



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

*Sunday, November 23, 2025
Christ the King*



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



RECONCILING IN CHRIST

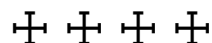
OUR VALUES STATEMENT: We recognize that we are not here by chance but are gathered together to be the church of God in Christ.

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:

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: 143

PLEASE MAKE SURE CELL PHONES ARE SILENCED.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

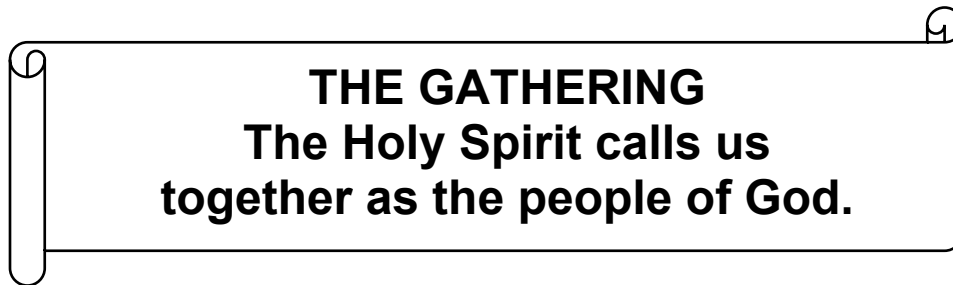
CHIMES

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach

Organist: Kathy Hackemer



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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.

Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours;

Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and You are exalted as Head above all.

Riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all.

In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all.

And now, our God, we give thanks to You and praise your glorious name. *(1 Chronicles 29:10-13)*

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

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

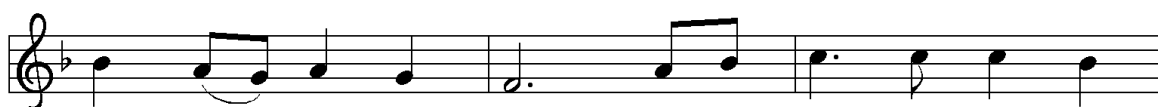
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vv. 1-3



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

GATHERING BLESSING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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.**

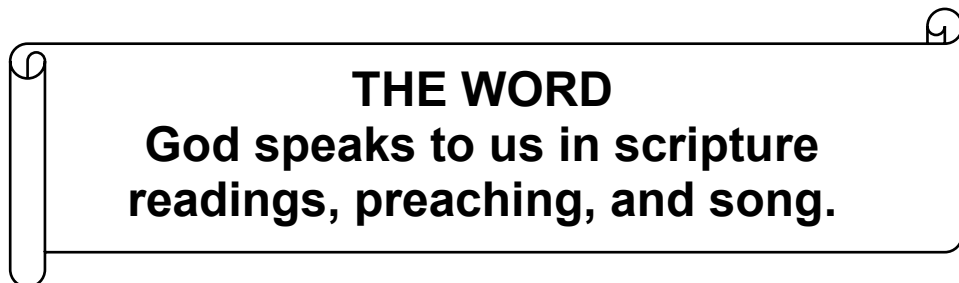
PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our true Life, to serve You is freedom, and to know You is unending joy. We worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

COMMENTARY TO THE CHURCH YEAR



CHOIR ANTHEM

We Believe

Heather Sorenson
Chancel Choir

Children are dismissed for Sunday School.

COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF ADVENT - BLUE

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

9:2, 6-7

Reader: Carlan Helgeson

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

257

vv. 1 & 7

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here

Refrain

un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS - WHITE

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

1:1-7

Reader: Ed Lewis

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

270

vv 1 & 2



- 1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
- 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
- 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY - WHITE

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

1:15-20

Reader: Carlan Helgeson

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars

303

v 1



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF LENT - PURPLE

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF PETER

1:3-11

Reader: Ed Lewis

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*803
vv 1 & 2

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.

COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF EASTER - GOLD**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF
PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS**

2:1-11

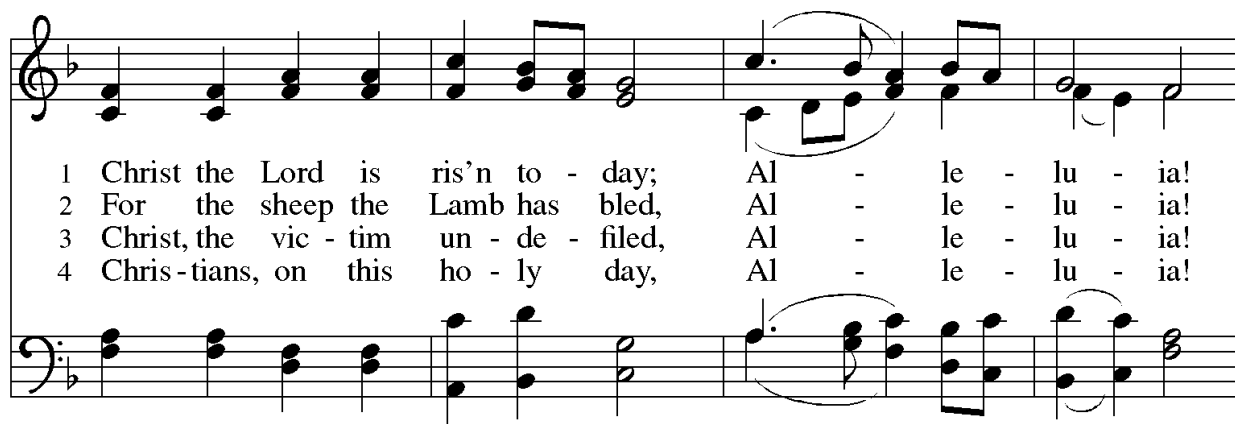
Reader: Carlan Helgeson

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

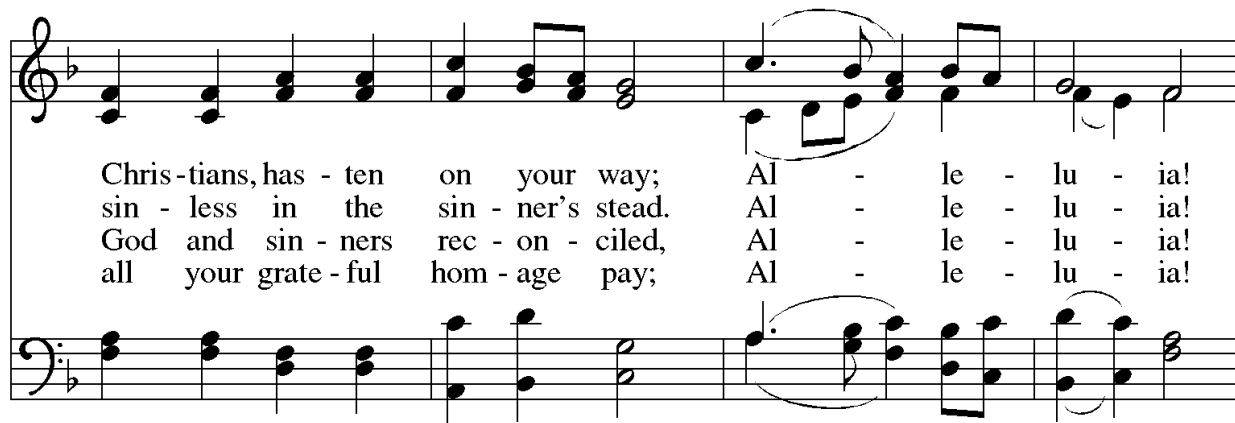
HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

