



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

*Sunday, October 12, 2025
18th Sunday after Pentecost*



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 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: 137

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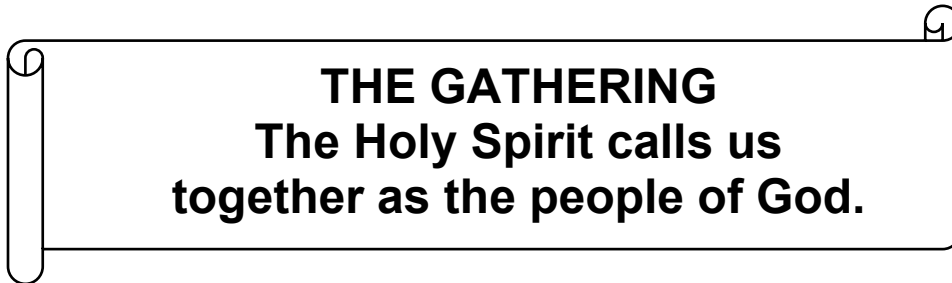
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Cantad El Senor

Susan Geschke
Nativity Ringers



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

The word of the Lord is upright, and all God's work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of God,

for God spoke, and it came to be; God commanded, and it stood firm.

Our soul waits for the Lord; God is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in God because we trust in God's holy name.

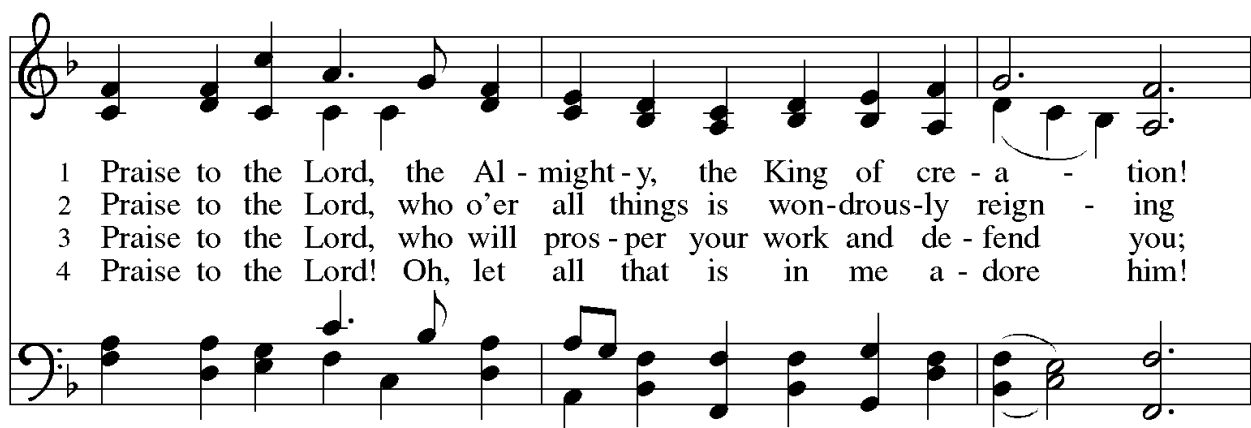
Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You. (*Psalm 33:4-5.8-9.20-22*)

