airman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, LCpl. Erich Timm, Kesley Underwood, Kyle Underwood, Maj. Chad Waldorf - Airforce.

***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.*

**VISION STATEMENT** - Working as a supportive family of faith to extend God's gracious welcome through worship, community service, and spiritual growth opportunities

**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, 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)

# *Worship Leaders*

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<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Phil Schroeder
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Rev. Dr. Carlan Helgeson
<b>Cantor</b>	Sharon Schroeder
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Mae Haines
<b>Ushers</b>	Claude Major & Robert Rios
<b>Greeter</b>	Evelyn Galli
<b>Music Director</b>	Donna Olsen
<b>Bell Choir Directors</b>	Janet & Todd Holly
<b>Altar Guild/Greeters</b>	Gayle Howland & Noel Prettyman
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Connie Chase & Beryl Clements
<b>AV Director</b>	Art Alt
<b>Audio</b>	Guy Peeters & 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>Head counter this week</b>	Ernie Horeis

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Bell Choir Directors: Janet & Todd Holly

Sunday Services at 9:30 a.m.