



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

*Sunday, October 19, 2025  
19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nlcww.org).

**In-person attendance for last Sunday: 118**

***PLEASE MAKE SURE CELL PHONES ARE SILENCED.***

**CHIMES**

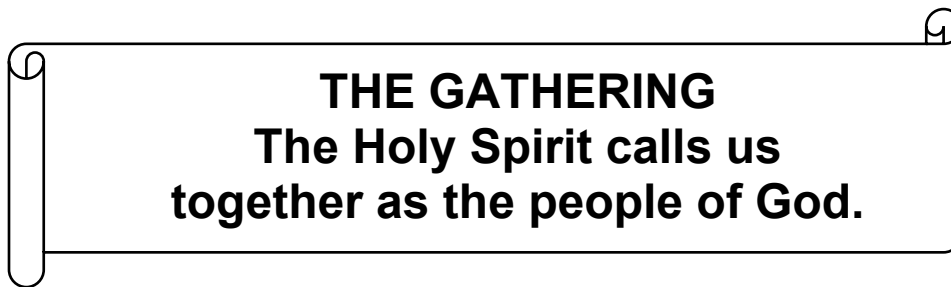
**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Chaconne*

Robert Powell

Organist: Kathy Hackemer



*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** *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*

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1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and  
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and  
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to  
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to  
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.  
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a strong emphasis on the lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines in both hands.

## 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

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people... our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Do Lord*

Sunday School Children

## A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

**3:14-4:5**

Reader: Steve Miller

## PSALM 121

Led by Steve Miller

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup> **My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup> **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup> the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

- <sup>6</sup> **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

*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

**Luke 18:1-8**

The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Please stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*A moment of silence for reflection.*

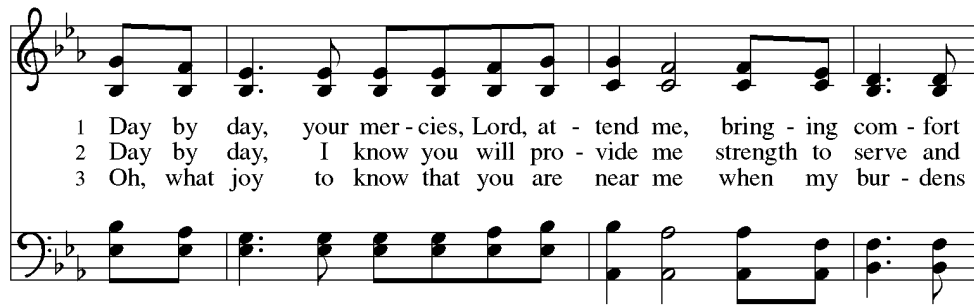
Merciful God, You free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. **You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life You offer.** You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. **In your 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**

*Day by Day*

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1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



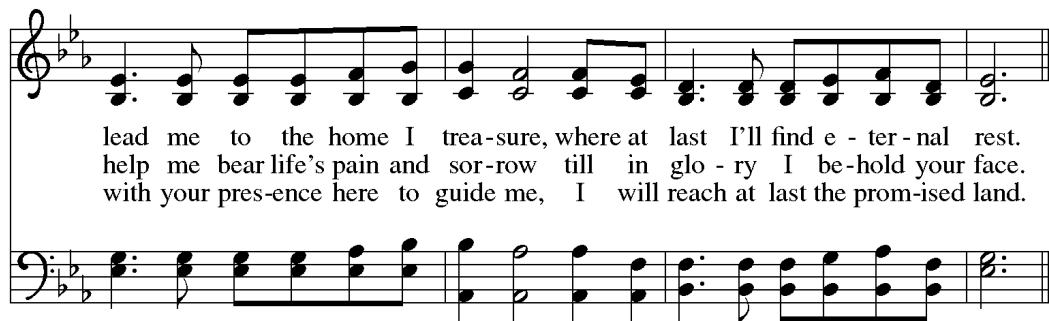
to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.



## **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... 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. Each row may come to the altar starting with the front row and progressing to the back. 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

As The Deer  
I Surrender All

# AS THE DEER

JoeHarrisMusic  
Guitar Tab Arrangement

Words and Music by  
MARTIN NYSTROM

Slowly

D A/C# Bm D/A G A7 D

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af-ter Thee.  
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er, e-ven though\_ You are a King.  
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver, on-ly You\_ can sat-is-ify.

D A/C# Bm D/A G A7 D

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire\_ and I long to wor-ship Thee.  
I love You more than an-y oth-er, so much more than an-y-thing.  
You a-lone are the real joy giv-er, and the ap-ple of my eye.