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

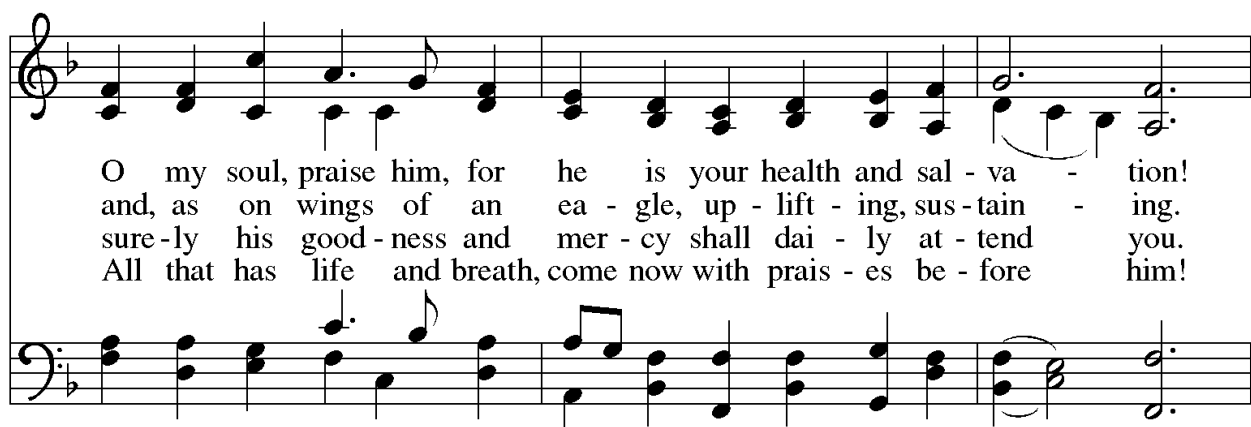
GATHERING HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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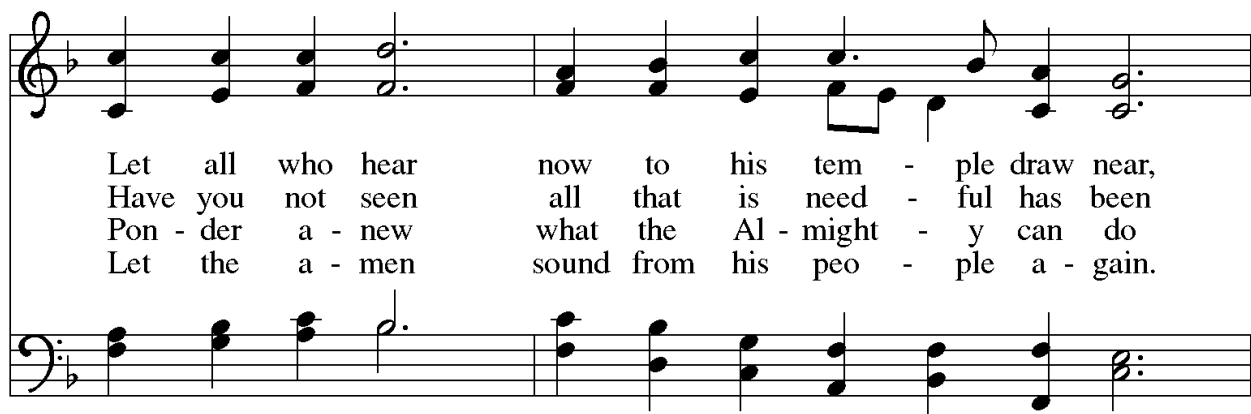
vv. 1,2,4



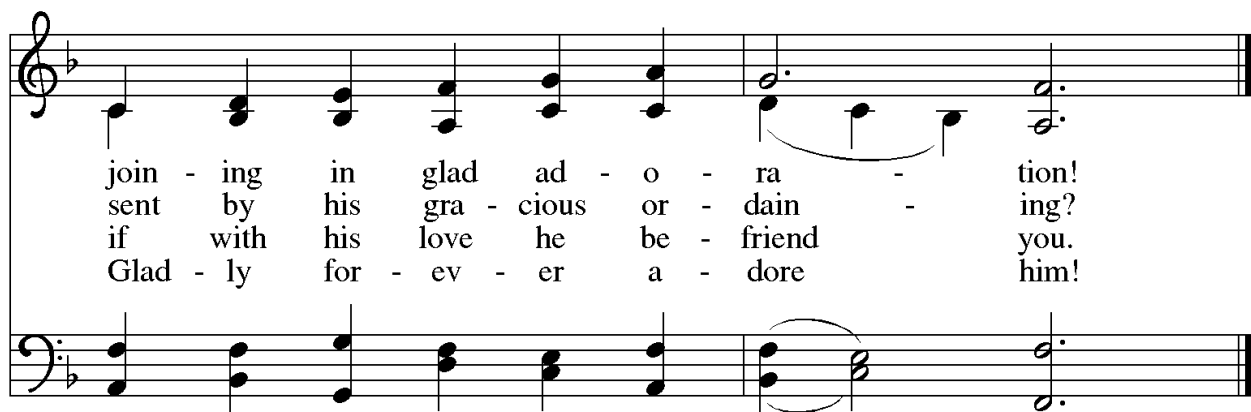
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

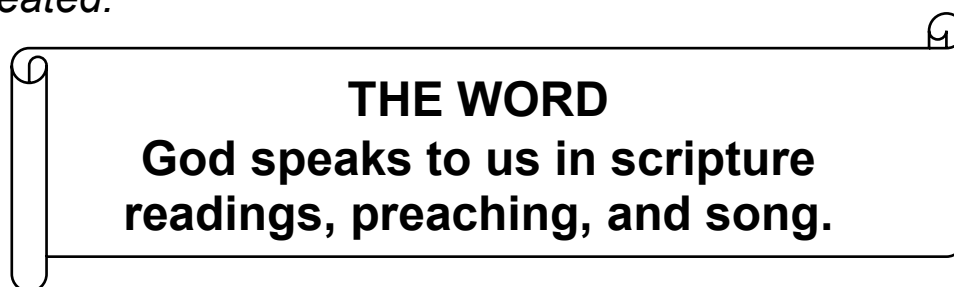
PASTORAL GREETING

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

Almighty and most merciful God... our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.



