

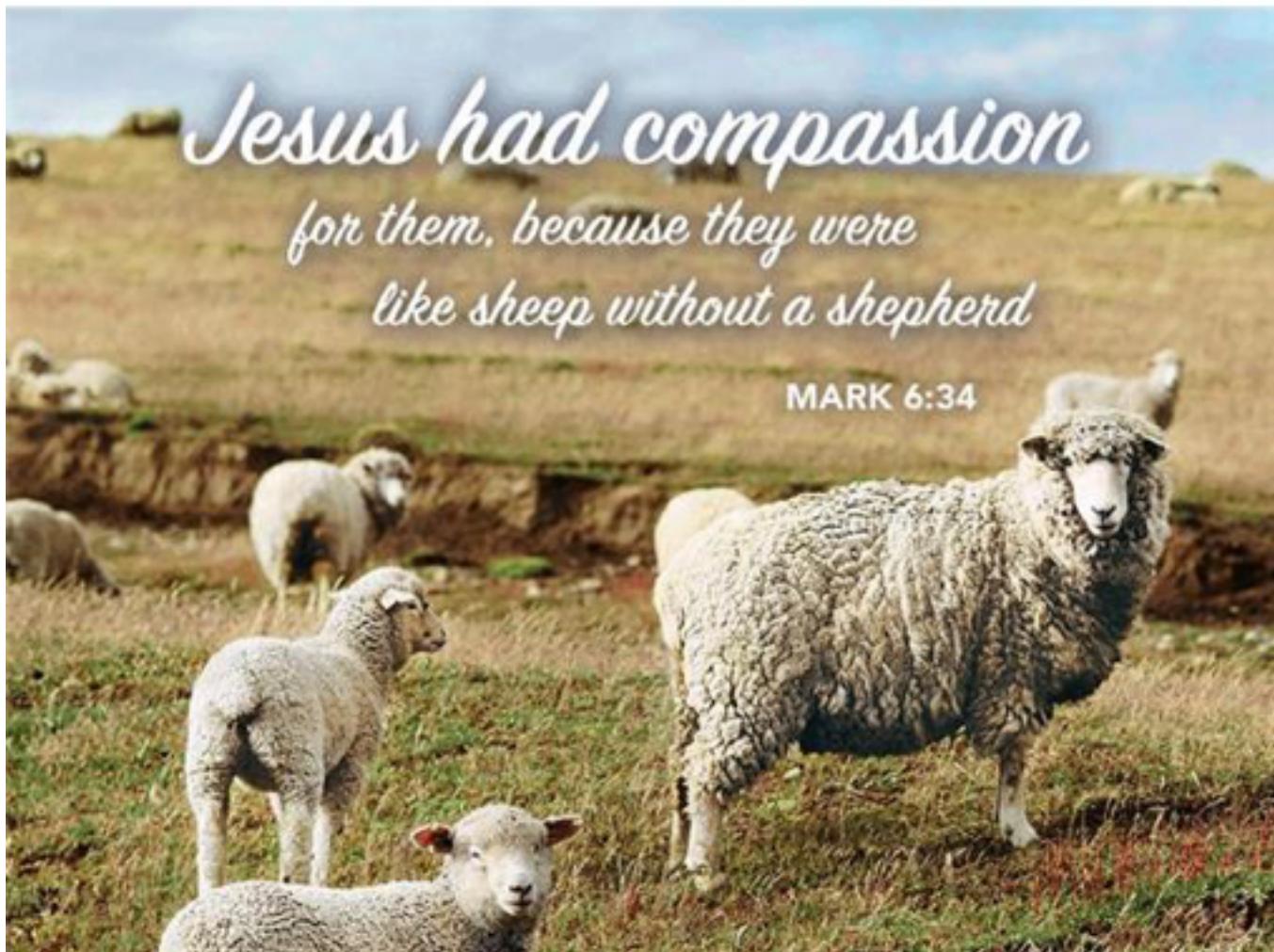
# Joy Lutheran Church

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## Eighth 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!