Bm G D G Em

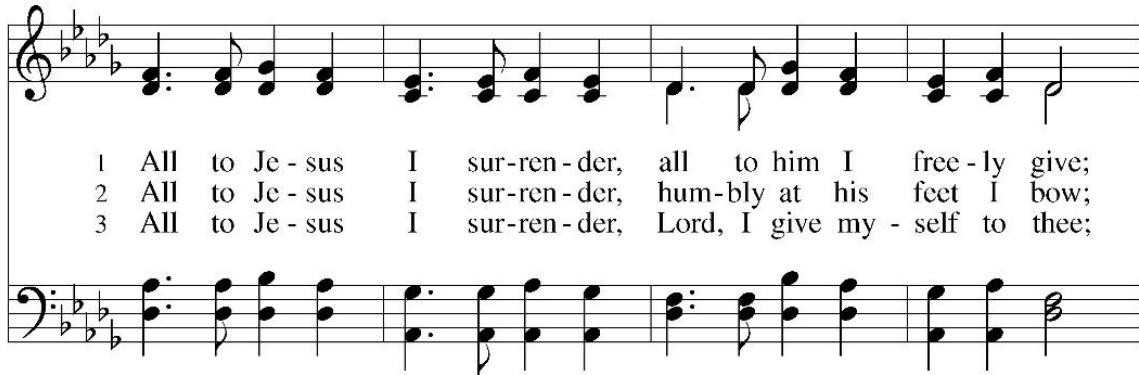
You a-lone are my strength, my shield; to You a-lone, may my spir-it

F#7 D A/C# Bm D/A G A7 D

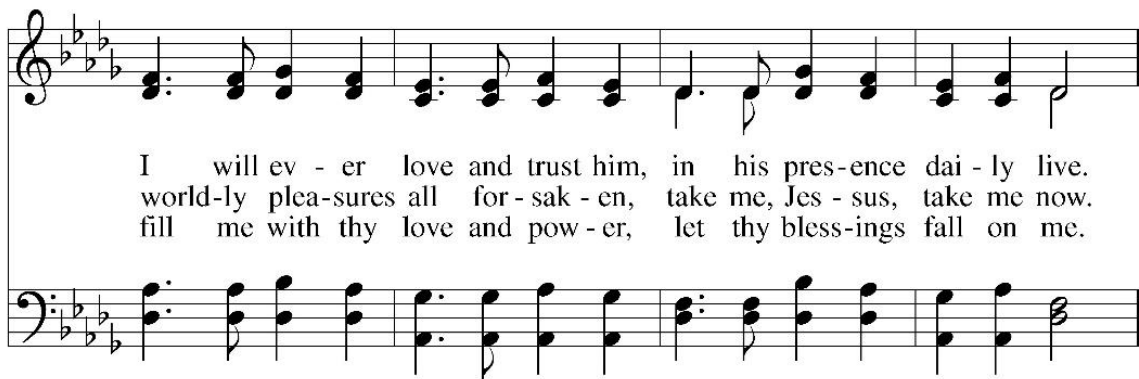
yield. You a-lone are my heart's de-sire\_ and I long to wor-ship Thee.

# All to Jesus I Surrender

## *I Surrender All*



1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;  
 2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, hum-bly at his feet I bow;  
 3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

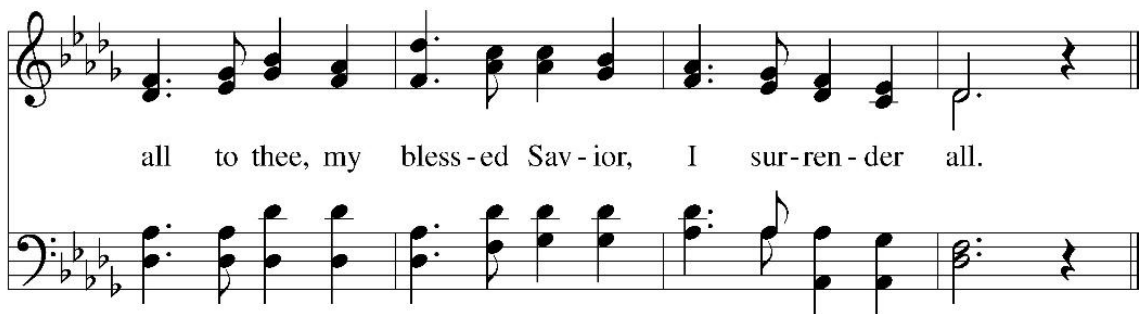


I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.  
 world-ly plea-sures all for-sak - en, take me, Jes - sus, take me now.  
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ings fall on me.

