



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

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Reverend Giuseppe Mattei

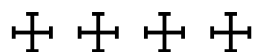
OUR VALUES STATEMENT: We recognize that we are not here by chance but are gathered together to be the church of God in Christ.

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.

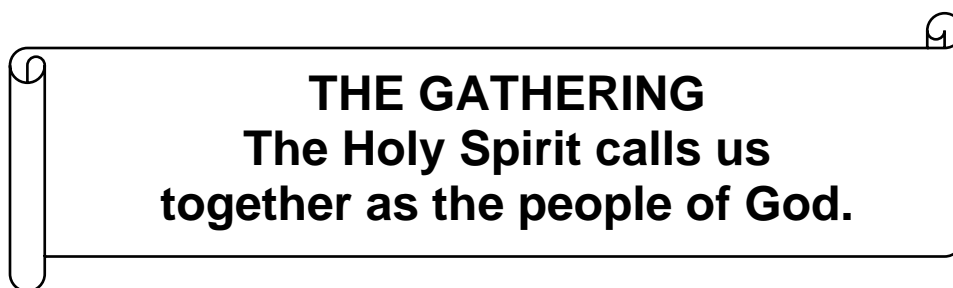
In-person attendance for last Sunday: 134

PRE-SERVICE SONG *God Bless America*

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Praise God* Martin
Organist: Kathy Hackemer



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

My heart explodes with praise to You! Now and forever my heart bows in worship to You, my King and my God!

Every day I will lift up my praise to your name with praises that will last throughout eternity.

Lord, You are great and worthy of the highest praise! For there is no end to the discovery of the greatness that surrounds You.

Generation after generation will declare more of your greatness and declare more of your glory.

(Psalm 145:1-4 – The Passion Translation)

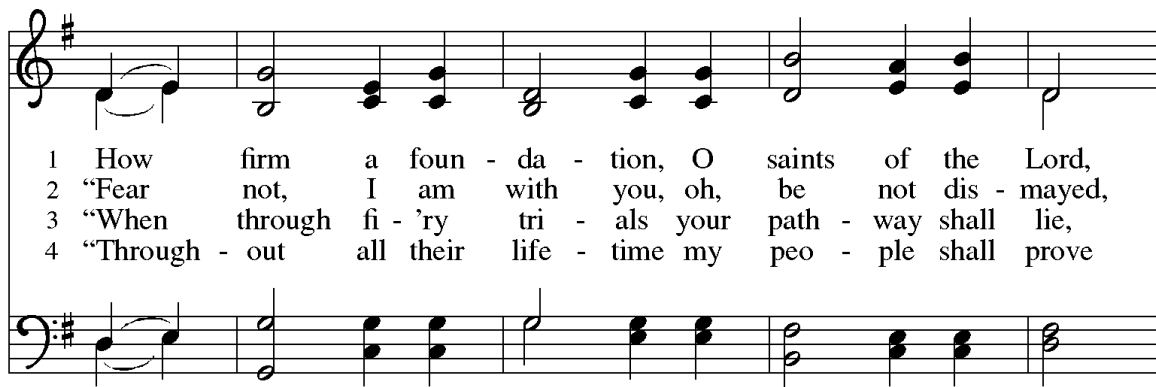
Please look toward the cross as it processes toward the altar.

GATHERING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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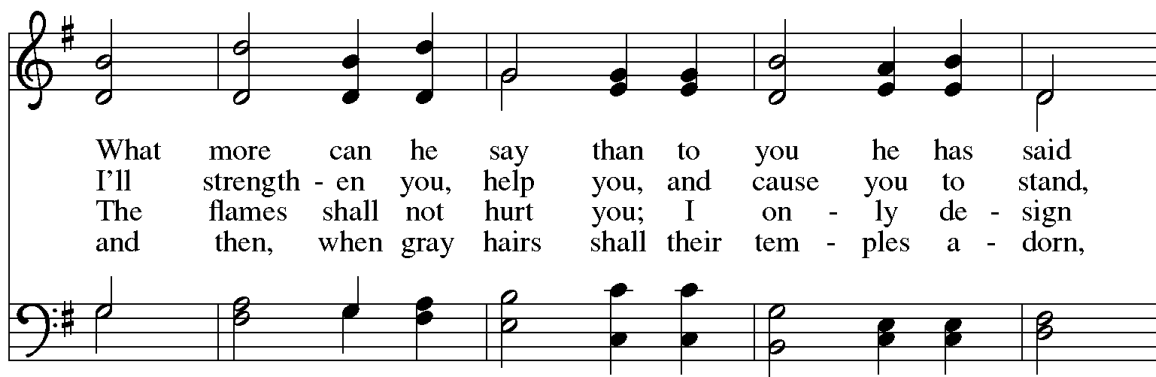
vv 1,2,3



