

# Joy Lutheran Church



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 23, 2024  
10:30 am

**Serving Today**

*Pastor:* Lane Bembenek  
*Deacon:* Chris St. Clair  
*Director of Music Ministries:* Sydney McMath  
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*Assisting Minister:* B Honbarger  
*Nursery:* Erica Newton  
*Greeter:* Berg *Acolyte:* Natalie  
*Reader:* I Kocisko *Ushers:* D Crout, S Kennedy  
*Gift Bearers:* St. Clair  
*Communion Assistants:* MA Crout, R & N Berg  
*Flowers:*

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.

6.23.24  
10:30

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Children, their ages and grades in school:

Please check:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Interested in membership

# Welcome to Joy Lutheran Church

## June 23, 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.*

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## **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREETING AND PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

**This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.**

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

**This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.**

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

**This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.**

# GATHERING HYMN "Awesome God"

*First time: Unison  
Repeats: Parts*

Our God is an awe - some God, He

reigns from heav - en a - bove with wis - dom,

*unison*

pow'r and love - Our God is an awe - some God! Our

*unison*

*(Parts)*

God! Our God is an awe - some God! Our

God is an awe - some God!

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed by be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

God, our provider,  
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE “Spirit of the Living God”

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE FIRST LESSON

### Job 38:1-11

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone  
when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—  
when I made the clouds its garment,  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
and prescribed bounds for it,  
and set bars and doors,  
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

## THE SECOND LESSON

### 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”  
See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way:




through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor; in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.


## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

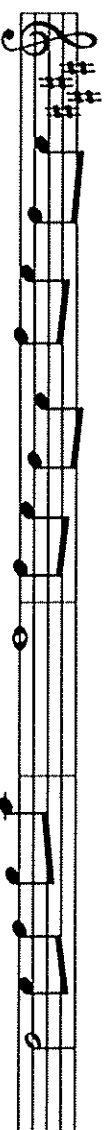
### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Good Soil"



Lord, let my heart be good soil.      o - pen to the seed of your



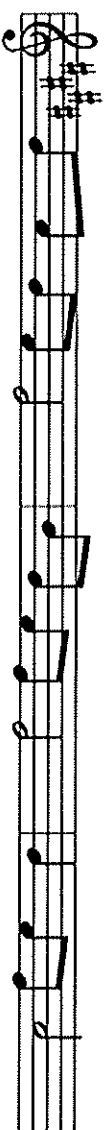
word.      Lord, let my heart be good soil.      where



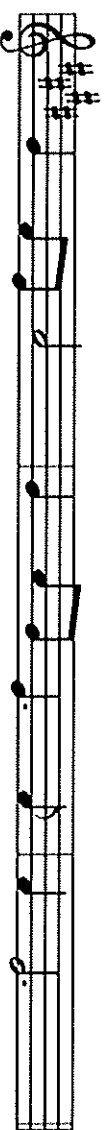
love can grow and peace is un - der - stood.      When my heart is hard.



break the stone a - way.      When my heart is cold.      warm it with the day.



When my heart is lost.      lead me on your way.      Lord, let my heart.



Lord, let my heart.      Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

### **Mark 4:35-41**

When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## **THE SERMON**

*(Stand as you are able.)*

# HYMN OF THE DAY “Blessed Assurance”

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood,  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove eech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love,  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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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.

*\*or He descended to the dead.*

*\*\*or church universal.*

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

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

Each petition ends:  
*Merciful God,*  
*receive our prayer.*

Concluding petition:

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.  
**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**

#### **THE OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.  
**Amen.**

#### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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!**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

## **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**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

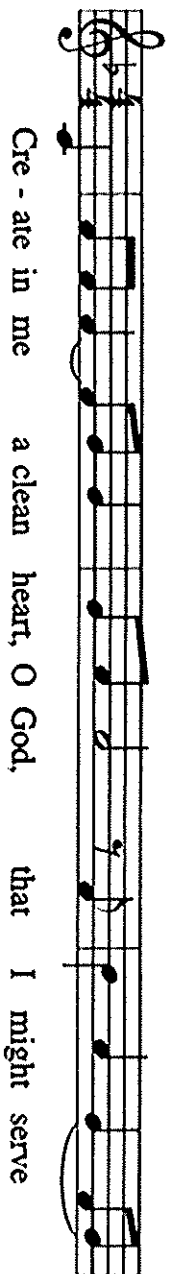
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## **COMMUNION**

