

# Joy Lutheran Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 5, 2024  
10:30 am

**Serving Today**

**Pastor:** Lane Bembenek

**Deacon:** Chris St. Clair

**Director of Music Ministries:** Sydney McMath

**Assistant Director of Music Ministries:** Jonathan Reid

**Assisting Minister:** J Eckard **Nursery:** Erica Newton

**Greeter:** Berg **Acolyte:** Sam Mabrey

**Reader:** K Mabrey **Ushers:** B & J Mabrey

**Communion Assistants:** N&R Berg, R Kennedy

**Flowers:** Given by JoAnn Dixon in honor of Pastor Lane's  
60th Birthday!

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.

5.5.24  
10:30

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Welcome to Joy Lutheran Church May 5, 2024

*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.*

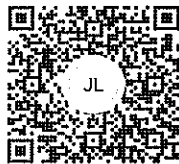
*JOY WORSHIP BAGS FOR CHILDREN are located on the rack below the name tag tree in the gathering area.*

*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.*



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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GREETING AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God of Life,  
you are as near to us as our breath.

Touch our eyes,  
that we may see you in one another.

Open our ears,  
that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

Come, O God of life, breath, and wholeness.  
Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant  
us the courage to be people of your Way.

## GATHERING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism,  
we are gathered in the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ,  
God raised us to new life.  
Let us confess to God our sins  
and all that waits for resurrection in our lives.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

God of love,  
**we find it hard to believe the witness of the  
resurrection: we resist your unfailing love for us and  
for others, and we turn our backs on the gift of new  
life, choosing instead the old way of sin, the way that  
takes us away from you and leads us back toward  
death. Free us from this power of sin, guide us by  
your Spirit, and help us in our weakness, that we may  
live as your children, restored to new and everlasting  
life. Amen**

By God's grace you are forgiven and born anew.  
 May you be strengthened daily with the power  
 to walk in God's light and love. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**  
 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

*unison*

Je - sus, name a - bove all names; beau - ti - ful

*unison*

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

*cued notes optional*

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

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## **THE FIRST LESSON** **Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

## **THE SECOND LESSON** **1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is

born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**  
**Pastor Lane Bembenek**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Open Our Eyes, Lord"**

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see  
 O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

Je - sus, to reach out and  
 lis - ten. O - pen our

1.  
 touch eyes, Him, and say that we



love Him, Lord,

we want to see Je - sus.

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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 “I Love to Tell the Story”**

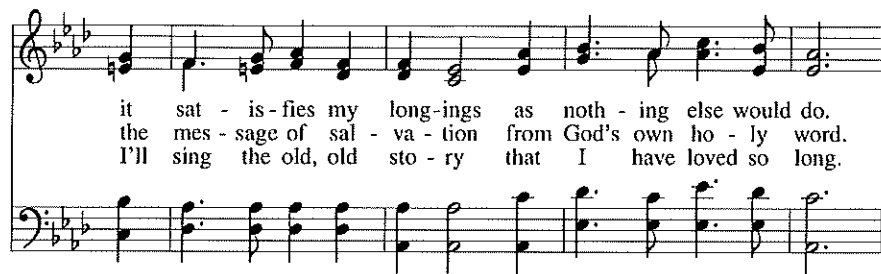
1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

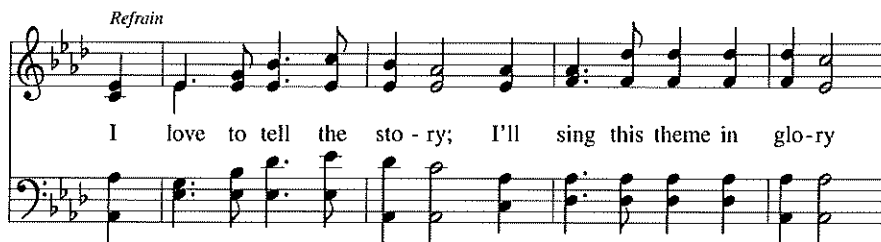
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it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## 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.**

*\*or He descended to the dead.*

*\*\* or church universal.*

## **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*(A moment of silence for prayer and meditation)*

Each petition ends:  
*God of grace,  
hear our prayer*

Concluding petition:  
Into your hands most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ our resurrected and living 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.*

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### THE OFFERING HYMN "Give Thanks"



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

*Last time*

## **THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER OF 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 God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Living God, on this most joyous day we offer our thanks and praise to you; creator of heaven and earth – creator and lover of all humanity. Even when we turned away from you you never rejected us. You spoke words of mercy and love through the prophets; promising to swallow up death forever and to host a banquet for all people; a feast of life-giving sustenance. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name saying: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, this meal which we share today is indeed the celebration that death has been defeated forever. We celebrate also how the language of your love became audible through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, your

beloved Son, our beloved Lord; and how the nature of your love became visible through his life and sacrificial love. He graced lives with healing and hope, with compassion and power and as if that were not enough, he gave his very life for us.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

God of all power, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the life of Christ and that we may make that life visible through our faithful witness to him, through Jesus Christ, the risen and triumphant King and Lord of all. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now we pray the prayer of Jesus we learned as children:

**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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

**Thanks be to God.**

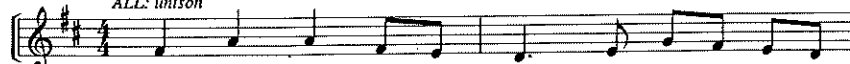
*(Please be seated.)*

## 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 Deer"

*ALL: unison*




1. As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, So my  
2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er, Ev - en  
3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver, On - ly

5




soul long - eth af - ter Thee. You a - lone are my  
tho' You are a King. I love You more than  
You can sa - tis - fy. You a - lone are the



heart's de - sire, And I long to wor - ship Thee.  
an - y oth - er, So much more than an - y - thing.  
real joy giv - er, And the ap - ple of my eye.

9 *Parts optional*



You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You, a - lone, may my



14

spir - it yield. — You a - lone are my heart's de - sire, — and I

long to wor - ship Thee. Thee.

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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

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us  
 and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from  
 this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the  
 abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
Amen.

## SENDING SONG "Jesus, Messiah"

unison

Je - sus, name a - bove all names; beau - ti - ful

unison

[5] Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. [9] Em - man - u - el,

*cued notes optional*

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

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Word. Word.

23 F/A C<sup>sus</sup> Last time to Coda ☐

Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

27 BRIDGE Gm<sup>11</sup> F/A

1. 2.  
2. His All our hope is in You, all our hope.

31 B $\flat$ 2(no3) C<sup>sus</sup> Gm<sup>11</sup>

is in You; all the glo - - ry to You,

34 F/A B $\flat$ 2(no3) C<sup>sus</sup> D.S. al Coda

God, the Light of the world. Je - sus, Mes - si -

38 ☐ Coda F/D ENDING F/C C<sup>sus</sup> B $\flat$ 2(no3) C<sup>7</sup>/B $\flat$

Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

42 B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ 2(no3) C<sup>7</sup>/B $\flat$

The Lord of all!

44 B $\flat$ 2 C<sup>7</sup>/B $\flat$  B $\flat$ 2(no3) F

The Lord of all.

## ON OUR WAY REJOICING

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### 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**

Send them out into service in our  
community and world.

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