

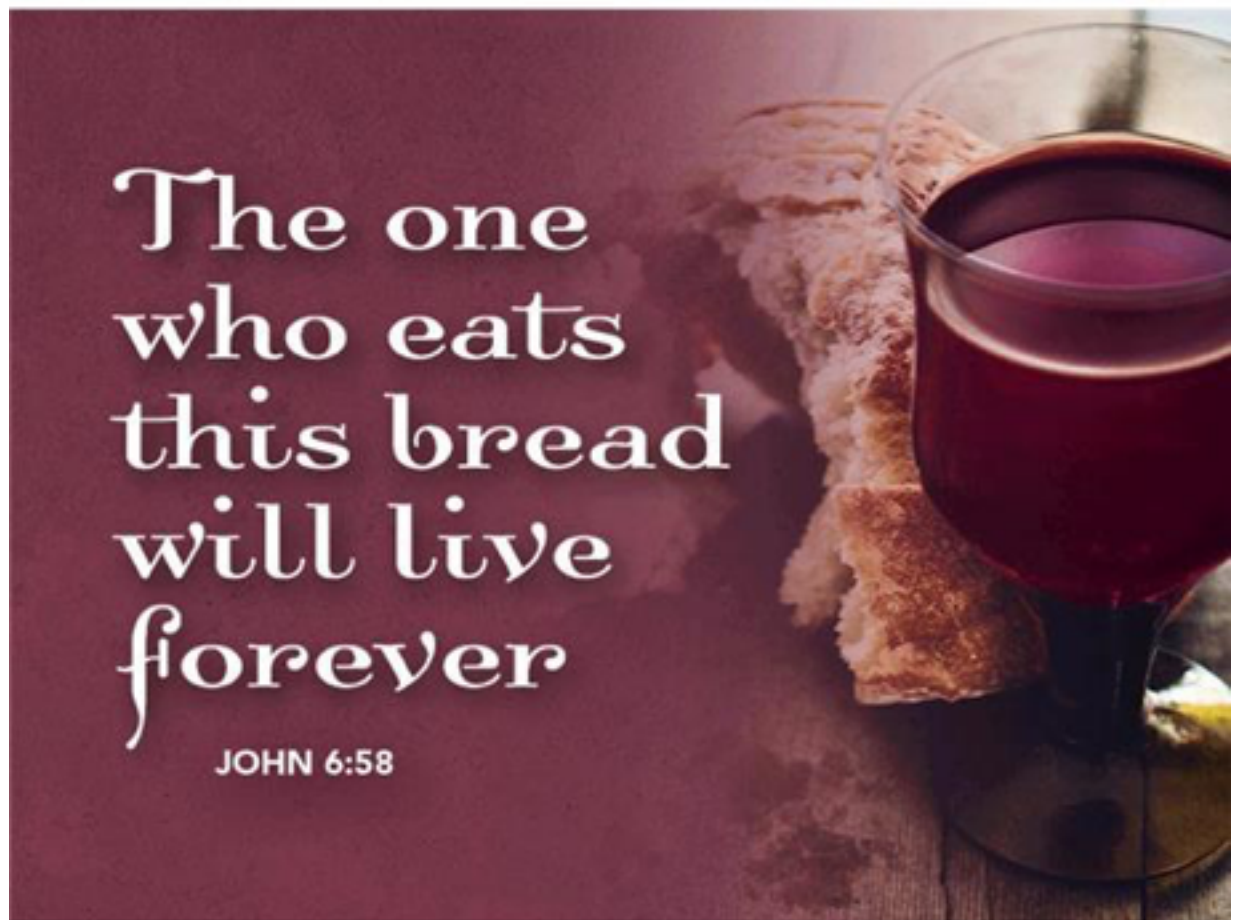
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August 15, 2021



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship at Joy Lutheran Church

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, divorced, married, widowed, and all families in their variety of rich expressions.

We are glad you are here if you come every Sunday or if this is your first time at our church or any church at all. You're welcome if you know the Bible backwards and forwards, or have never really read it, if you know Jesus or are just curious to hear what He is all about.