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

GREETING

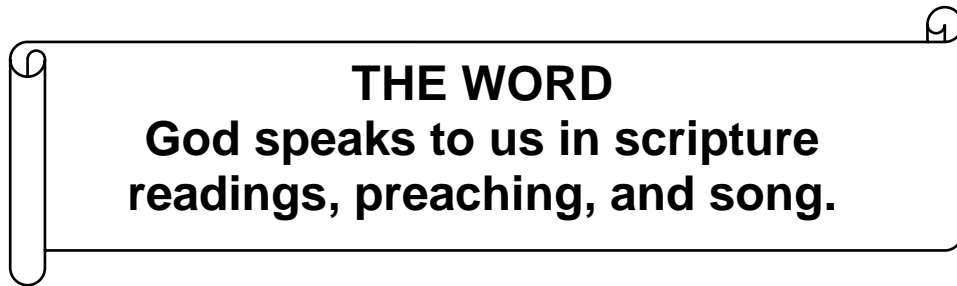
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism You call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage You gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Dear Me

Nicole Nordeman
Soloist: Gina Fell

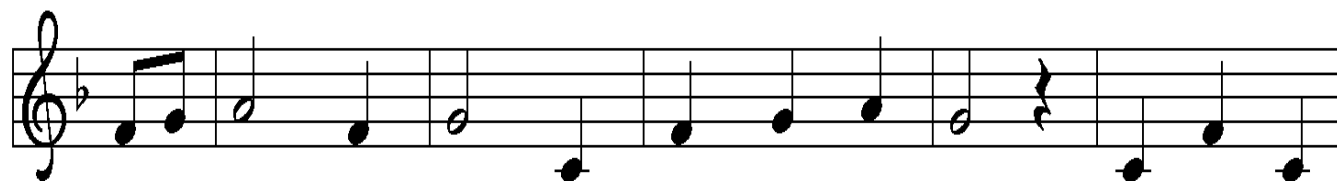
A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

12:2-10

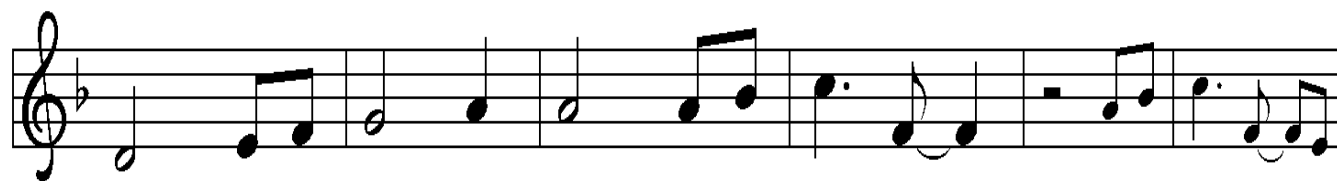
Reader: Karen Crawford

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

Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and

brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

A moment of silence for reflection.

God, our Provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of**

the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in You. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to You. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the Manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the Worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the Bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

God's Work, Our Hands

vv 1,2,4



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Stand or sit as you desire.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

After each petition: In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Jesus Christ our Savior and 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.

Jesus, Bread of life, You have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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.

