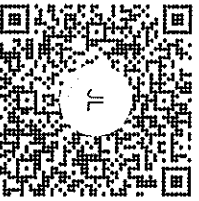


JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH



Journey of Generosity
September 17, 2023
10:30 a.m.



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Welcome to Joy Lutheran Church September 17, 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: Ashley Twitchell
Deacon: Chris St. Clair
Director of Music Ministries: Sydney McMath
Assistant Director of Music Ministries: Jonathan Reid
Assisting Minister: T Rubenzer **Greeter:** K Horton
Ushers: Horton, Mabrey **Acolyte:** Horton
Reader: Huckabee **Nursery:** K Mabrey
Communion Assistants: Cantrell, Johnson,
Rubenzer
Flowers: Given by Jim & Jeanne Thompson
in honor of their 23rd Anniversary

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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

Bring forth the who the roy - al di - a - dem,
 Hail Him Him all saves you es - ty by His as - grace,
 To Him Him join ev - er - er - last - ing His - as - cribe,
 We'll join Him the who the roy - al And
 And And And

grown Him Him Lord Lord of all; Bring forth the roy - al
 crown Him Him Lord Lord of all; Hail Him Him who saves
 crown Him Him Lord Lord of all; To Him Him all the maj - es -
 crown Him Him Lord Lord of all; We'll join Him the who the roy - al
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 by His as - cribe, And crown Him Lord of all.
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WORDS: St. 1,2, Edward Perronet, 1726-1792; st. 3,4, John Rippon, 1751-1836
 MUSIC: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844
 CORONATION 8,6,8,6.(C.M.)

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.

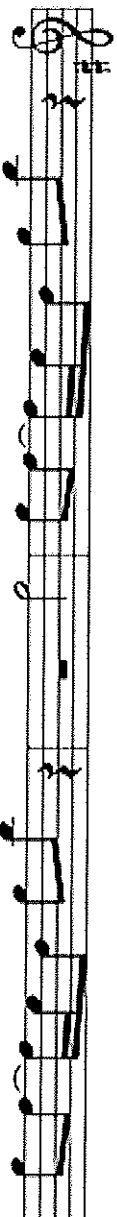
Silence for Prayer and Reflection

Reconciling God,

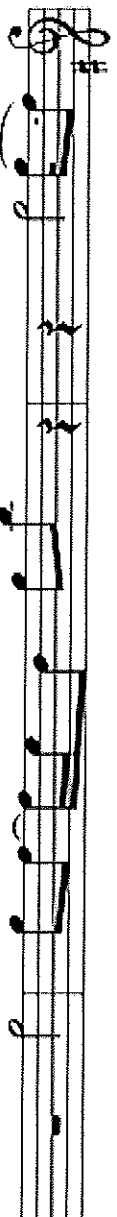
We confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. Although you are generous always, we fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We misuse and hurt your good creation. We fear our differences and do not welcome others as you have welcomed 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"



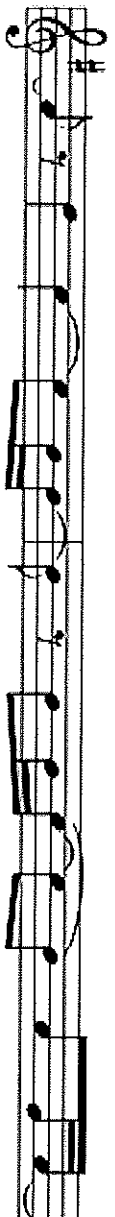
Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your



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: 1989, LIFT YOUR NAME, Rick Founds

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken us in new ways to the gifts you give to your church and your people. Give us glad and thankful hearts that see your love and graciousness in others each day; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON Proverbs 11:24-28

Some give freely yet grow all the richer;
 others withhold what is due and only suffer want.
 A generous person will be enriched,
 and one who gives water will get water.
 The people curse those who hold back grain,
 but a blessing is on the head of those who sell it.
 Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,
 but evil comes to the one who searches for it.
 Those who trust in their riches will wither,
 but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family ^[b]in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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;
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 6:19-21

