



*Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus.*

*Sunday, October 1, 2023
18th Sunday after Pentecost*



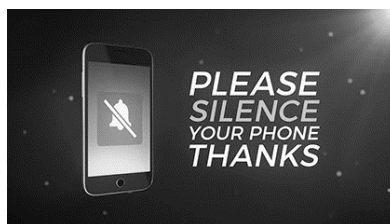
NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

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. The service is available to view anytime on the home page of our website: www.nlcww.org.

In-person attendance for last Sunday: 109



INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

CHIMES

Indicates the start of worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has shown us his extravagant mercy,
For his fountain of mercy has given us a new life.
We are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

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

GATHERING HYMN

We Are Marching in the Light Processional with Flags 866

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
 We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

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si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march - ing

oo

oo

Si - ya - ham - ba,
We are march - ing,

ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba,
march - ing, we are march - ing,

ham - ba,
march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing... We are praying... We are singing...

LITANY FOR WORLD COMMUNION

One voice: We are all one family. (English – Carlan Helgeson)

Many voices: We are all one family, made in the image of God.

One voice: 我們都是一個家庭 (Chinese - Morgan Hsieh)

Many voices: We are all one family, all over the world.

One voice: Wir sind alle eine Familie. (German – Ed Lewis)

Many voices: We are all one family, each unique and special.

One voice: Siamo tutti una famiglia. (Italian – Pastor Mattei)

Many voices: We are all one family, brothers and sisters, on one journey of faith.

One voice: พวกเราคือครอบครัวเดียวกัน (Thai – Pat Squires)

Many voices: We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREETING

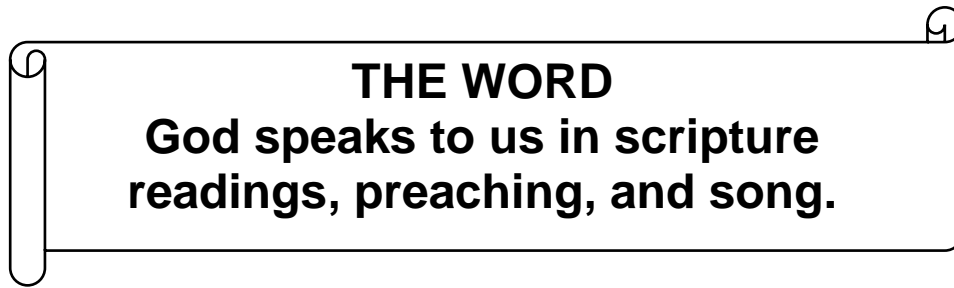
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of love, Giver of life, You know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.



SPECIAL MUSIC

At This Table

Myrin/Menzel
Chancel Choir

Children may depart for Sunday School

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF
PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

2:1-13

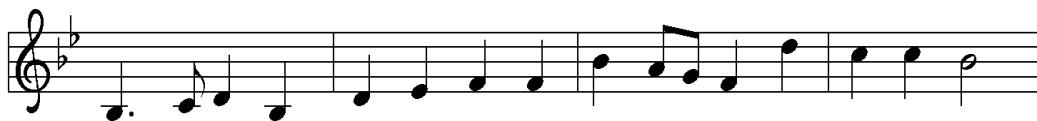
Reader: Carlan Helgeson

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to You, O Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

THE HISPANIC CREED

by Justo Gonzalez

We believe in God, the Father Almighty Creator, of the heavens and the earth, Creator of all people and all cultures, Creator of all tongues and races.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord, God made flesh in a person for all humanity, God made flesh in an age for all the ages, God made flesh in one culture for all cultures, God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit through whom God Incarnate in Jesus Christ makes his presence known in our people and our cultures; through whom, God, Creator of all that exists, gives us power to become new creatures; whose infinite gifts make us one people: the body of Christ.

We believe in the Church universal because it is a sign of God's reign, whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues, where all the colors paint a single landscape, where all tongues sing the same praise.

We believe in the reign of God—the day of the great fiesta when all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow, when all the people will join in the joyful banquet, when all the tongues of the universe will sing the same song.

And because we believe, we commit ourselves: to believe for those who do not believe, to love for those who do not love, to dream for those who do not dream, until the day when hope becomes a reality. Amen.

Stand or sit as you desire.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

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

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **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. Now you may also contribute using Venmo if you have an account or using the QR code below. For more information about these methods see today's Weekly Announcement Sheet.



Assisting Minister unveils the chalice and paten.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky, **You are the Giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION



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

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.