SPECIAL MUSIC

Indescribable

Chris Tomlin
Soloist: Gina Fell

CHILDREN'S TIME

Janet Jones

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

2:8-15

Reader: Sharon Schroeder

PSALM 111

Led by Sharon Schroeder

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

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.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON *The Leprosy of Ingratitude*

Pastor Phil Schroeder

Please stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

A moment of silence for reflection.

Merciful God, You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. **You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life You offer.** You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. **In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Thank We All Our God

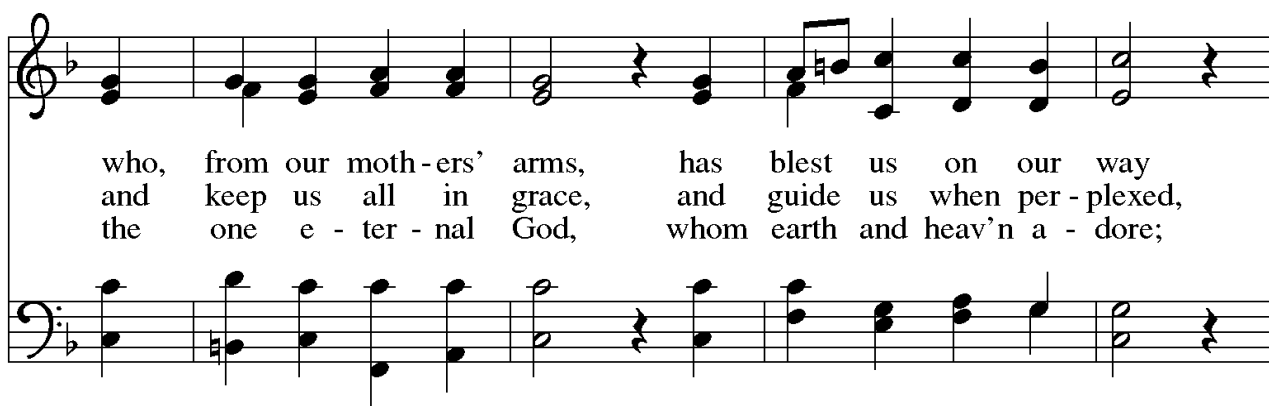
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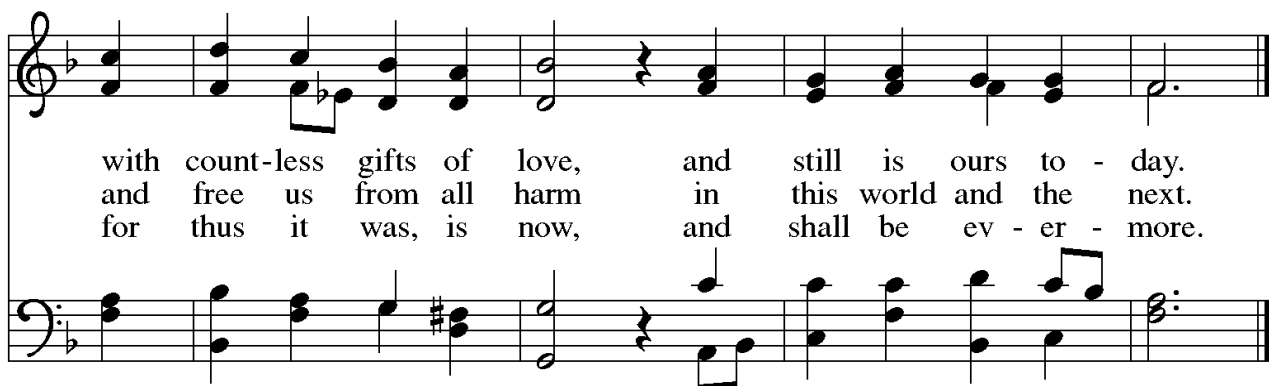
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever-more.

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

After each petition: God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

You may offer your neighbor a sign of peace.

THE MEAL

**God feeds us with the presence
of Jesus Christ.**

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.