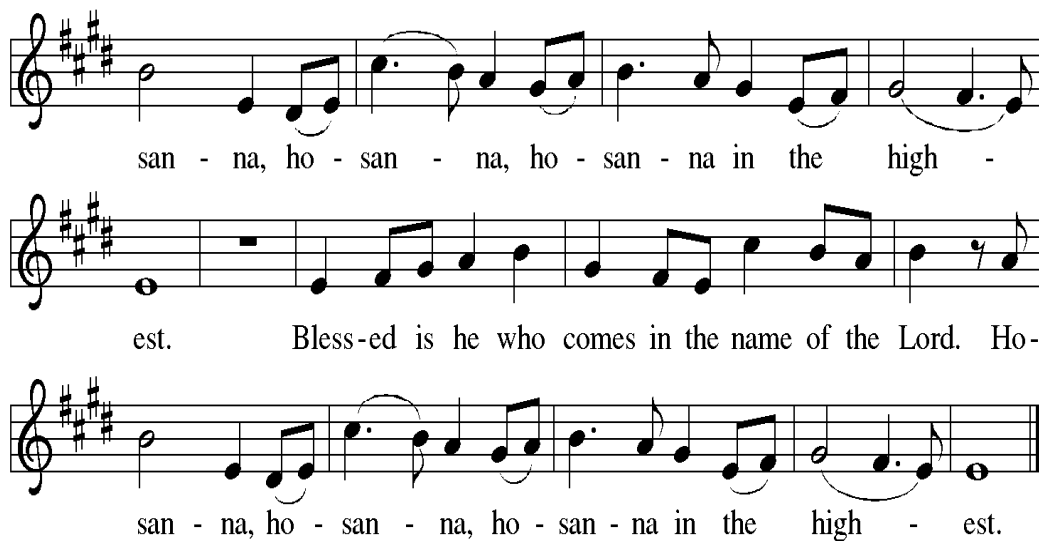
WORDS OF INSTITUTION



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

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: You we praise and glorify, You we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; You encircled the globe with air; You created fire for warmth and light; You nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, You blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, You called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful One, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to You in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, 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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. 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

579, 575, 396, 574

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.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As You have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**



Please be seated.

SENDING OF COMMUNION MINISTERS

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As You sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✝ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

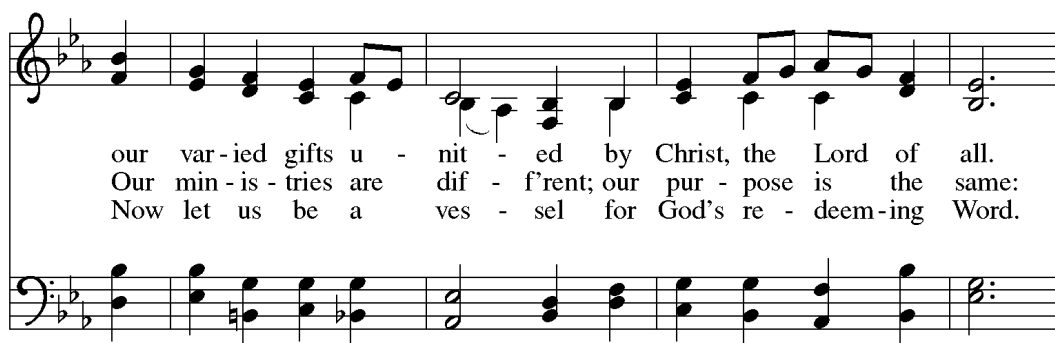
SENDING SONG

We All Are One in Mission

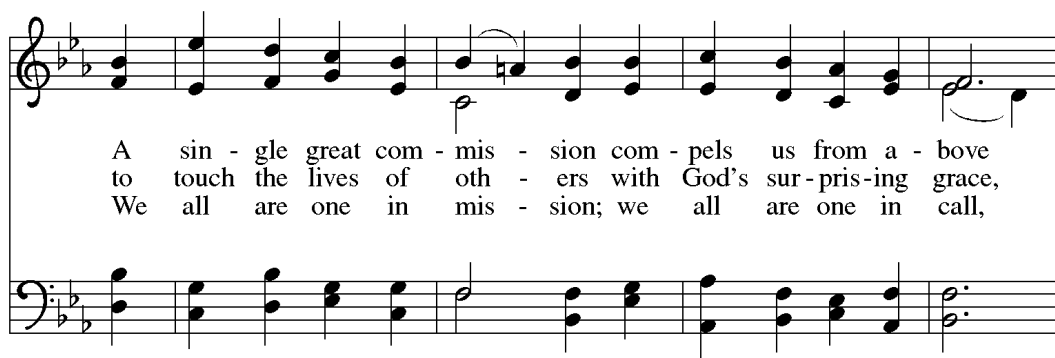
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1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



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! You are the body of Christ.

