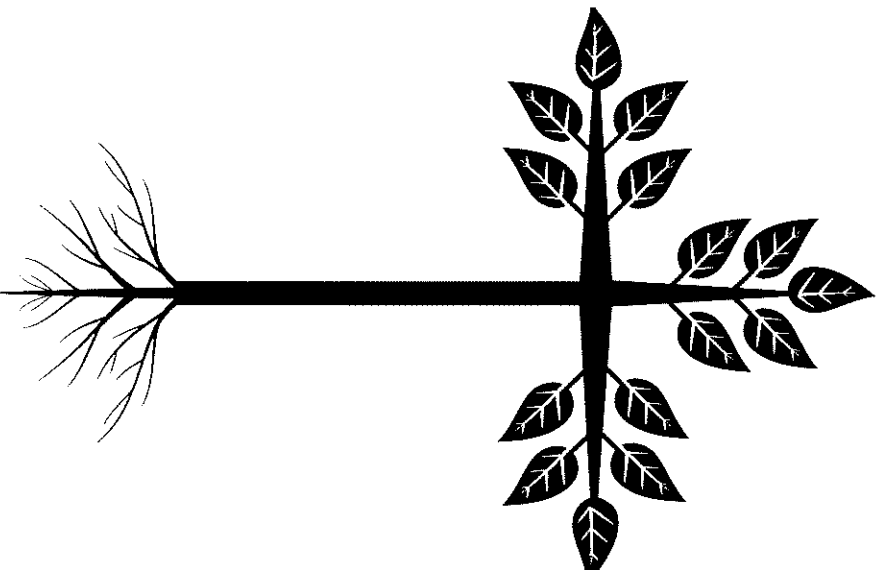
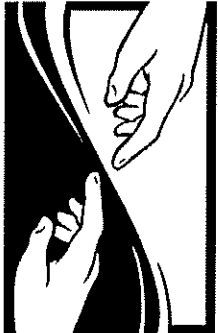


Joy Lutheran Church



Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 19, 2023
10:30 am

Helping Hands



HELPING HANDS

Throughout the year, we have opportunities to help members of Joy and those in our community who are in need financially. Donations for this ministry may be made at any time during the year. Please designate check for "Helping Hands". **Deadline to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin is Sunday, December 17th.**

Amount \$ _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

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.

11.19.23
10:30am

Name _____

Address _____

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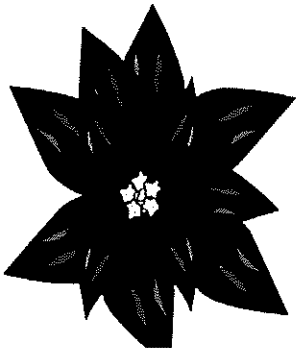
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Children, their ages and grades in school:

Please check:

_____ First time visitor _____ Add me to your mailing
_____ Regular visitor _____ Add me to your email
_____ I desire a visit from the Pastor
_____ Interested in membership

Christmas Eve Poinsettias



If you would like to give a Poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas in honor/memory of someone, the cost is \$20 per plant. Checks may be placed in the offering plate designated "Poinsettia" along with this form. **Deadline to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin is December 17th.**

Amount of check \$ _____ Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Serving Today

Pastor: Lane Bembenek

Deacon: Chris St. Clair

Assistant Minister: G Poeta

Director of Music Ministries: Sydney McMath

Assistant Director of Music Ministries: Jonathan Reid

Ushers: G Soles, M Rapley *Greeter:* McKenzie

Acolyte: C McKenzie *Reader:* M Rapley *Nursery:* M Troisi

Communion Assistants: L McKenzie, J & K Eckard

Flowers:

Welcome to Joy Lutheran Church

November 19, 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, please fill out a visitor card located in the bulletin and give it to one of the ushers or place in the Offering Plate.

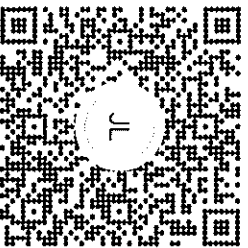
JOY WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN are located on the rack below the Name Tag Tree in the Gathering Area.

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

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.

Please turn off all cellular devices during the service.

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



You may scan this QR code to make your tithes
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PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

In the midst of our lives,
we know you are with us, O God.