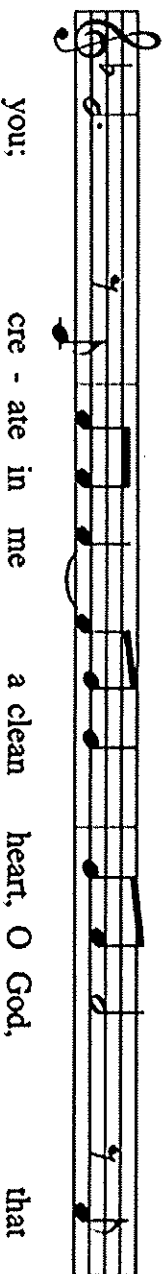
*All baptized Christians are welcome at the table of the Lord. Please follow the directions of the ushers. The bread and the wine will be distributed by intinction or there is a pre-sealed bread and wine option in the middle aisle if you prefer.*

# COMMUNION SONG

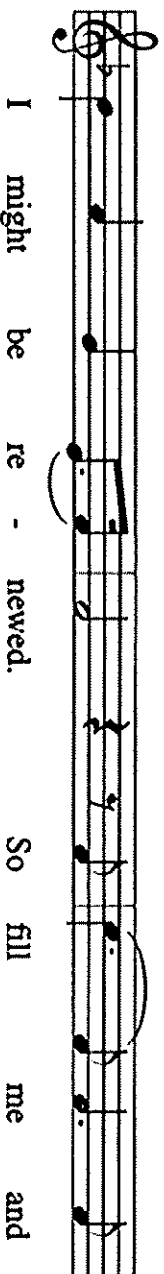
“Create In Me”



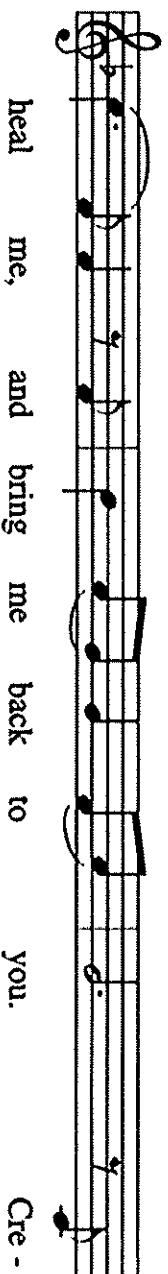
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve



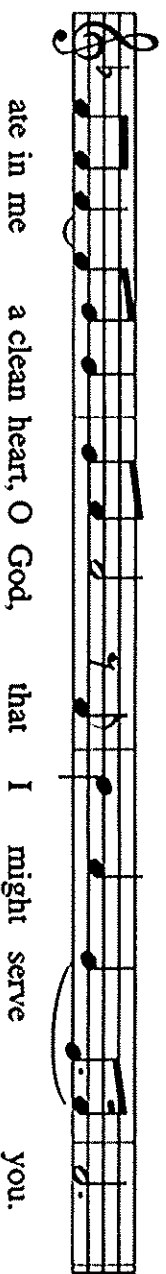
you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that



I might be re - newed. So fill me and



heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -



ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  $\text{†}$  be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

“Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone”

1. A - maz - ing - grace, - how - sweet - the sound, that saved.  
(2.) grace that taught - my - heart - to fear, and grace.

a - wretch - like - me. I once - was - lost, - but now -  
my - fears - re - lieved. How pre - cious - did - that grace.

I'm found, was blind - but - now - I - see. 2. 'Twas  
ap - pear, the hour - but - now - I - see.



2.

CHORUS

I first believed. My chains are gone. I've been set

free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a

flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

VERSE 3

3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word.

my hope secures. He will my shield and port-

tion be, as long as life endures. My chains are

CHORUS

gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed

me. And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love,

1.