Assisting Minister unveils the chalice and paten.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Creator God, in your wisdom You bring forth all that is good, and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

PREFACE



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give You thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom You sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from You, through whom You created all things, and in whom You take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary. **He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for You a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust You.**

He is the one who, handed over... in your holy church, both 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 kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice! Guests and friends of any age and background, take your place at the 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

Oh, How He Loves You and Me
His Name Is Wonderful

Oh, How He Loves You and Me (Key of G with Chords)

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us." 1 John 3:16 (NIV)

Kurt Kaiser

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♩ = 100 G/D D Am/D G/D D Am/D G/D D Am/D D7 G G C/G

ff **f** **mf** **mp** **p**

1. Oh, how He
2. Je - sus to

loves you and me.
Cal - v'ry did go,

mp **mf** **f**

Oh, how He loves you and me;
His love for man-kind to show;
He gave His
What He did

life, what **mf** more could He give? **mp** Oh, how He loves you; **mf** Oh, how He loves me;
there brought hope from de - spair. Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;

♩ = 90 **♩ = 80**

f **mf**

Oh, how He loves you and me!
Oh, how He loves you and me!

(repeat for 2nd verse)

His Name Is Wonderful

Audrey Mieir

"His name shall be called Wonderful." Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

Audrey Mieir

$\text{♩} = 100$

ff *p*

His name is
He is the

10 *mf* *f* *1mf*

Won-der-ful, might-y King, His name is Mas-ter of Won-der-ful, His name is Wonderful, Je-sus, my Lord

17 *2. mf* *f*

Je-sus, my Lord. He's the great Shep-herd, the Rock of all a-ges, Al-might-y God is

25 *mp* *mf* *f*

He. Bow down be-fore Him, love and a-dore Him His name is Won-der-ful,

$\text{♩} = 80$

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Je-sus, my Lord.

COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

The Assisting Minister puts away the communion trays and covers the paten and chalice.

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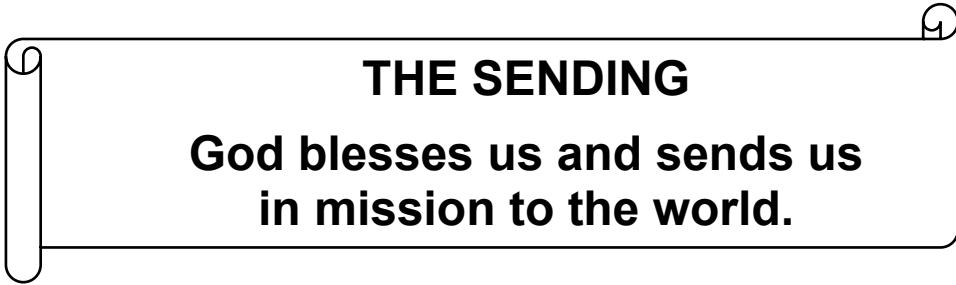
TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God, You gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.



THE SENDING

**God blesses us and sends us
in mission to the world.**

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✝ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* 857 (2x)



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es. I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.'

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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

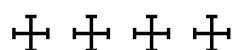
Go in peace! Live by the Spirit!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

G.F Handel



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm: 121
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8

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

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

New this week: Beryl Clements, Patrick Gould

Continue to pray for: Brian Albright, Tom Anderson, Killian Ash, Anne B, Carlos B, Eric Vincent Baez, Tracy Baker, Frani Barnes, Jimmy Barrett, Maria Baynon, Baynon family, Herb Baynon, Windy Binns, Robert Bonesteel, Ruth Brellenthin, Paul Todd Brown, Agnes Burkart, Canea family, Stacy Christian, C.J. & Colleen, Karen Chipko, Patti Cotter, Denise Crawford, Dominik Desormeaux, Judy Dietz, JoAnn Faulkner, Gavin, Jenna, & Ben Felder, Flower 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, Linda Hrab, Jay Jensen, Brian Johnson, Sue Kardasz, Willy K, Karen family, Finn Katona and family, Judy Kortier, Stephanie Krepshaw, Maggie Kull, Debra Leinenger, Kim Macloud, Bob Maday, Mallory, Elaine Malone, Antonio Mattei, Terri McBride, 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, Carole Schaefer, Shaun, Sirmenis family, Kathy Swank, Jackie & Alan Sweet, Alice Totten, Nancy Vangilder, Antonio Vaznelis, Ralph Warner, Lauren West, West family, Ginger Wielk, 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, Isaac Furr-Army, 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	Pastor Phil Schroeder
Assisting Minister	Deacon Charlotte Downing
Communion Assistant	Robert Rios
Scripture Reader	Sharon Schroeder
Ushers	Wayne Morris
Acolyte/Crucifer	
Greeter(s)	Evelyn Galli
Music Director	Donna Olsen
Organist	Kathy Hackemer
Altar Guild	Linda Russo & Patti Werner
Sanctuary	Connie Chase & Beryl Clements
AV Director	Art Alt
Audio	Pat Squires
Cameras	Mark Major
Graphics	Diane Alt, Francesca Bugini, Ed Lewis & Linda Rizzo
Video Production	Vicki Page
Head counter this week	Pat Squires
Data Entry	Barbara Crisanti

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Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.



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