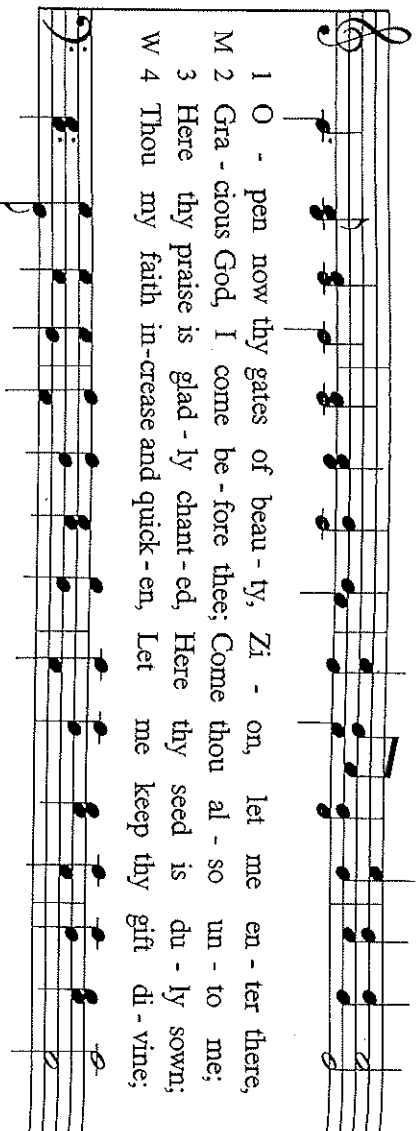
In the midst of laughter and fun, joy and celebrations,
we know you are with us, O God.

In the times of sadness and tears, grief and struggle,
we know you are with us, O God.

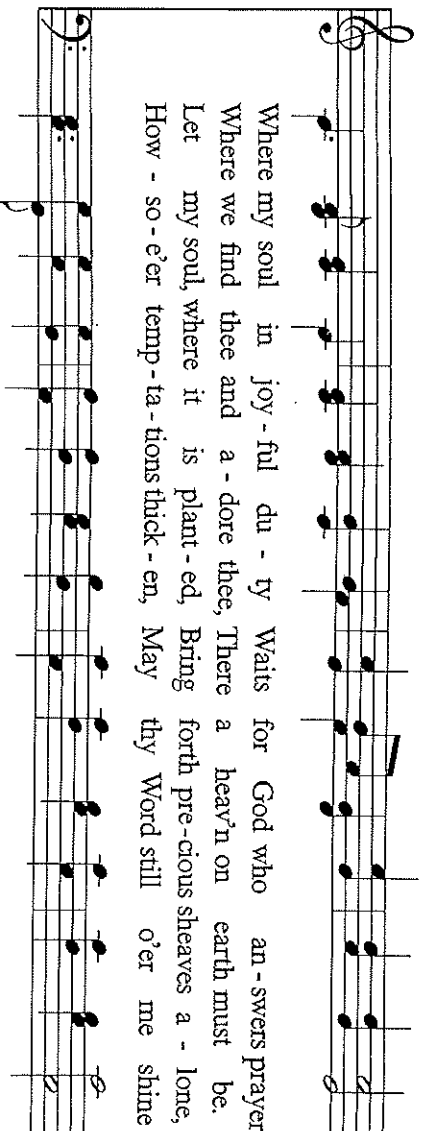
At home, at worship, at work,
among family and friends, in our community,
we know you are with us, O God.

Thanks be to God!

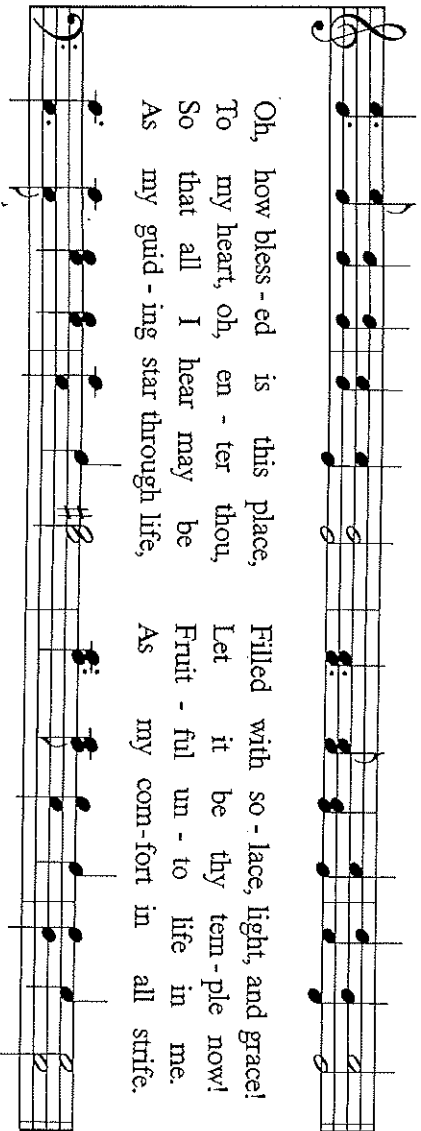
GATHERING SONG "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
M 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; Come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, Here thy seed is du - ly sown;
W 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, Let me keep thy gift di - vine;



Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for God who an - swers prayer.
Where we find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
Let my soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, May thy Word still o'er me shine



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, Filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, Let it be thy tem - ple now!
So that all I hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
As my guid - ing star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
Let thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

*Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; in Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680*

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UNSER HERRSCHER
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the midst of our sorrows and guilt, our doubt and regrets, we are bathed in light and beauty that comes from God. Trusting God's love for us, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

We pray together:

Holy God,

We carry the burdens of words said that we wish we had not said; of acts done in anger or pride that we wish we could undo. We hold grudges for a long time, and we do not reconcile with those from whom we are estranged. Forgive us. Forgive those words and deeds and inactions that cause you and others sorrow. Restore us, renew us, and give us the strength, courage, and love we need to be your gracious people.
Amen.

Sisters and brothers, let us proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ, † we are forgiven.

And now we are freed to go out to love and serve.

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PRAISE "SURELY THE PRESENCE"

Parts optional

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can

5
feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can

9
hear the brush of an - gels' wings; I see glo - ry on each face.

13
Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Repeat Ending
D.C.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

(Please be seated.)

THE FIRST LESSON Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Lane Bembenek

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

The image shows a musical score for a unison acclamation. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are marked 'unison'. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff contains a bass line with dotted rhythms and rests. Below the bass staff, the lyrics are written in a spaced-out format: 'Je - sus, name a - bove all names; bean - ti - ful'. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the bass staff.

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Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el,

cued notes optional

God is with us; bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing

Repeat Ending D.C. Song Ending

Word. Word.

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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. The one who had received the five talents went off at once 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 seed; 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 Lane Bembenek

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Soon and Very Soon"

1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King,

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It contains four vocal lines with lyrics. The second system has a bass clef and a key signature of one flat (Bb). It contains four vocal lines with lyrics. The lyrics are: '1 Soon and ver - y soon', '2 No more cry - in' there,', '3 No more dy - in' there,', '4 Soon and ver - y soon'. The second system continues with 'we are goin' to see the King,'.

jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A moment of silence for prayer and meditation)

Each petition ends:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Concluding petition:

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

(Please be seated.)

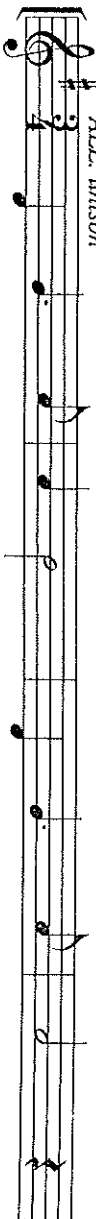
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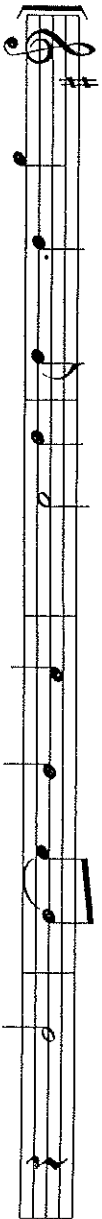
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THE OFFERING HYMN "Make Me a Servant"

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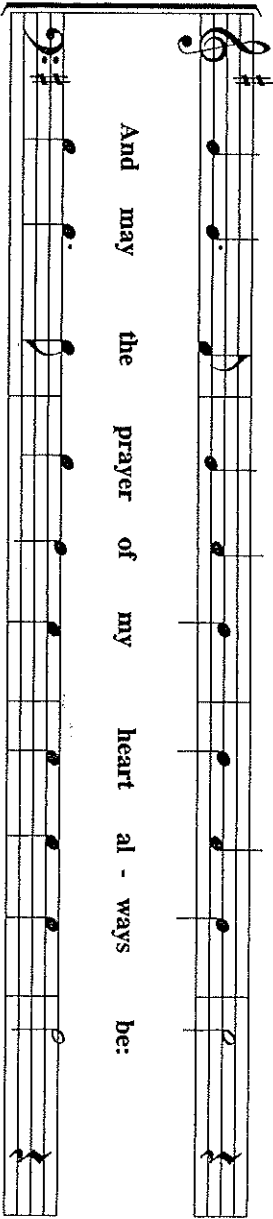


Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek,

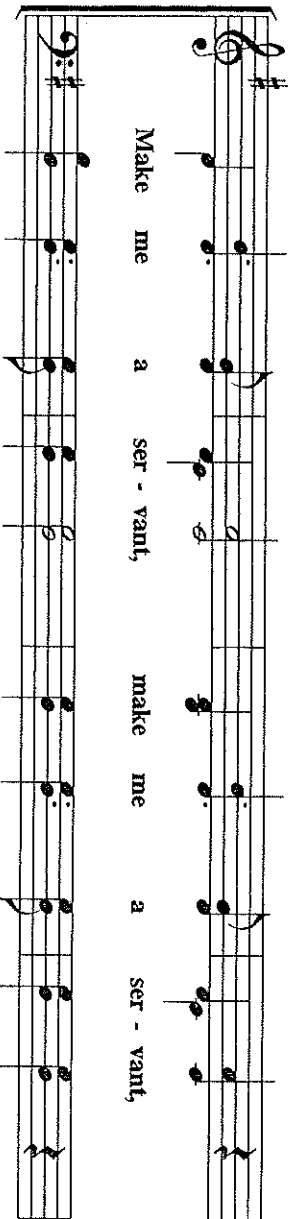


Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

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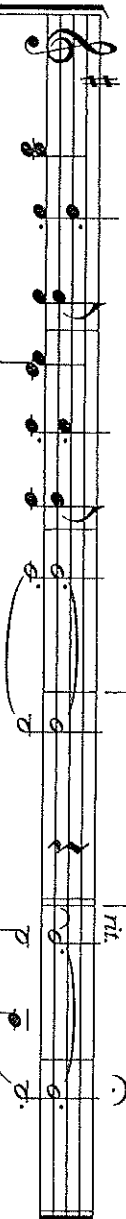


And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

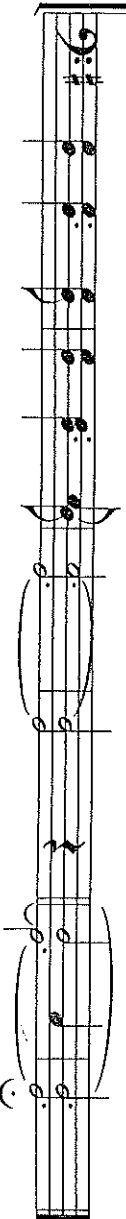


Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

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Make me a ser - vant to - day.



THE OFFERING PRAYER

God of power God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

WE SHARE A HOLY MEAL

Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it
and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of
God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek
the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited in to this
holy mystery. Come.
We are ready!

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and
all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.
We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

WORDS OF INSTRTUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Living in the hope of Christ,
we boldly pray as Jesus taught us;
**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.**

Come, Holy Spirit. Come.
Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence
in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives.
May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst.

Through the broken bread...
We participate in the Body of Christ.

Through the cup of blessing...
We participate in the new life Christ gives.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

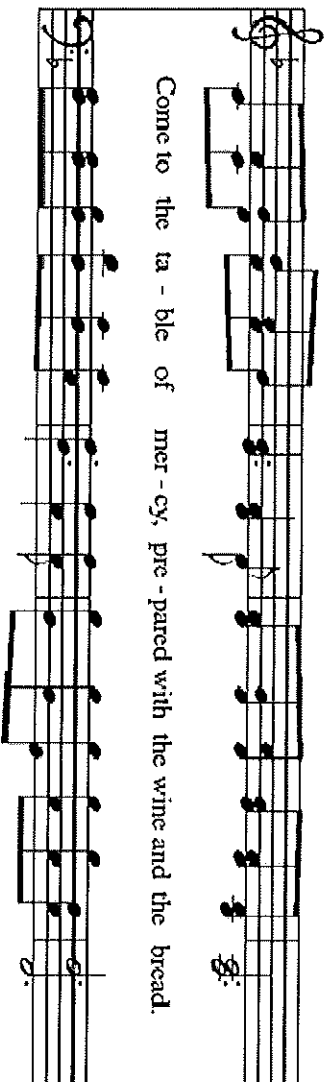
Hunger no more. Thirst no more.
Come to the banquet of life.
Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated.)