2.

amazing grace. My chains are

VERSE 4

4. The earth shall soon dis-solve like snow, the sun  
for - bear to shine. But God, who called me here.  
below, will be for - ev - er mine, will be  
for - ev - er mine. You are  
for - ev - er mine.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a measure of rest followed by the lyrics '4. The earth shall soon dis-solve like snow, the sun'. The second staff continues with 'for - bear to shine. But God, who called me here.'. The third staff has 'below, will be for - ev - er mine, will be'. The fourth staff has 'for - ev - er mine. You are'. The fifth staff has 'for - ev - er mine.' and ends with a double bar line.

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ON OUR WAY REJOICING

Go in peace! You are the body of Christ.  
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**

Invite others to God's loving family,

### **Nurture**

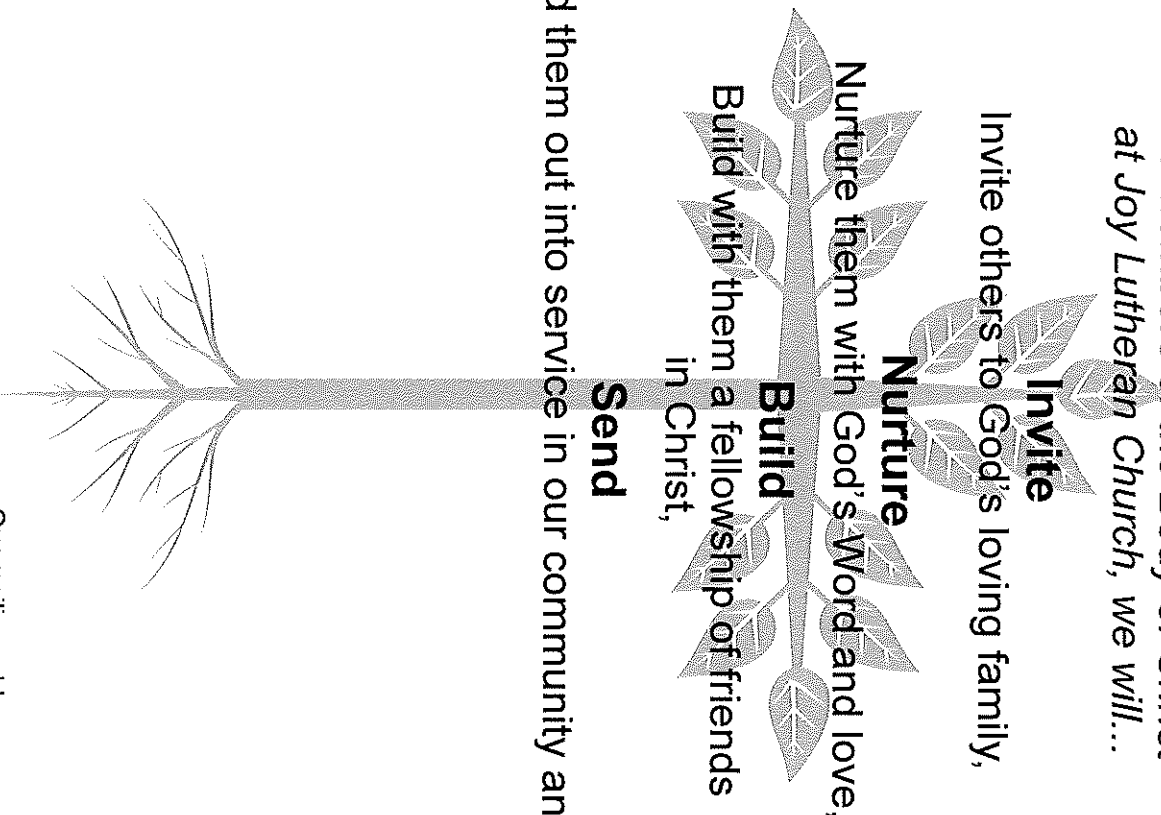
Nurture them with God's Word and love,

### **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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