



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

*Sunday, August 31, 2025
12th Sunday after Pentecost
A Healing & Reconciliation Service*



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

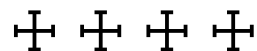


OUR VALUES STATEMENT: We recognize that we are not here by chance but are gathered together to be the church of God in Christ.

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). Therefore, we welcome all people, regardless of religious office, position, possessions, education, race, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, mental ability, physical ability or other distinctions; and work to promote anti-racism. (Adopted 4/6/25)

VISION STATEMENT: *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*.

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 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 after 3:00pm on Sundays.

In-person attendance for last Sunday: 121

PLEASE MAKE SURE CELL PHONES ARE SILENCED.

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

You Are Mine

Mark Hayes



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

Rise up, O Judge of the earth;

give to the proud what they deserve!

O Lord, how long shall the wicked exult?

They crush your people, O Lord, and afflict your heritage.

They kill the widow and the stranger; they murder the orphan,
and they say, “The Lord does not see; the God of Jacob does not perceive.”

But the Lord will not forsake nor abandon God’s creation;

for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it. (Psalm 94)

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

GATHERING HYMN *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* 617
vv 1,3,5

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

PASTORAL 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.

O God, You resist those who are proud... our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

**God speaks to us in scripture
readings, preaching, and song.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Hear, O Lord,
the Sound of My Voice*

Clark Kimberling
Soloist: Al Wright

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

13:1-8, 15-16

Reader: Mae Haines

PSALM 112

Led by Mae Haines

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

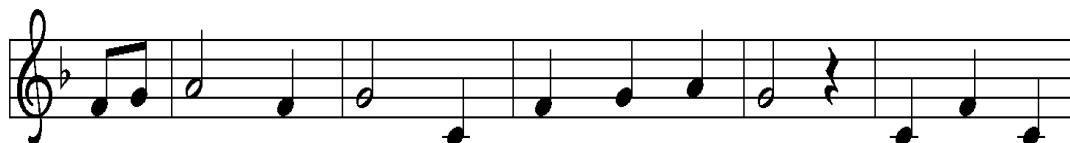
⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their
teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

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 according to Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

MEDITATION AND SACRED SILENCE

PSALM 5

To my words give ear, O Lord, give heed to my groaning. Attend to the sound of my cries, my King and my God.

It is You whom I invoke, O Lord. In the morning You hear me; in the morning I offer You my prayer, watching and waiting.

You are no God who loves evil; no sinner is your guest. The boastful shall not stand their ground before your face.

You hate all who do evil: You destroy all who lie. The deceitful and bloodthirsty man the Lord detests.

But I through the greatness of your love have access to your house. I bow down before your holy temple, filled with awe.

Lead me, Lord, in your justice, because of those who lie in wait; make clear your way before me.

No truth can be found in their mouths, their heart is all mischief, their throat a wide-open grave, all honey their speech.

All those You protect shall be glad and ring out their joy. You shelter them; in You they rejoice, those who love your name.

It is You who bless the just man, Lord: you surround him with favor as with a shield.

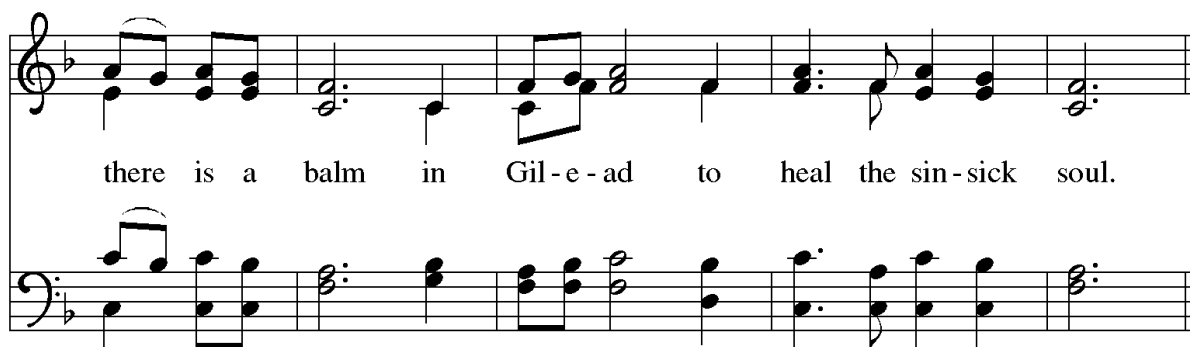
Psalm-Prayer

Lord, all justice and all goodness come from You; You hate evil and abhor lies. Lead us, your servants, in the path of your justice, so that all who hope in You may rejoice with the Church and in Christ.