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

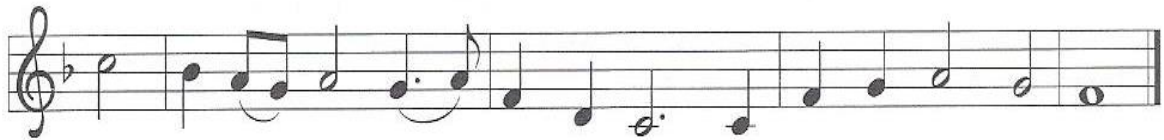
All people are called to Christ's table. Guests and friends of any age and background, come, eat what is good!

Please be seated. Follow the instructions of the ushers as you come forward. Let an usher know if you cannot come to the altar to receive communion, and we will have communion brought to you.

Lamb of God



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

496, 485, 471, 656

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.

We thank You, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the One who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



BLESSING

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
✝ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Room at The Table

video

Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on the margins,
There is room at the table for everyone.
This is where it all begins, this is how we gather in,
There is room at the table for everyone.
Too long we have wandered, burdened and undone,
There is room at the table for everyone.
Let us sing the new world in,
This is how it all begins,
There is room at the table for everyone.
There is room for us all and no gift is too small,

There is room at the table for everyone.
There's enough if we share, come on pull up a chair,
There is room at the table for everyone.
No matter who you are, no matter where you're from,
There is room at the table for everyone.
Here and now we can be the beloved community,
There is room at the table for everyone.
There is room for us all and no gift is too small,
There is room at the table for everyone.
There's enough if we share, come on pull up a chair,
There is room at the table for everyone.
There is room for us all and no gift is too small,
There is room at the table for everyone.
There's enough if we share, come on pull up a chair,
There is room at the table for everyone.
Let our hearts not be hardened to those living on the margins,
There is room at the table for everyone.
Room at the table, this is how we gather in,
Room at the table for everyone. Room at the table, Room at the table
for everyone.
Every one! Every one! Every one!

SENDING

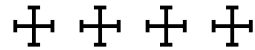
People of Nativity, what is our mission?

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Share the harvest!

Thanks be to God!



NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46

COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for fellowship in Winemiller Hall after worship service.



Flowers on the altar are given by:

Ernie Horeis

In loving memory of Lilo.

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 a vase. 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

New this week: Britтина Helgeson Guzik, Gwen and Tom Mahon and family, Judy Seidl.

Continue to pray for: Tina Anderson, Rob Anthony, Gus Aroyo, Tracey Baker, Anne & Debbie Barsumian, Carlos Bayron family, Stephen Benner, Windy and Bill Binns, Agnes Burkart, Denise Crawford, Judy Dietz, Tracy Flanders and family, Irene Froehlich, Nora Geiser, Patrick Gould, Eileen Griggs, Raymond Groetsch, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, Terry Halgren, Ron and Linda Hansen, June Heinecke, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Jim Hennessey, Kay Hill, Sandra Hill, Barbara Hofving, Hannah Hope, Joel Jensen, Brian Johnson, June Johnston, Willy K., Kevin Kehoe, Buddy Kristoferson, Kerry & Lynn Krol, Sandra Lee, Lisa Luckman, Lofgren family, Ned Long, Elaine Malone, Antonio Mattei, Mark and Wayne Musarra, Don and Suzanne Nelson, Sheryl O'Conner, Kim Ohlhauser, Oliver family, Michael Petty, Dennis Rogers, Rocco family, Rhonda Schadler, Carole Schaefer, Judi Schreiner, Schuttler family, Sirmenis family, Eileen Smith, Jordan Snyder, Barbara Strohl, Jessica Swan, Alan & Jackie Sweet, Mary Ann Szmanski, Torres family, Alice Totten, Keith Wagner, family of Chad and Katy Waldorf, Patty Werner, West family, Luke Williams, Richard Wright and family, Roger & Jane Zimany, Laoretta 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, Maj. USAF Will Lawlor, Zachary McGuire, CTT2 William Pause, Brandon Pierce, Clinton Pierce, Isaac Redmond, Andrea Roache, Joel Roberts, Cpl. Timothy Spruytte, Cameron James Thompson-Airman 3rd Class, LCpl. Erich Timm, Airman Bob Totten, 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.*

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Pastor Giuseppe Mattei
Assisting Minister	Deacon Clyde Rosten
Scripture Reader	Carlan Helgeson
Ushers	Kenny Larsen & Lou Prettyman
Crucifer	Lou Prettyman
Greeter	Evelyn Galli
Music Director	Donna Olsen
Bell Choir Directors	Janet & Todd Holly
Altar Guild	Gayle Howland & Robert Rios
Sanctuary	Connie Chase & Beryl Clements
AV Director	Art Alt
Audio	Pat Squires
Cameras	Tim Cotter, Buddy Kristoferson & Mark Major
Graphics	Diane Alt, Ed Lewis & Linda Rizzo
Video Production	Vicki Page
Head counter this week	Ernie Horeis

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)

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Sunday Services at 9:30 a.m.