

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Journey of Generosity
September 24, 2023
10:30 a.m.

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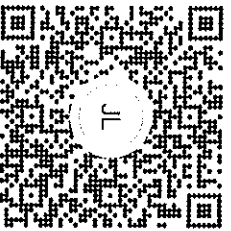
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Welcome to Joy Lutheran Church

September 24, 2023

WELCOME TO JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH! We hope that you experience God in a wonderful way as you worship here today. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we are happy to have you here with us. Please fill out the guest card and place in the offering plate so we can stay connected.

JOY WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN are located on the rack below the name tag tree in the gathering area.

NURSERY: *There is a nursery provided for children under 3. You may pick up your children for Communion. We welcome children of all ages to join us in worship.*

Please turn off all cellular devices during the service.

*As we prepare for Worship,
please maintain silence for prayer and meditation.*

HEARING DEVICES: *We have hearing assist devices available for those who wish to use them during worship. Please see an usher for assistance with this service.*

Serving Today

Pastor: Judy McGuire
Deacon: Chris St. Clair
Director of Music Ministries: Sydney McMath
Assistant Director of Music Ministries: Jonathan Reid
Assisting Minister: B Honbarger **Greeter:** St. Clair
Ushers: J Thompson, A Strong **Acolyte:**
Reader: T Foster **Nursery:** M Hampton
Communion Assistants: Poeta, Thompson, Foster
Flowers: Given by Becky Fleck
in memory of Dave Fleck

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather for worship today to praise our generous God.

All glory and honor are yours, Holy Lord.

We gather for worship today and give our thanks for all God has given to us.

We celebrate the gifts of this church, what each of us has to offer, and all we can do together.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our community.

We celebrate the love and support we give to one another; for the constant and beautiful journey that we are one connected by God's grace.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our bold future.

We celebrate a future full of outreach, a future full of service, a future full of worship, a future full of laughter, a future full of joy and a future full of growth. We are celebrating a future with hope.

We gather for worship today to celebrate our dreams.

We celebrate the dreams of many who have gathered here before, the dreams that brought us here today, and for the dreams of that which is to come.

Let us gather in celebration!

Let us worship God!

GATHERING HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign"

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er prayer the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less of 'ry be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms wher - e'er he 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound cre - ature rise and he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring hon - or - s pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est his song; and his in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the an - gels de - scend e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise claim with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

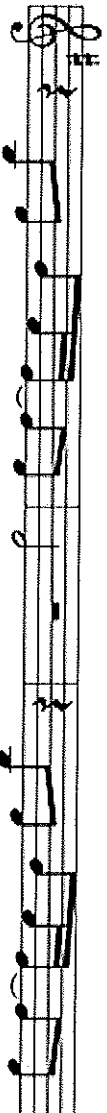
God's steadfast love is everlasting, and God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us.

Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Reconciling God,
We confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. Although you are generous always, we fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We misuse and hurt your good creation. We fear our differences and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us, and in your Spirit, lead us, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

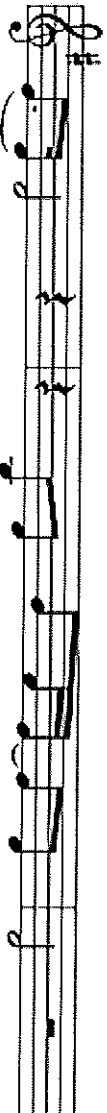
Our generous God gave us the ultimate gift in Jesus who died to set us free from sin and death. Rejoice with me and give thanks because we are each given a new and fresh start now as we walk together as people of Joy.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"



Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your



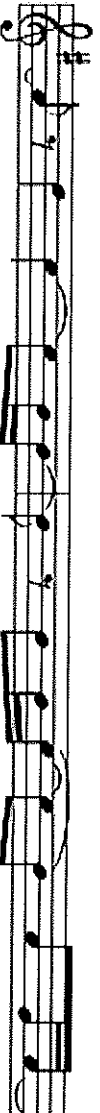
prais - es.

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.

Text: Rick Founds

Music: LORD, LIFT YOUR NAME, Rick Founds

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous and loving God, we give you praise and thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all that we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. We are listening. Speak your words into the depths of our hearts and souls, that we may hear you clearly and live lies pleasing to you. For you live and reign, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON I Chronicles 29:14-17

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people who are present here offering freely and joyously to you.

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we entreat you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you on a day of salvation I have helped you." Look, now is the acceptable time; look, now is the day of salvation!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Deacon Chris St. Clair

(Stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Change My Heart, O God"

Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

You are the pot - ter, I am the clay;

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff contains the lyrics "Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true." The second staff contains the lyrics "Change my heart, O God. May I be like you." The third staff contains the lyrics "You are the pot - ter, I am the clay;". The music is in 4/4 time and features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and a triplet in the second staff.

mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God. Make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God. May I be like you.