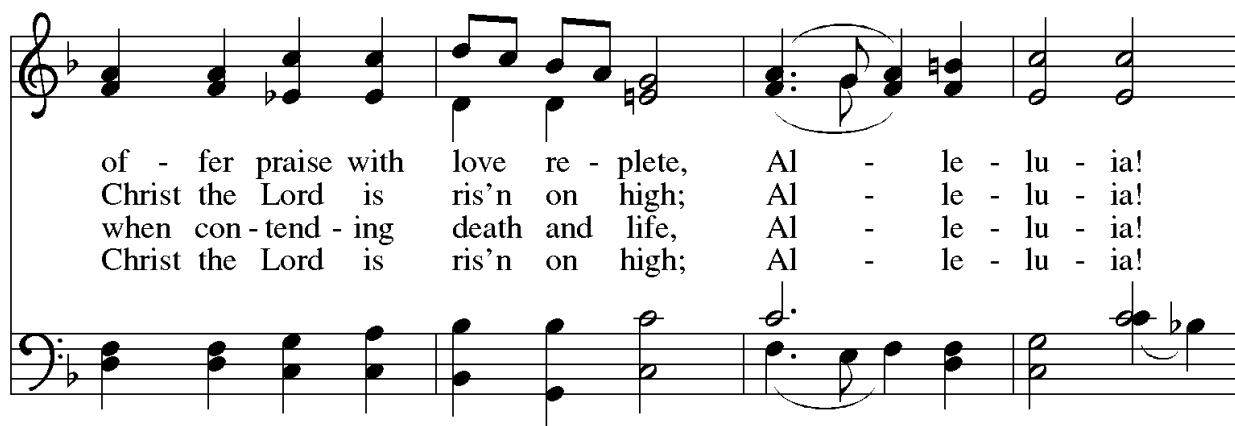
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1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF PENTECOST - RED

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

37:1-14

Reader: Ed Lewis

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

God of Tempest

400

vv 1 & 2

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, as all that blocks your

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,

there with Christ to bear the cross, kin - dle us to speak your truth, there with Christ to bear the cross! kin - dle us to speak your truth!

COMMENTARY TO THE SEASON OF MISSION - GREEN

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

10:11-17

Reader: Carlan Helgeson

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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vv 1 & 4

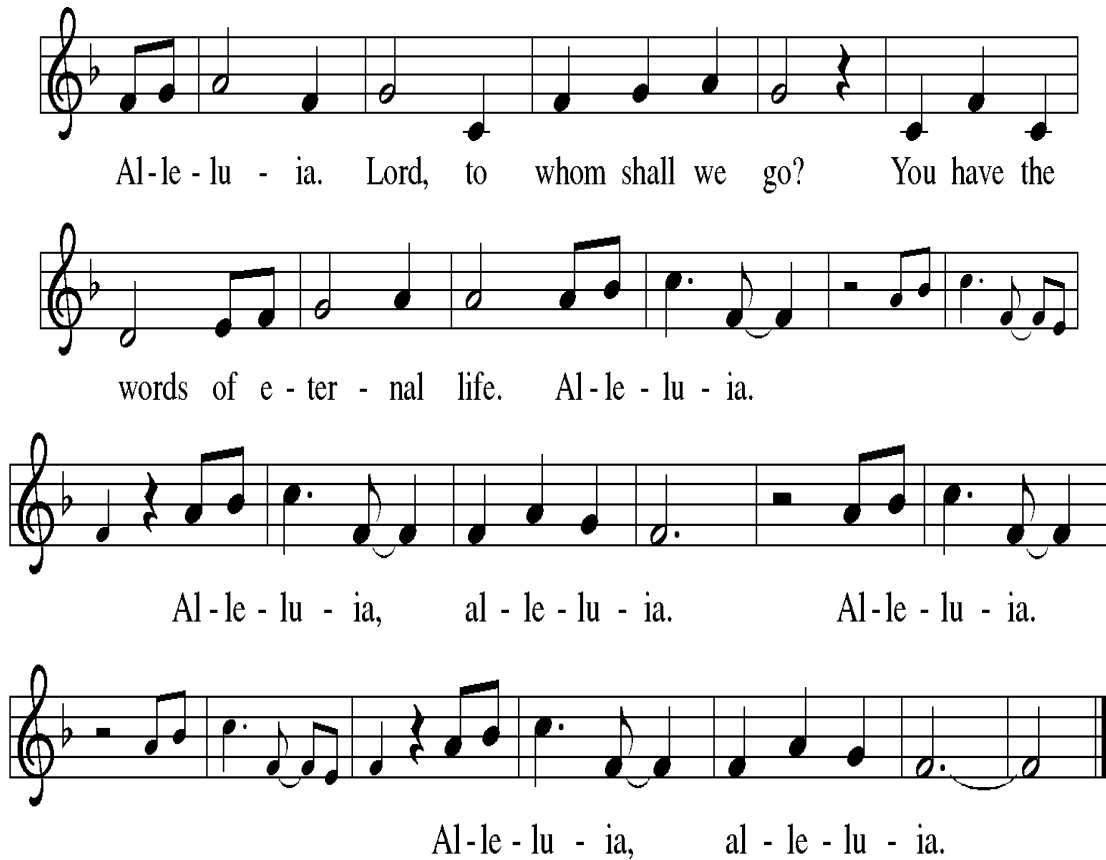
1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to blind pro - claim.
share a dream and help the to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to You, O Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be

685

vv. 1, 5 & 6

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

We offer these and all our prayers to You, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; 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.