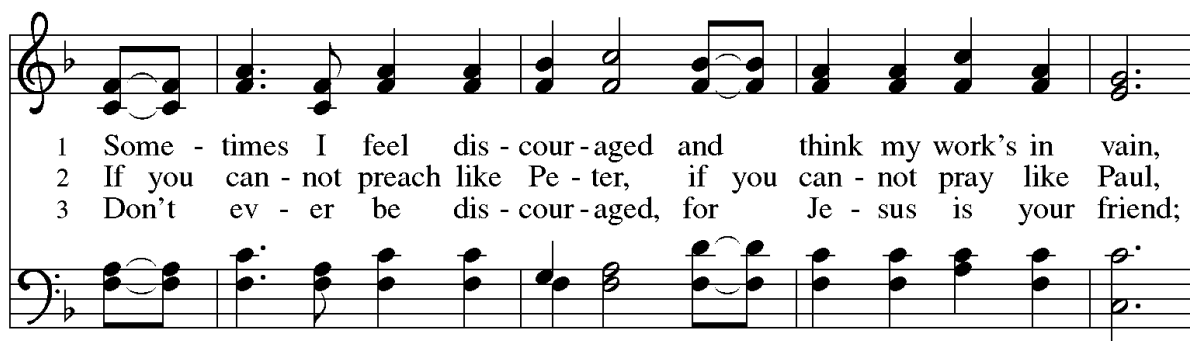
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Refrain

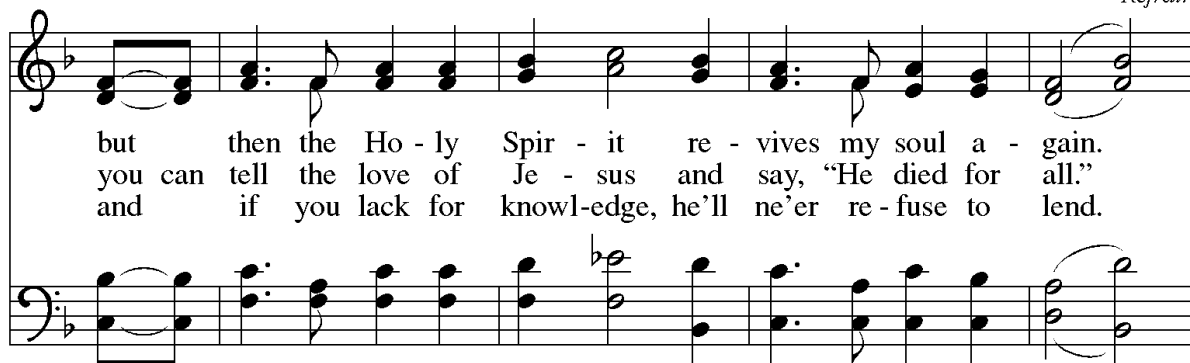

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain


but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Please be seated.

HEALING SERVICE

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing —with prayer and the laying on of hands.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come at your own pace when you are ready and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands approach the communion rail and kneel if able.

When all have been prayed over, the group stands for a blessing.

After the blessing, those at the communion rail may return to their seats.

When the last group has been prayed over, the whole congregation stands.

BLESSING FOR THE WHOLE CONGREGATION

Almighty God, who is a strong Tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

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

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the One who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our Wisdom and Companion. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

You may offer your neighbor a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY

You may place your offering in the offering basket by the baptismal font, or bring/mail to the office during the week. You may also donate on-line at <https://www.nlcww.org>, or on our Facebook page. You may also contribute using Venmo or Zelle if you have an account or use the QR code below. For more information about these methods see today's Weekly Announcement Sheet.



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, **we give thanks to You that You illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of**

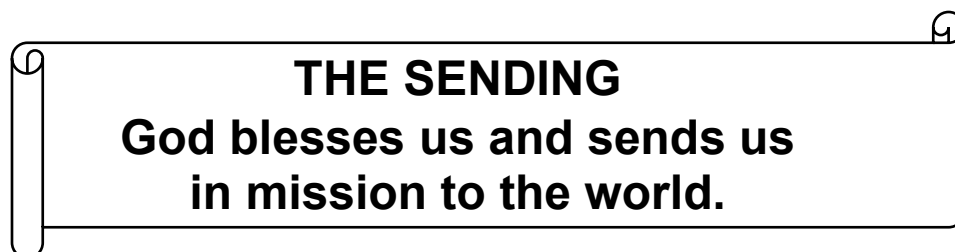
others, and at the end bring all the world to You; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

Let us pray the prayer Christ himself taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.