Text: Eddie Espinosa
 Music: CHANGE MY HEART, Eddie Espinosa

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,

Saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

THE SERMON Pastor Judy McGuire

(Stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Zion, Haste"

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 Give of your own 'ry to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all whom the world that God is light;
 that God, in your wealth they live and move, is love;
 give of your known to ev - 'ry one that speed them on their way,
 make known to whom wealth they to heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to for save his lost cre - a - tion
 pour out your soul has them in prayer vic - to - rious,
 let none whom he ran - somed fall to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

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THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

As God generously showers us each day with gifts of grace, let us pray for
the world, the church, and for all who are in need.

(A moment of silence for prayer and meditation)

Each petition ends:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive
them for the sake of the one through whom all good things come, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

(Please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

(During this time, if you haven't already, you may place your offering in the offering plate located on the baptismal font.)

(Stand as you are able)

THE OFFERING HYMN “All That We Have”

The musical score is written on three staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are: "All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a heart both fright - ened and free. Take what we bring now and give what we need, all done in your name." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some phrases like "of - fer" and "fright - ened" connected by slurs.

Text: Gary Ault

Music: ALL THAT WE HAVE, Gary Ault

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THE OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace,

It is our delight and our joy to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Open your hearts to God who is generous and loving.
We open our hearts to you, O God.

Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together,
to our God who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise.

Holy God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence is but a taste of the love you extend to us every day. By your very nature, you are always seeking us out—searching for ways to connect us and connect with us. You meet us in the most ordinary of places and you make them sacred. By your grace, we have come to see your presence in people, creation, and the world around us. Therefore, we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, giving praise to you by saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Believing it could transform the world, Jesus proclaimed God's kingdom, the Good News. He set the captives free. He reached those on the margins of society. His commitment to practicing love knew no bounds—not even the bounds of death.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. You make ordinary bread and wine into the sacred gift of your presence within us once again. May they awaken us anew, draw us into mission, bind us in community, and give us glad and generous hearts. We celebrate Jesus our Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

David Haas, 1986

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your
name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on
earth as in heav-en. Give us to-day our
dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give
those who sin a-gainst us.
Save us from the time of trial and de-liv-er us from
e-vil, for the king-dom, the pow'r and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for ev-er.

INVITATION

The generous gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome at the table of the Lord. Please follow the directions of the ushers. The bread and the wine will be distributed by intinction or there is a pre-sealed bread and wine option in the middle aisle if you prefer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of love, by the bread of heaven and the cup of life, you graciously give us life and make us one. Bind us together that we might live into the future of hope that you have for each of us, a community centered on your goodness and rich in compassion, commitment, courage, and care.
Amen.

JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY—OFFERING OUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Let us pray.

O God, in whose every creation we discover a gift freely given: help us to understand that all we have comes from the outpouring of your generosity. Inspire in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and move us to share what we have received with the same immensity of spirit in which it was given.

Lead us to give as we have received—abundantly, generously, and joyfully—that our common ministry may continue to give witness to your unfailing grace. Teach us that in our generosity we not only touch many lives but ultimately we ourselves receive.

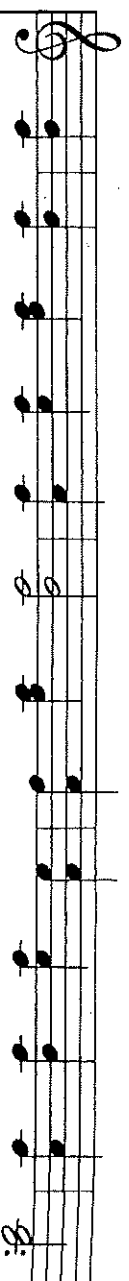
Accept and bless our estimate of giving cards offered for the mission and ministry of Joy. Bless those who have presented them to you in thanksgiving for all the ways in which you bless us and our community of faith.

Give us courage, insight and grace to use these gifts to nourish your people and to proclaim the reconciling work of God in Christ. In the name of the Three in whom we are One. Amen.

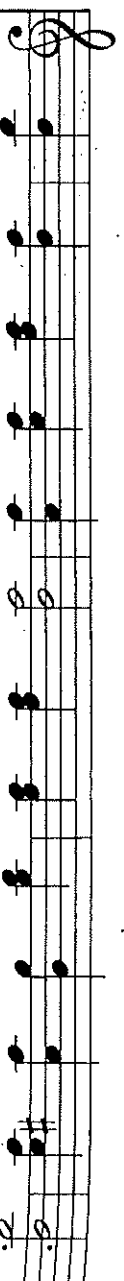
THE BENEDICTION

God's peace: carry, keep and hold you.
God's love: nourish, bless and enfold you.
God's spirit: inspire, lift and mold you.
Go now having shared in the gifts of God
To bless others generously with what they need for the day.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN "Lead On, O King Eternal"



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 prepa-ration Your grace has made us strong;
 For not with swordsloud dash-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 eter-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!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, Christ is with you.
 Thanks be to God!



OUR VISION

As the Body of Christ at Joy Lutheran Church
we are called to be God's hands and voice
in our community and world.

OUR MISSION

*As members of the Body of Christ
at Joy Lutheran Church, we will...*

Invite

others to God's loving family,

Nurture

them with God's Word and love,

Build

with them a fellowship
of friends in Christ,

Send

them out into service in our community
and world.