Please be seated.



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. For more information about these methods see today's Weekly Announcement Sheet.



COMMITMENT CARDS – cards are brought to the altar at this time. Please come freely when you are ready.

The 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.

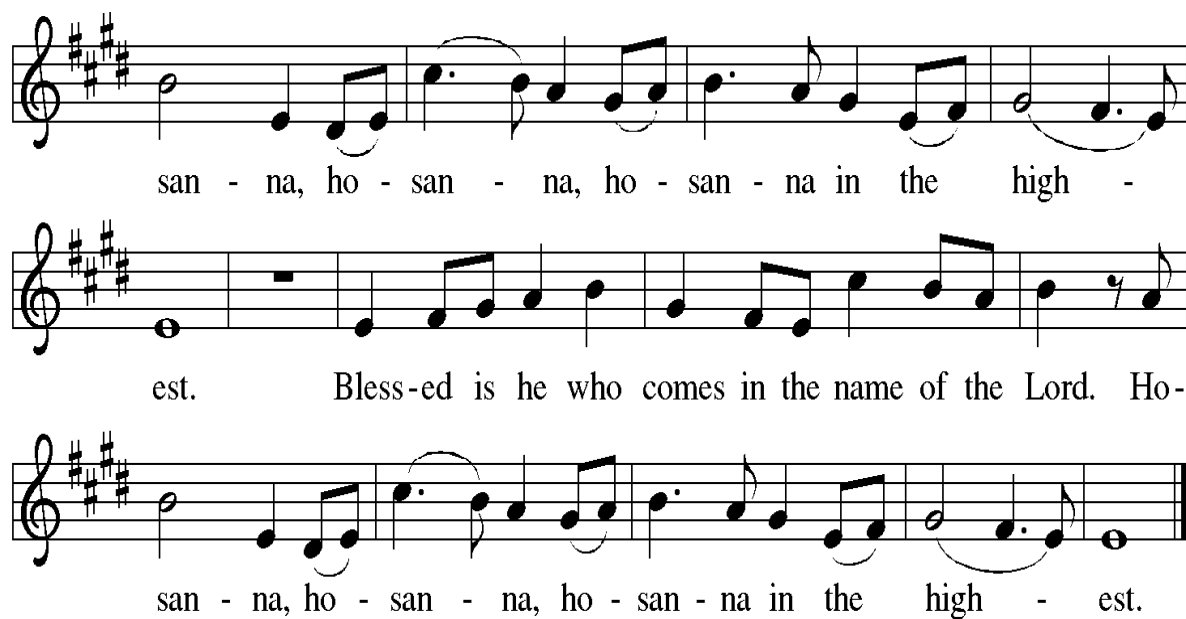
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 -



REMEMBERING GOD'S ACTS OF GRACE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love You sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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

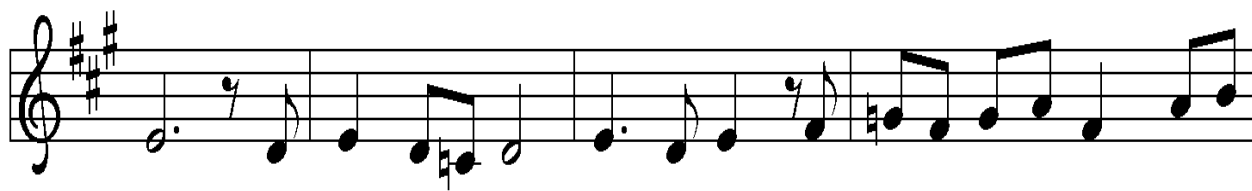
The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice! Guests and friends of any age and background, take your place at the table!