COMMUNION

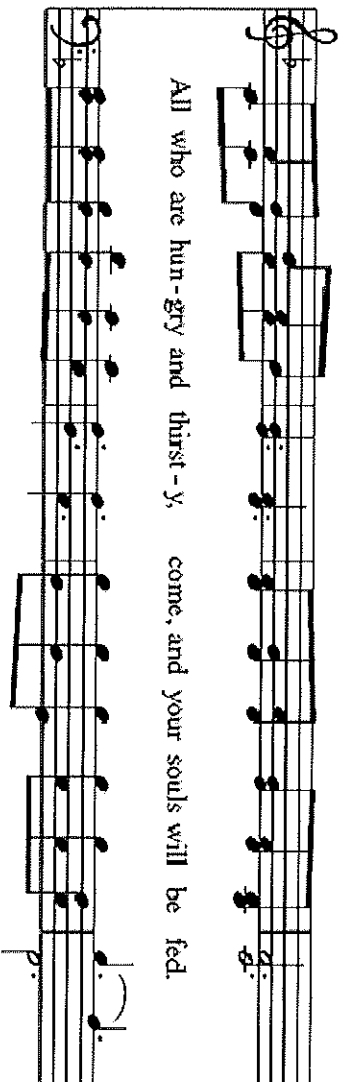
All baptized Christians are welcome at the table of the Lord. Please follow the directions of the ushers. The bread and the wine will be distributed by intinction or there is a pre-sealed bread and wine option in the middle aisle if you prefer.

COMMUNION SONG "Come to the Table"



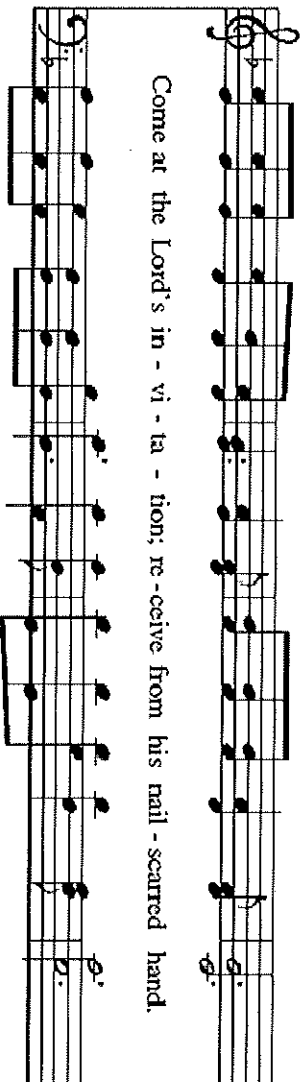
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

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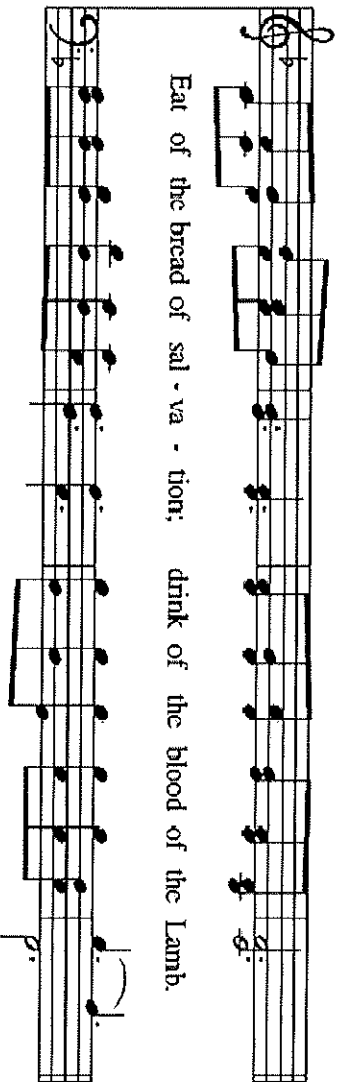
All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

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Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

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Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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"Glorify Thy Name"

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. ———

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name, ———

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. ———

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

O God, you have called your servants
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden,
through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with good courage,
not knowing where we go,
but only that your hand is leading us
and your love supporting us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Go in peace to be the saints of God.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

And may the God of ☩ Jesus Christ give you a spirit of
wisdom that you might come to know the hope to
which you have been called, as the saints of God.
Amen.

SENDING SONG "When In Our Music God Is Glorified"

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the Church in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of wrong,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of light?
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the raise!
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to

it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried
 as wor - ship moved us to the truth in a more pro - fion
 home wit - ness to the whom he in more pro - fion
 Then let us sing, for whom he in more pro - fion
 And may God give us faith to he in more pro - fion
 And may God give us faith to he in more pro - fion

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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ON OUR WAY REJOICING

**Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!**

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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

Invite others to God's loving family,

Nurture

Nurture them with God's Word and love,

Build

Build with them a fellowship of friends in Christ,

Send