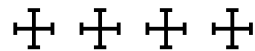
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

America, The Beautiful

Rex Koury

Organist: Kathy Hackemer



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

New this week: Carol Heinecke, Bradford Allan McWilliams, Kim Ohlhauser, Mary Sandvik, Patrick Sandvik

Continue to pray for: Tina Anderson, Rob Anthony, Maryanne B., Matthew Barthle, Herb Baynon, Carlos Bayron family, Stephen Benner,

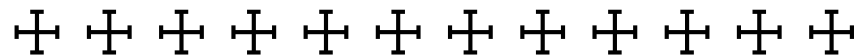
Marlene Biachin, Windy and Bill Binns, Paul Todd Brown, Iris Brunner, Agnes Burkart, Roger Cawley, Joyce Colombo, Patrick Cotter, Barb and Jim Cox, Denise Crawford, Curry family, Judy Dietz, Annie Douglas, Deanne Dullea, Charlton Ewell, David Farmer, Tracy Flanders and family, Irene Froehlich, Janis & Ryan Geiger, Rich Geiser, Karin German, Terry & Judie Gibson, Courtney Groetsch, Olivia Haaland, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, Mae Haines, Terry Halgren, Ron and Linda Hansen, Emmet Heideman, June Heinecke, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Glenn Heinecke, Kay Hill, Barbara Hofving, Todd Holly, Janet Holly, Klaus Horstmann, Joel Jensen, Rainer Jenss, Beth Johanssen, Brian Johnson, John Johnson, June Johnston, Willy K., Kevin Kehoe, Sandi Krol, Kerry & Lynn Krol, Rachel-niece of Mary Krol, Sandra Lee, Lofgren family, Elaine Malone, Antonio Mattei, Raina McDannold, Sally Miller, Sharelle Miller, Mark and Wayne Musarra, Susan Nordstrom, Sheryl O'Conner, Kim Ohlhauser, Oliver family, Lisa Overs-Morton, Noel Prettyman, Daniel Raines, Judy Reid, Dennis Rogers, Rocco family, Janet Rosario, Angela S, Rhonda Schadler, Carole Schaefer, Judi Schreiner, Erlinda Sheridan, Tyler Shirey, Sirmenis family, Debbie, Dan & Buddy Smith, Eileen Smith, Sally Spray, Barbara Strohl, John Sunnuto, Jessica Swan, Alan & Jackie Sweet, Mary Ann & Tom Szmanski, Mike Thrasher, Carolyn Torres, Alice Totten, Jim Viereck, family of Chad and Katy Waldorf, West family, Luke Williams, Brian Yoos, Christopher Younger, Lauretta 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 are given by:

Noel & Lou Prettyman,
Jodi & Gina Fell

In memory of their son/
little brother, Owen.

Dave Ristau

In memory of his mother.

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 Giuseppe Mattei
Assisting Minister	Deacon Charlotte Downing
Scripture Reader	Karen Crawford
Ushers	Gwen Mahon & Lou Prettyman
Acolyte/Crucifer	Lou Prettyman
Greeters	Evelyn Galli
Music Director	Donna Olsen
Bell Choir Directors	Janet & Todd Holly
Altar Guild	Connie Chase & Suzanne Chelf
Sanctuary	Gayle Howland and Gwen Mahon
AV Director	Art Alt
Audio	Pat Squires
Cameras	Tim Cotter & Mark Major
Graphics	Diane Alt, Ed Lewis & Linda Rizzo
Video Production	Vicki Page
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Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.