



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

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Day of Pentecost*



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Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

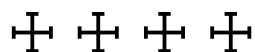
OUR VALUES STATEMENT: We recognize that we are not here by chance but are gathered together to be the church of God in Christ.

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)

VISION STATEMENT: We seek to become people who live the nativity by...

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



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

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.

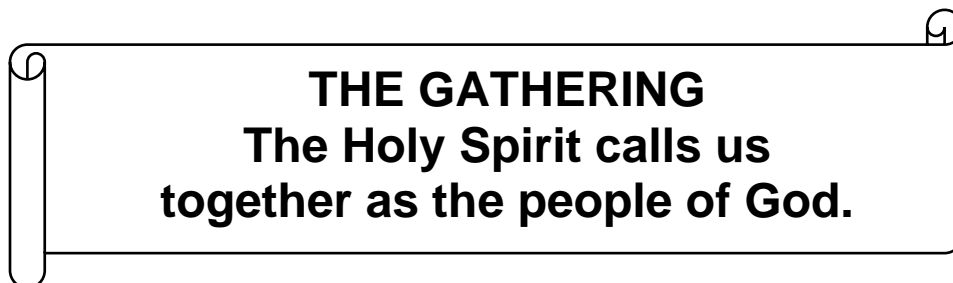
The service is available to view anytime on the home page of our website: www.nlcww.org.

In-person attendance for last Sunday: 141

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Bourree from 7th Concerto* Frederick Handel
Organist: Kathy Hackemer



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Turn to us, God of our salvation. Escort us into your truth, Lord; take us by the hand and teach us.

For You are the God of our salvation;

We have wrapped our hearts into yours all day long!

Keep showing the humble your path and lead them into the best decisions.

Bring revelation light that trains them in the truth.

(see Ps 25: 5.9, The Passion Translation-TPT version)

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

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ;
 Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul

liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
 you we praise with end - less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
 in com-mu - nion nev - er end-ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

GREETING

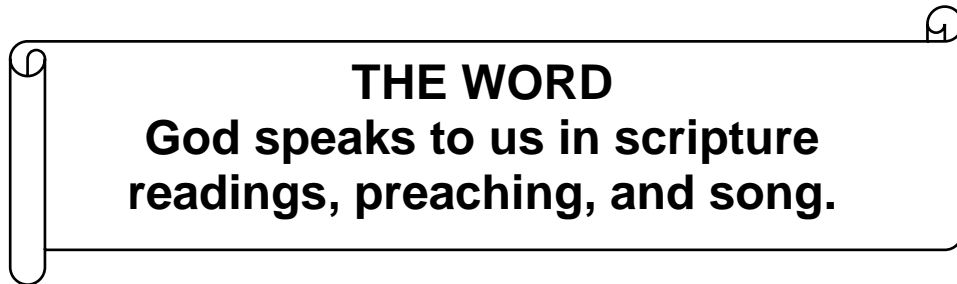
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

Please be seated.



SPECIAL MUSIC

I've Got the Joy

Sunday School Kids

Children depart for Sunday School.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Love of God

Jeff Lippencott
Soloist: Sharon Schroeder

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

2:1-21

Reader: Susan Nordstrom

PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

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

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

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

²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

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

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

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

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

³²You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

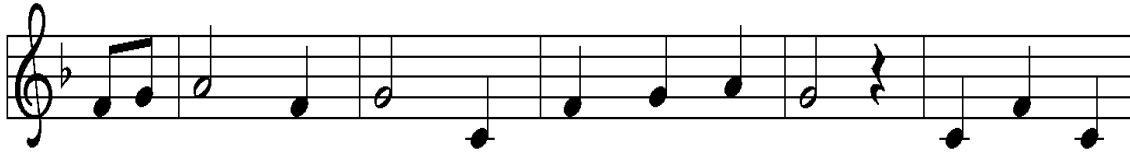
³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

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

St. John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to St. John.
Glory to You, O Lord.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Empowerment!

Pastor Phil Schroeder

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A moment of silence for reflection.

Holy God, we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only You know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* 800

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Stand or sit as you desire.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

After each petition: God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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. Now you may also contribute using Venmo or Zelle 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.

Risen One, You call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true Vine. 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'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!

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Guests and friends of any age and background, come and eat at God's table!

You may be seated. The ushers will invite each row to come to the altar. You may stand or kneel at the communion rail and receive bread and wine (or request a gluten free host and/or grape juice). 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

461, 479, 396, 499

Please stand as you are able.