We welcome you if you have doubts about "organized religion" or are a "cradle Christian." We welcome liberals, conservatives, moderates, and undecided. If you cheer for the right team, or don't like sports, you are welcome here.

We especially welcome those who could use a prayer right now, or an assurance that God loves them, those who are struggling, and those who are doing okay.

Whoever you are, whatever your past or present – God welcomes you and so do we!

Children are always welcome here. We are used to the joyful sounds of our youngest sisters and brothers. We do have some activity bags near the main entrance, to keep restless hands busy.

Offering: Our offering plates are set at the entrance doors of the sanctuary. Thank you for giving of your resources to sustain the ministries here at Joy Lutheran Church.

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12th Sunday After Pentecost - August 15, 2021, 9:30 a.m. - Spirit Song

Introduction

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. This must have been off-putting to his listeners. Eat flesh? Drink blood? And yet, here we find a profoundly grace-filled invitation—abide in me—and a promise: through this meal I abide in you. We are invited to not only join Jesus at the table, but to be at home in the love of God, knowing that Christ makes his home in our hearts and lives too.

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Spirit of God

Spir - it of God, we ga - ther here for wor - ship, peo - ple of God a -
Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on your peo - ple; Spir - it God

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wait ting your call. Stay with us now, and
fill us to - day. Give us the fire to

7

at each day's be - gin - ing so that your gifts may en - ligh - ten all.
live our lives with pur - pose; - give us the light so we find our way.

music and lyrics by Martin Eldred

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We remember that our life of faith is rooted in God's baptismal promises of forgiveness and new life.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: P: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life.
Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

C: You, O God, wash us clean.

P: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- ALL are washed
away by grace.

C: You, O God, wash us clean.

P: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the
power to define us.

C: You, O God, give us new life.

P: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may
bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

C: You, O God, give us new life.

P: Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or
believing but by God's mercy alone.

C: You, O God, give us new life.

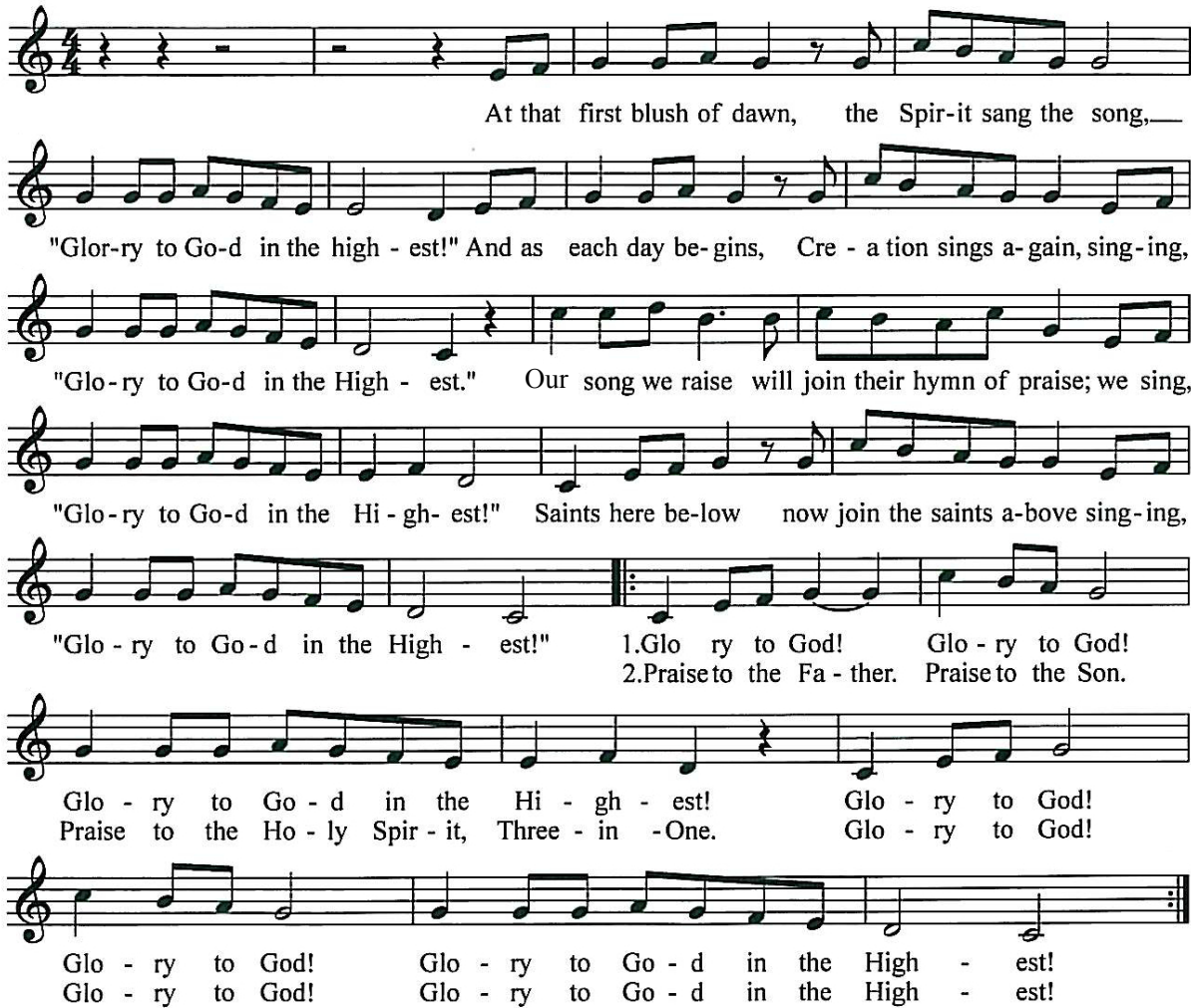
P: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of
baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God