*Refrain*



I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all,  
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,



all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

## COMMUNION MEDITATION MUSIC

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

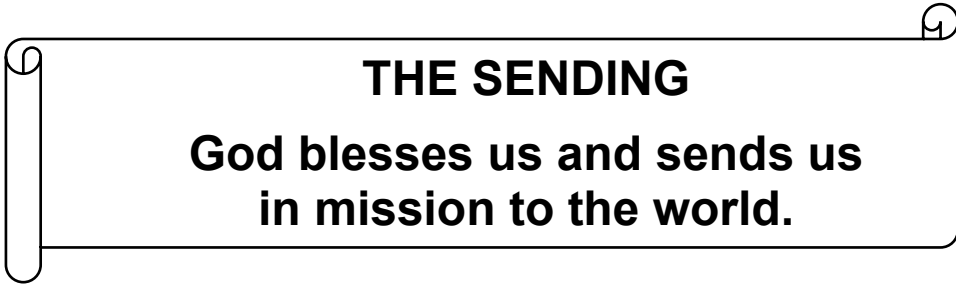
## TABLE BLESSING

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.**

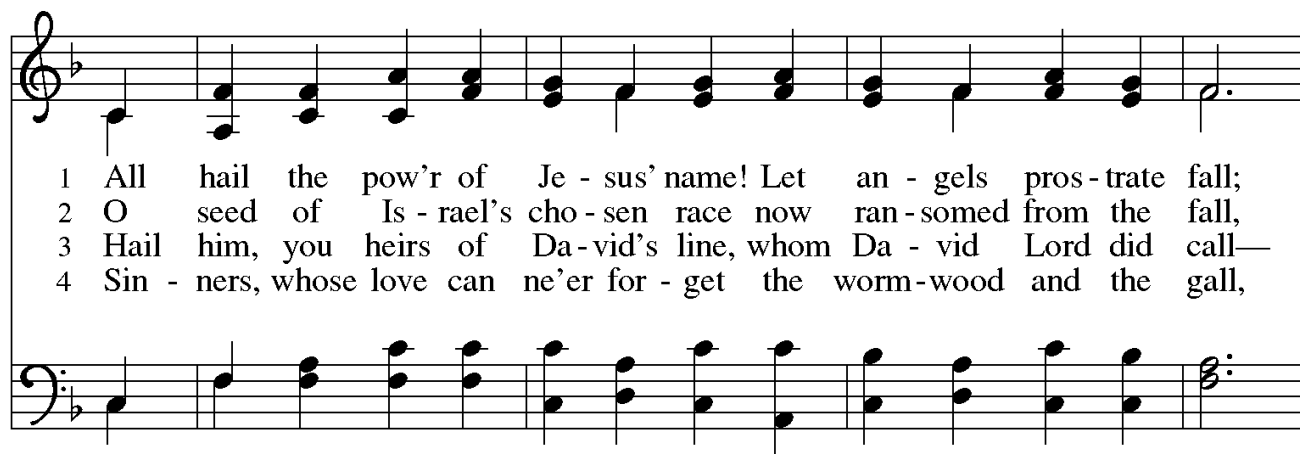
## BLESSING

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.**

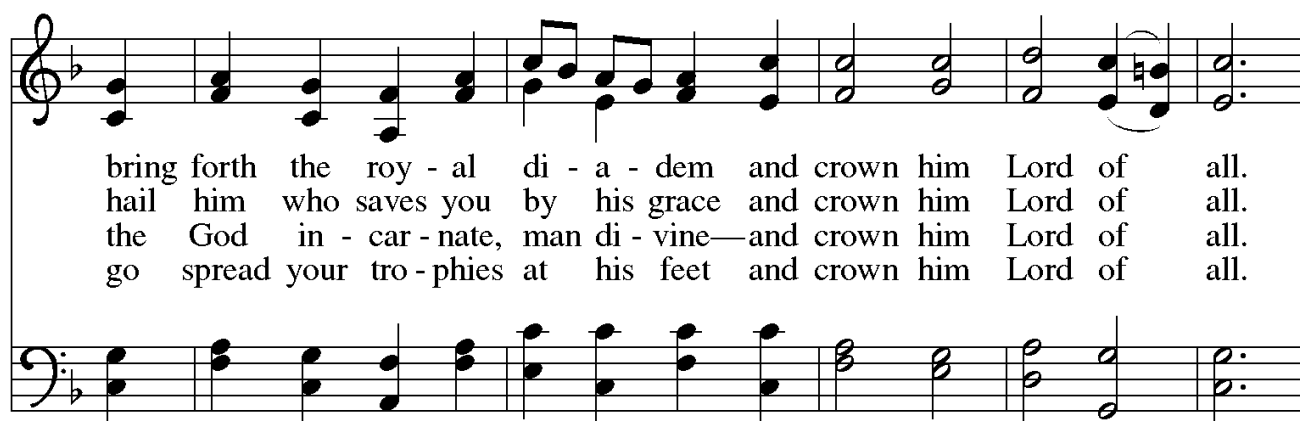


# SENDING SONG *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* 634

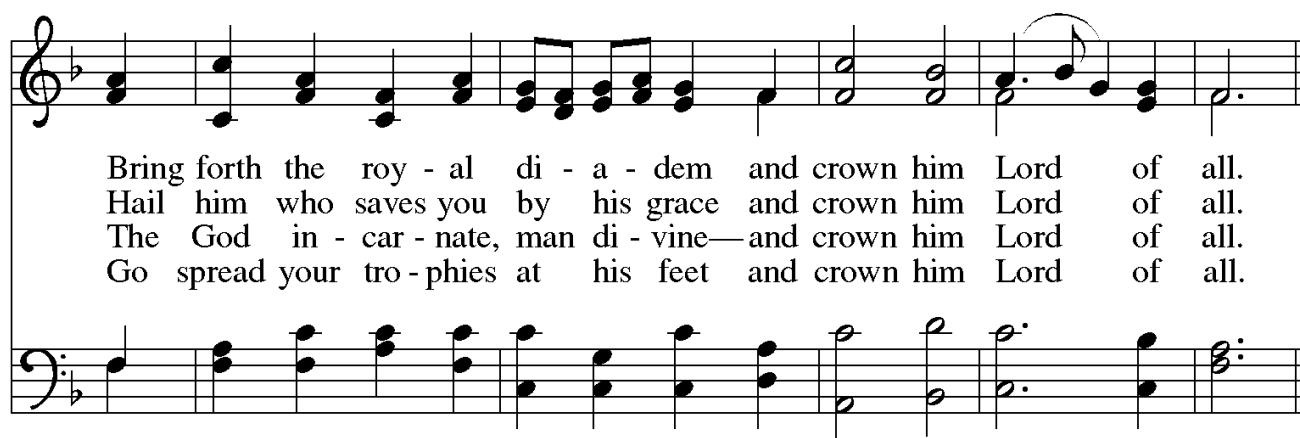
vv 1,5,6



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him 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! Live by the Spirit!

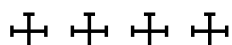
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Recessional in C*

Douglas Wagner

Organist: Kathy Hackemer



## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Jeremiah 31:31-34 | Psalms: 46   |
| Romans 3:19-28    | John 8:31-36 |

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

## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

***New this week:*** Betty Lou Bernhardt, Howard Williams

***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, Beryl Clements, Patti Cotter, Denise Crawford, Dominik Desormeaux, Judy Dietz, JoAnn Faulkner, Gavin, Jenna, & Ben Felder, Flower family, Vicki Goers, Patrick Gould, 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 Krepschaw, 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, 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 the service.*

## ***Worship Leaders***

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>     | Rev. Giuseppe Mattei                                   |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>     | Deacon Charlotte Downing                               |
| <b>Scripture Reader</b>       | Steve Miller                                           |
| <b>Ushers</b>                 | Gwen Mahon & Lou Prettyman                             |
| <b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>       |                                                        |
| <b>Greeter(s)</b>             | Evelyn Galli                                           |
| <b>Music Director</b>         | Donna Olsen                                            |
| <b>Organist</b>               | Kathy Hackemer                                         |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>            | Linda Russo & Patti Werner                             |
| <b>Sanctuary</b>              | Connie Chase & Beryl Clements                          |
| <b>AV Director</b>            | Art Alt                                                |
| <b>Audio</b>                  | Pat Squires                                            |
| <b>Cameras</b>                | Mark Major                                             |
| <b>Graphics</b>               | Diane Alt, Francesca Bugini,<br>Ed Lewis & Linda Rizzo |
| <b>Video Production</b>       | Vicki Page                                             |
| <b>Head counter this week</b> | June Kristoferson                                      |
| <b>Data Entry</b>             | Diane Alt                                              |

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Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.



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