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 MEDITATION MUSIC

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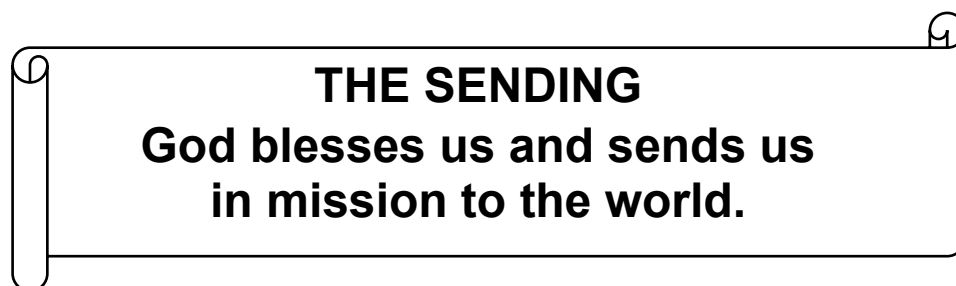
TABLE BLESSING

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.

Please look toward the cross as it recesses to the baptismal font.

SENDING SONG

Lead On, O King Eternal!

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vv 1 & 3

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,

hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;

and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

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!

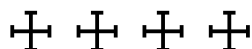
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Celebration

James Mansfield

Organist: Kathy Hackemer



NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

COFFEE HOUR - Please join us for fellowship in Winemiller Hall after worship service.



Flowers on the altar are given by:

Mary & Harold Reber

In honor of their
wedding anniversary

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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

New this week: Mary Krol, Bob Totten

Continue to pray for: Brian Albright, Tom Anderson, Killian Ash, Anne B, Carlos B, Eric Vincent Baez, Tracy Baker, Frani Barnes, Maria Baynon, Baynon family, Herb Baynon, Waltraut Bellmann, Betty Lou Bernhardt, Windy Binns, Robert Bonesteel, Ruth Brellenthin, Paul Todd Brown, Agnes Burkart, Canea family, Diane Cello, Stacy Christian, C.J. & Colleen, Karen Chipko, Beryl Clements, Patti Cotter, Denise Crawford, Charles Deon, Dominik Desormeaux, Judy Dietz, JoAnn Faulkner, Gavin, Jenna, & Ben Felder, Flower family, Vicki Goers, Patrick Gould, Donald Haig, Irma Haig, Terry Halgren, D. Hambaugh, June Heinecke, Gary and Mary Heinecke, Glenn Heinecke, Kay Hill, Sandra Hill, Barbara Hofving, Linda Hrab, Jay Jensen, Brian Johnson, Monica Jusino, Willy K, Karen family, Finn Katona and family, Judy Kortier, Candice Kochounian, Stephanie Krepshaw, Bonnie Kuester, Maggie Kull, Debra Leinenger, Donna Lucier, Kim Macloud, Bob Maday, Germaine Major, Mallory, Elaine Malone, Antonio Mattei, Raina McDannold, Bradford Allen McWilliams, Jackie Meyer, Mark and Wayne Musarra, Eva Mydland, Lydia Noto, Kelly Oliver, Brian Oliver, Oliver family, Michele Oliver, Zuma Perez, Lou Prettyman, Barbara Prochilo, Mary Reber, Rinehart family, Katherine Rizzo, Colleen Rocco, Rocco family, Dennis Rogers, Nancy Salzbach, John Sannuto, Carole Schaefer, Shaun, Sirmenis family, Kathy Swank, Jackie & Alan Sweet, Bob & Alice Totten, Antonio Vaznelis, Vernon, Lauren West, West family, Ginger Wielk, Howard Williams, Luke Williams, 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, 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.*

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister	Reverend Giuseppe Mattei
Assisting Minister	Vicki Page
Scripture Readers	Carlan Helgeson & Ed Lewis
Crucifer/Acolyte	Wayne Morris
Ushers	Wayne Morris
Music Director	Donna Olsen
Altar Guild	Connie Chase & Robert Rios
Sanctuary	Connie Chase & Beryl Clements
Greeter	Evelyn Galli & Noel Prettyman
AV Director	Art Alt
Audio	Pat Squires
Cameras	Mark Major
Graphics	Diane Alt, Francesca Bugini, Ed Lewis & Linda Rizzo
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Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.



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