At that first blush of dawn, the Spir-it sang the song,—

"Glor-ry to Go-d in the high - est!" And as each day be-gins, Cre - a tion sings a-gain, sing-ing,

"Glo-ry to Go-d in the High - est." Our song we raise will join their hymn of praise; we sing,

"Glo-ry to Go-d in the Hi - gh- est!" Saints here be-low now join the saints a-bove sing-ing,

"Glo - ry to Go - d in the High - est!"

1. Glo ry to God! Glo - ry to God!
2. Praise to the Fa - ther. Praise to the Son.

Glo - ry to Go - d in the Hi - gh - est! Glo - ry to God!
Praise to the Ho - ly Spir - it, Three - in - One. Glo - ry to God!

Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to Go - d in the High - est!
Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to Go - d in the High - est!

music and lyrics by Martin Eldred

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Ever-loving God,

C: **your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
 from the highest places in the town,
⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
 To those without sense she says,
⁵“Come, eat of my bread
 and drink of the wine I have mixed.
⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
 and walk in the way of insight.”

Psalm

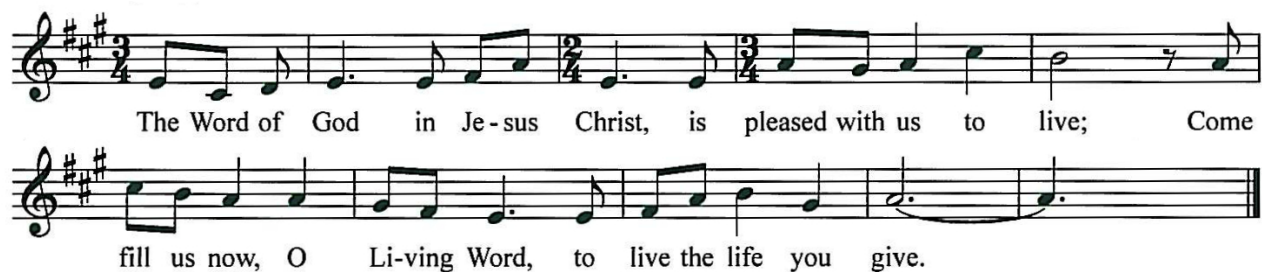
Psalm 34:9-14

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Children's Time

Blessing of the Backpacks

Gospel Acclamation



music by Marty Haugen
 lyrics by Martin Eldred

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Sermon

Pastor Sean Avery

Hymn of the Day

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW 518

Refrain



We eat the bread of teach-ing, drink wine of wis-dom, are
giv-en here a taste of the king-dom. To-geth-er
joined, the great-est and the least, we all are
one at Wis-dom's ho-ly feast.