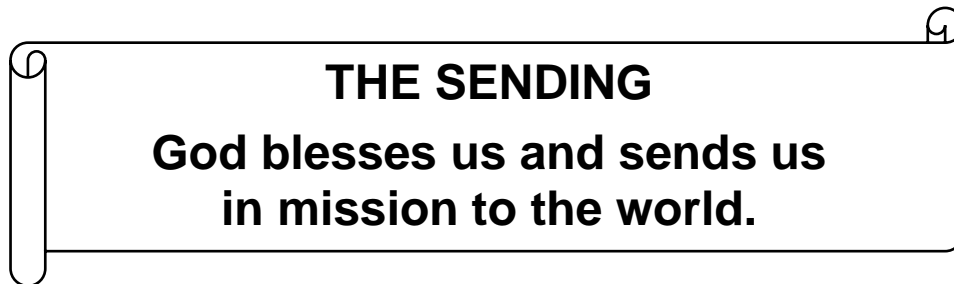
TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God, You have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy and the triumphant spirit of Jesus, our Redeemer and Friend. **Amen.**



BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✝ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Come Down, O Love Divine

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1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the year - ning strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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

Alleluia! Go in peace! Rejoice and be glad!

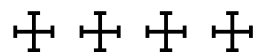
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Stand Up For Jesus

Jason Payne

Organist: Kathy Hackemer



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm: 29
Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17

COFFEE HOUR – Please join us for fellowship in Winemiller Hall after today's worship service.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

New this week: Annie Douglas, Olivia Haaland, Lou Prettyman, Gloria Wright

Continue to pray for: Tina Anderson, Rob Anthony, Gus Aroyo, Maryanne B., Tracey Baker, A & D Barsumian, Herb Baynon, Carlos Bayron family, Stephen Benner, Marlene Biachin, Windy and Bill Binns, Teresa Brady, Agnes Burkart, Cawley family, Roger Cawley, Patrick Cotter, Barb and Jim Cox, Denise Crawford, Francie Curtis, Judy Dietz, Charlton Ewell, David Farmer, Tracy Flanders and family, Irene

Froehlich, Janis & Ryan Geiger, Rich Geiser, Karin German, Terry & Judie Gibson, Larry Gilbert, Craig Gosen, Courtney Groetsch, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, Mae Haines. Terry Halgren, Ron and Linda Hansen, June Heinecke, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Glenn Heinecke, Kay Hill, Barbara Hofving, Janet Holly, Joel Jensen, Rainer Jenss, Beth Johanssen, Brian Johnson, John Johnson, June Johnston, Willy K., Kevin Kehoe, Sandi Krol, Kerry & Lynn Krol, Sandra Lee, Lisa Luckman, Lofgren family, Elaine Malone, Antonio Mattei, John Mau, Bradford McWilliams, Martha Meredith, Sharelle Miller, Amy Miller-Beckner, Mark and Wayne Musarra, Sheryl O'Conner, Kim Ohlhauser, Brian Oliver, Lisa Overs-Morton, John Persico, Noel Prettyman, Daniel Raines, Judy Reid, Steven Rizzo, Dennis Rogers, Rocco family, Janet Rosario, Angela S, Rhonda Schadler, Carole Schaefer, Nancy Schenning, Judi Schreiner, Schuttler family, Erlinda Sheridan, Tyler Shirey, Sirmenis family, Debbie, Dan & Buddy Smith, Eileen Smith, Beverly Stewart, Barbara Strohl, Jessica Swan, Alan & Jackie Sweet, Mary Ann Szmanski, Carolyn Torres, Alice Totten, Jean Tyszinski, Jim Viereck, Wagner family, family of Chad and Katy Waldorf, Matt West, Luke Williams, Willy K., Brian Yoos, Laoretta Z.

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Nic Baker, Brandi Culpepper, Private Tony D'Angelo, Areil Dietz, Tyler A. Germann, 1st Lt. Robert M. Heinecke, Maj. Matthew Henry, Colton Hill, Andria T. Hook, Jonathan Hudson, Maj. USAF Will Lawlor, Cullen McDannold, Zachary McGuire, CTT1 William Pause, Brandon Pierce, Clinton Pierce, Isaac Redmond, Andrea Roache, Joel Roberts, Cpl. Timothy Spruytte, Cameron James Thompson-Airman 3rd Class, LCpl. Erich Timm, Chief Warrant Officer 3-Adam Timmerman, Airman Bob Totten, Kesley Underwood, Kyle Underwood, Maj. Chad Waldorf - Airforce.

PRAYERS: *The list will be cleared every four weeks. If you wish to remain on the list for longer than four 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.*



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 per 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.*

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister

Pastor Phil Schroeder

Assisting Minister(s)

Deacon Charlotte Downing

Deacon Clyde Rosten

Scripture Reader

Susan Nordstrom

Ushers

Lou Prettyman & Robert Rios

Acolyte/Crucifer

Lou Prettyman

Greeters

Evelyn Galli

Music Director

Donna Olsen

Organist

Kathy Hackemer

Bell Choir Directors

Janet & Todd Holly

Altar Guild

Gayle Howland & Nancy Vangilder

Sanctuary

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Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.