BLESSING

God, the Source of glory, God, the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth bless us all, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Spirit Song

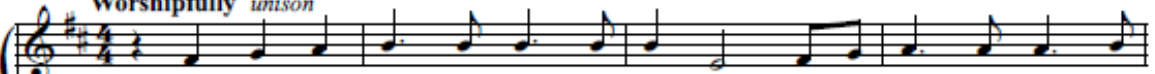
O let the Son of God enfold you

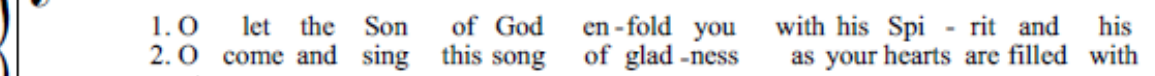
(Spirit Song)


John Wimber, 1979

John Wimber
organ arr. Raymond Luckhurst

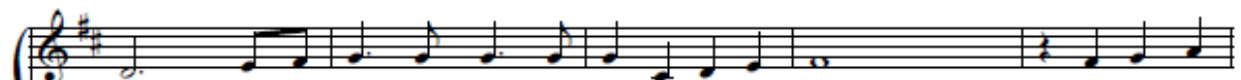
Worshipfully unison

(solo) 


Organ 

(chorus) 


1. O let the Son of God en-fold you with his Spi - rit and his
2. O come and sing this song of glad-ness as your hearts are filled with



love; let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul; O let him
joy; lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to his name; O give him




have the things that hold you and his Spi - rit like a dove, will de -
all your tears and sad ness, give him all your years of pain, and you'll

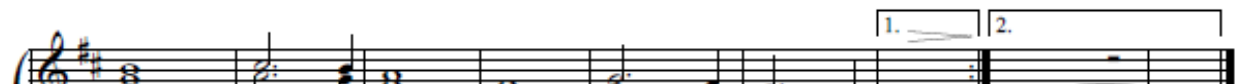


scend up-on your life and make you whole.
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

Refrain harmony

(chorus) 

Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and fill our lives.



Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and fill our lives. ...lives.

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 forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Allegro Vivace

John Stanley

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NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm: 1
Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

New this week: Maggie Kull

Continue to pray for: Brian Albright, Killian Ash, Anne B, Carlos B, Eric Vincent Baez, Tracy Baker, Frani Barnes, Betty Barnhart, Jimmy Barrett, Maria Baynon, Baynon family, Herb Baynon, Windy Binns, Robert Bonesteel, Ruth Brellenthin, Paul Todd Brown, Denise Brown, Iris Brunner, Agnes Burkart, Canea family, C.J. & Colleen, Karen Chipko, Patti Cotter, Karen Crawford, Denise Crawford, Dominik Desormeaux, Judy Dietz, Charlotte Downing, JoAnn Faulkner, Gavin, Jenna, & Ben Felder, Flower family, Geiser family, Vicki Goers, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, Terry Halgren,

D. Hambaugh, Toni Hamilton, June Heinecke, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Glenn Heinecke, Kay Hill, Sandra Hill, Barbara Hofving, Dawn Houdek, Jay Jensen, Brian Johnson, June Johnston, Sue Kardasz, Willy K, Karen family, Finn Katona and family, Judy Kortier, Stephanie Krepshaw, Debra Leinenger, Kim Macloud, Bob Maday, Mallory, Elaine Malone, Antonio Mattei, Raina McDannold, Bradford Allen McWilliams, Jackie Meyer, Mark and Wayne Musarra, Eva Mydland, Kelly Oliver, Oliver family, Michele Oliver, Lou Prettyman, Barbara Prochilo, Mary Reber, Rinehart family, Rocco family, Dennis Rogers, Nancy Salzbach, Robert Sanders, John Sannuto, Sirmenis family, Eileen Smith, Alice Totten, Nancy Vangilder, Antonio Vaznelis, Ralph Warner, Lauren West, West family, Ginger Wielk, Art Worden, Christopher Younger, Eileen and Carol and Jason

PRAYERS FOR OUR LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Nic Baker, Brandi Culpepper, Private Tony D'Angelo, Areil Dietz, Maj. Matthew Henry, Colton Hill, Brandon Holt-Chief Warrant Officer 3, Andria T. Hook, Jonathan Hudson, Perry Langbein, Maj. USAF Will Lawlor, Cullen McDannold, Zachary McGuire, US Navy 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 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. 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	Rev. Giuseppe Mattei
Assisting Minister	Steve Miller
Scripture Reader	Mae Haines
Ushers	Gwen Mahon & Nina Vaznelis
Acolyte/Crucifer	Robert Rios
Greeter(s)	Evelyn Galli
Music Director	Donna Olsen
Altar Guild	Gayle Howland & Linda Russo
Sanctuary	Connie Chase & Beryl Clements
AV Director	Art Alt
Audio	Pat Squires
Cameras	Tim Cotter & Mark Major
Graphics	Diane Alt, Francesca Bugini, Ed Lewis & Linda Rizzo
Video Production	Vicki Page
Head counter this week	Ernie Horeis
Data Entry	Gwen Mahon

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