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

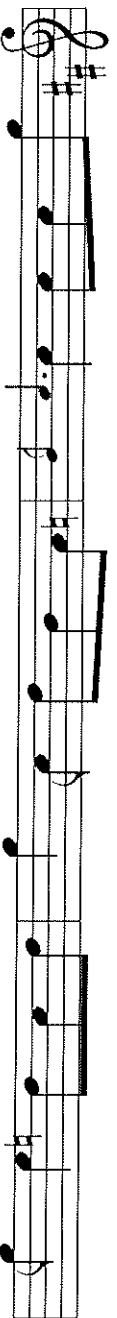
The Gospel of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

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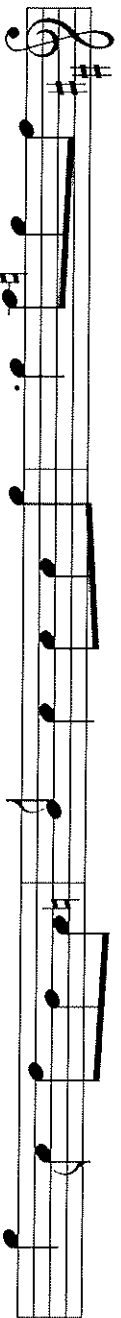
THE SERMON
Pastor Ashley Twitchell

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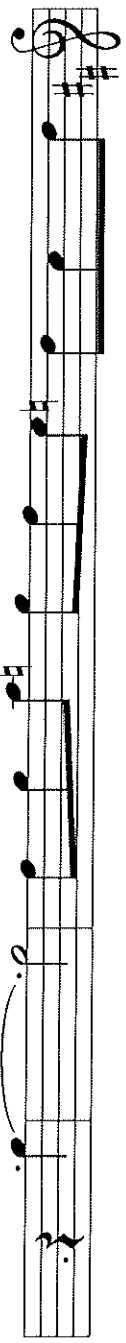
HYMN OF THE DAY “Here In This Place”



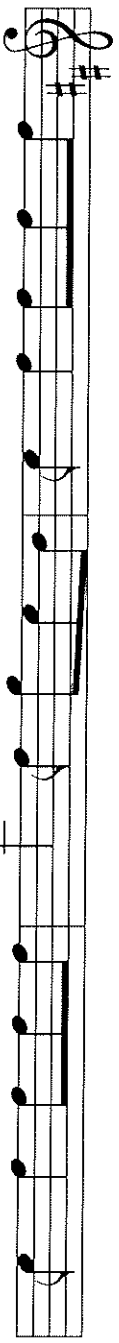
1 Here in this place new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



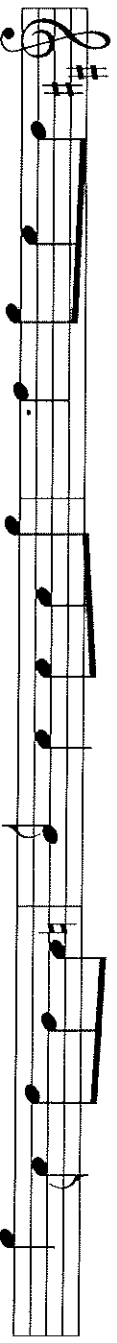
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



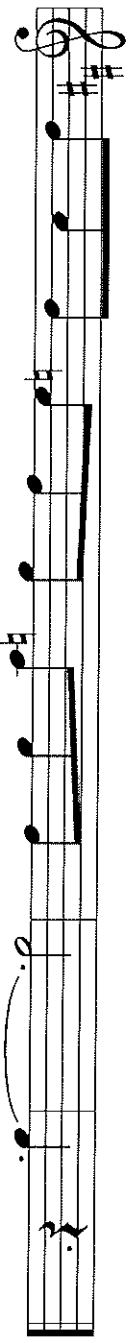
brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, gath - er us in, eat the
 Gath - er us in, and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in, and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Mary Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Mary Haugen, b. 1950

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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 one flat (Bb) 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 "all done in your name" spanning across bar lines.

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.

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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 SONG “As the Grains of Wheat”

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

- 1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst, when
- 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

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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.

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 "Go My Children"

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace."

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and will smile by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace."

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er."

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

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DISMISSAL

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

We are glad you chose to worship at Joy Lutheran Church today.
Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or give it
to one of the Ushers.

Name _____ 9.17.23 10:30

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Children, their ages and grades in school:

Please check:

_____ First time visitor _____ Regular visitor

_____ Add me to your mailing

_____ Add me to your email notices

_____ I desire a visit from the Pastor

_____ Interested in membership



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.