1 Wis-dom calls through-out the cit-y, knows our
2 Sim-ple ones whose hearts are yearn-ing, come and
3 En-ter with de-light and sing-ing, for her

hun-ger, and in pit-y gives her lov-ing in-vi-
gain from Wis-dom's learn-ing; bread and wine she is pre-
rich-ness now is bring-ing us this joy-ous cel-e-

Refrain

ta-tion to the ban-quet of sal-va-tion.
par-ing, know her lov-ing in the shar-ing.
bra-tion; eat and drink in ju-bi-la-tion.

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 *(brief silence, then various petitions, response said after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayers.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you.

C: And also with you.

(please exchange Christ's peace with a smile, nod, wave, or other non-contact sign)

Thanksgiving for the Word

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, in heaven
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Sending Blessing





1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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Refrain
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Flowers are given
by Marty & Lori Atrops
in celebration of their anniversary



Worship Assistants for Today					
Pianists:	Readers:	Preacher:	Ushers:	Acolyte:	Counters:
Laura Storrs	Ruth	Pastor Sean Avery		Hazel S.	
Preview Of Upcoming Week					
Sunday, August 15	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks Boy Scout Troop 219 - Brause Fellowship Hall			
Monday, August 16	6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Joy of Reading Book Club - <i>Lois L. hosts</i> Narcotics Anonymous			
Tuesday, August 17	6:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous			
Wednesday, August 18	6:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous			
Thursday, August 19	6:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous			
Friday, August 20	6:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous			
Saturday, August 21					
<i>The Following Week:</i>					
Sunday, August 22	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Worship - Communion Sunday Boy Scout Troop 219 - Brause Fellowship Hall			

Regular Church Office Hours

Closed Mondays

Tues. - Wed. 10:00am - 5:00pm

Thursday 10:00am - 4:00pm

Closed Fridays

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS	
Sue Weimer, Pres.	Tom Bird, Vice Pres.
Scooter Bentson, Sec.	Debby Bird
Corrine Finnie	Kelly Mullin
Rachel Christman	Heather Slocum
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Pastor Sean Avery	Clarke Hemphill, Treasurer



Announcements

JCDC is Hiring Teachers NOW!

Joy Child Development Center is accepting applications for teachers. Training is available. 18 y.o.+ preferred for proper classroom ratios. Contact JCDC director, Robin O'Mara at 694-2755. Please share with friends or family.

COVID Protocol

The Council reviews our COVID protocol every month. We have always stressed that we will follow the science when making our decisions. Currently the CDC recommends everyone “wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission.” Anchorage is considered an area of high transmission. We want all our members and visitors to feel safe and included when worshiping with us. Therefore, we are suggesting:



- Highly recommend that masks be worn indoors, especially for unvaccinated persons
- Continue social distancing of alternating row seating
- Continue non-contact *Sharing of the Peace* and pre-sealed communion cups

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Worship Assistant Schedule

Date	Readers	Acolyte	Altar Care	Communion Assistant	Ushers	Sunday Counters	Pianist
Sun., Aug. 15, 2021 Backpack Blessing	Adult: Ruth Youth:	Hazel S.	X	X	1- 2-	1- 2-	Laura S.
Sun., Aug. 22, 2021 Communion Sunday	Adult: Jim H. Youth: Blake P.				1- 2-	1- 2-	Kathy H.
Sun., Aug. 29, 2021	Adult: Jim H. Youth: Brody P.		X	X	1- 2-	1- 2-	Nancy W.
Sun., Sept. 5, 2021	Adult: Lori A. Youth:		X	X	1- 2-	1- 2-	Kathy H.
Sun., Sept. 12, 2021 Communion Sunday	Adult: Corrine Youth:				1- 2-	1- 2-	
Sun., Sept. 19, 2021	Adult: Youth:		X	X	1- 2-	1- 2-	
Sun., Sept. 26, 2021 Communion Sunday	Adult: Youth:				1- 2-	1- 2-	