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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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Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

## Welcome & Announcements

### Gathering Hymn

### *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

## Apostolic Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>+</sup> one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: **Amen.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

L: God, our provider,

**C: 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.**

L: 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, <sup>+</sup> the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

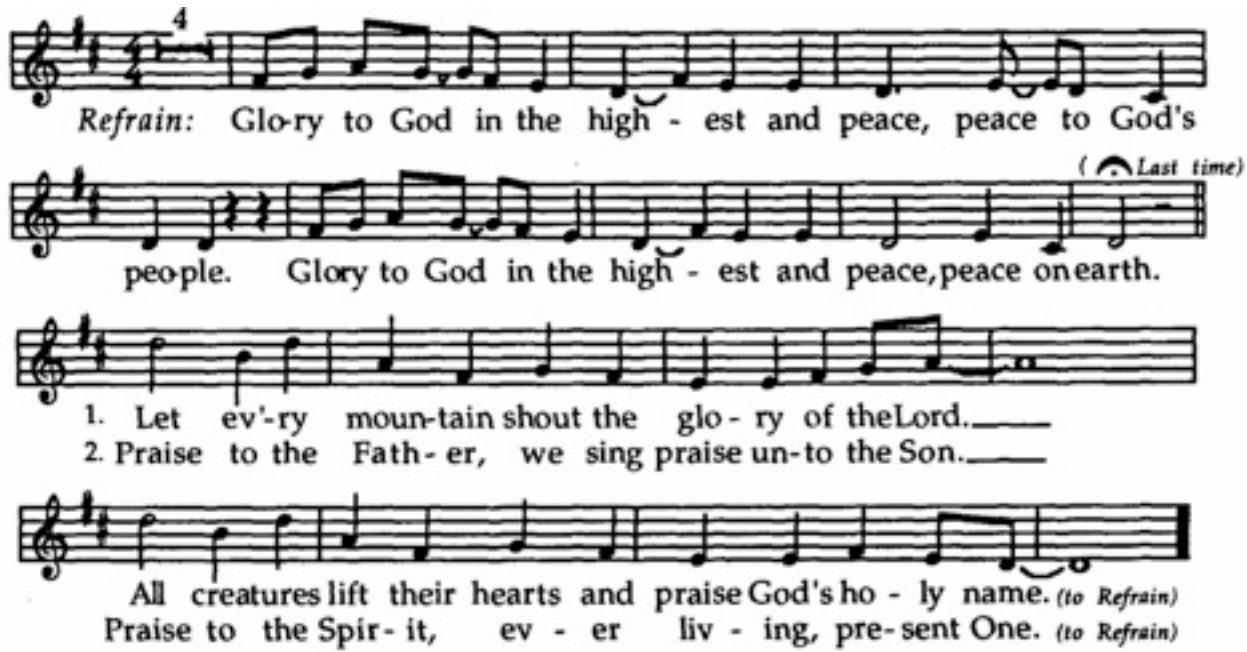
C: **Amen.**

## Kyrie

Cantor: In peace, in peace, to you, oh Lord, we pray.  
Cong.: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: For broken lives and broken hearts we pray  
**Cong: Lord have mercy.**  
Cantor: For the unity of your church everywhere we pray  
**Cong: Lord have mercy.**  
Cantor: That we might know the forgiveness you promise we pray  
**Cong: Lord have mercy.**  
Cantor: For your parting gift of peace, oh Lord we pray  
**Cong: A---men.**

### Hymn of Praise



Refrain: Glory to God in the high - est and peace, peace to God's people. Glory to God in the high - est and peace, peace on earth. (Last time)

1. Let ev'-ry moun-tain shout the glo - ry of the Lord.  
2. Praise to the Fath - er, we sing praise un-to the Son.

All creatures lift their hearts and praise God's ho - ly name. (to Refrain)  
Praise to the Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing, pre-sent One. (to Refrain)

### Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us.  
**C: Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading

### ***Jeremiah 23:1-6***

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,

says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

## Psalm

## *Psalm 23*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**<sup>2</sup>The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## Second Reading

## *Ephesians 2:11-22*

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God’s chosen people. Through Jesus’ death, however, they are included in God’s household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to

you who were far off and peace to those who were near;<sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.<sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,<sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.<sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;<sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

### Children's Message

### Gospel Acclamation (*Cantor first time, congregation repeats twice*)



### Gospel Reading

### **Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.  
<sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.<sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.<sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.<sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.<sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,<sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.<sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Hymn of the Day*Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

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1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to  
 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not  
 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my  
 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in

me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -  
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -  
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -  
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is

bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."  
 fore you; do not run from me in fright."  
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."  
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

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)*

The 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.

Benediction

## Sending Hymn

We go out from this place, and we scatter like seeds,  
scatter like seeds in the wind and your love sets us gently down.

We are called to bring light to this world of con-fu-sion;  
help us re-mem-ber this meal and this day as we go out from this place.

We are called to make jus-tice, we are called to bring peace,— to  
reach out to those a-round us, to pray and lis-ten and teach. As

we go out from this place— and we scatter like seeds,  
Help us re- mem-ber this meal and this day as we  
car-ry your Word to the world.

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

Worship Assistants for Today				
Pianists:	Readers:	Preacher:	Acolyte:	Counters:
Nancy Wojnowski	Corrine F.	Pastor Sean Avery	Brody P.	