

Joy Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

Welcome

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

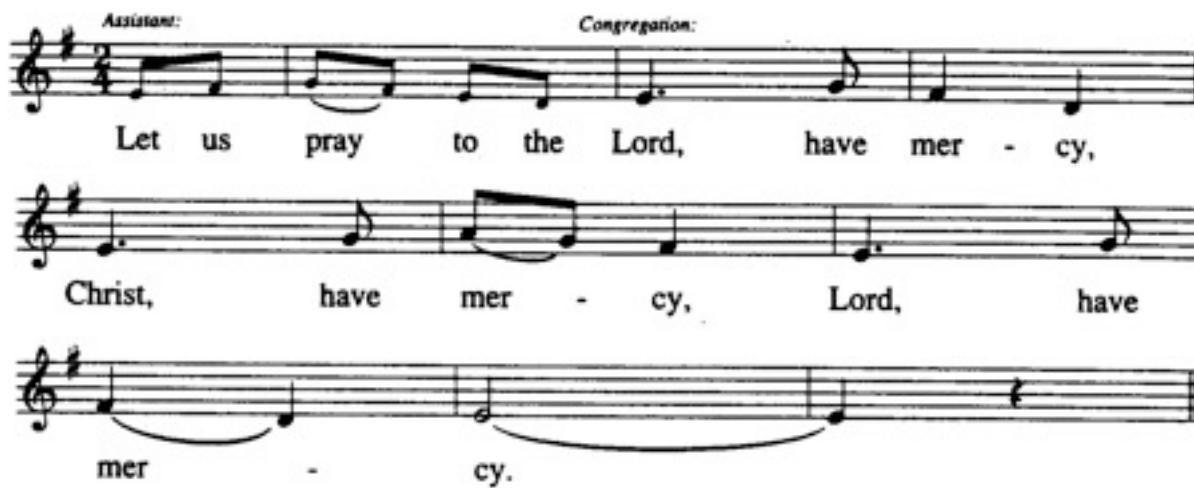
L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Most merciful God,
C: **we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.
C: **Amen.**

Kyrie

Assistant: In peace, in peace,

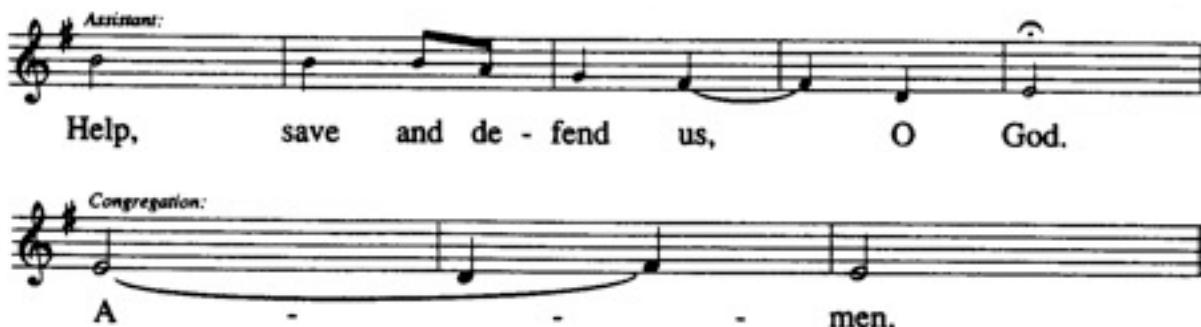


Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy, Lord, have
mercy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)



Assistant: Congregation:

Help, save and defend us, O God.
A - - - men.

Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cele - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and uni -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.

To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er.

To refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God; to make
all things new.

To refrain

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God,
C: **you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-260

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**²Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading

1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel Verse (*sung as we stand to hear Jesus' words*)

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Hymn of the Day

Bind Us Together

WOV 748

The musical score for "Bind Us Together" is a four-part setting for voice and piano. The vocal parts are in soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The piano part provides harmonic support. The lyrics are as follows:

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam-ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing;
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

Refrain

The score includes various musical markings such as F, C7, Dm, Gm, and Bb/C, indicating chords and key changes.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Sonray

Special Music

Laura Storrs

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)

Prayers of the Church *(brief silence, then various petitions)*

(response said after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayers.

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

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
rob'd in flow'rs spar - kling bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Worship Assistants for Today

Pianists:	Readers:	Acolyte:	Counters:
Laura Storrs	Trudi & Noah		Heather S.

Preview Of Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 16	8:30 AM 10:15 AM 6:00 PM	Worship Sunday School & Confirmation Boy Scout Troop 219
Monday, May 17	6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Joy of Reading Book Club - <i>Brause Fellowship Hall</i> Narcotics Anonymous Martinson Student Piano Recital - <i>Sanctuary</i>
Tuesday, May 18	6:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous
Wednesday, May 19	6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Granite Park HOA Annual Meeting - <i>Brause Fellowship Hall</i> Narcotics Anonymous
Thursday, May 20	4:00 PM 6:30 PM	Plunkett Student Piano Recital - <i>Sanctuary</i> Alcoholics Anonymous
Friday, May 21	- All Day - 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Church Office Closed on Fridays Theroux Student Piano Recital - <i>Sanctuary</i> Narcotics Anonymous
Saturday, May 22		
<i>The Following Week:</i>		
Sunday, May 23	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Worship - Pastor Karen Farewell Service Boy Scouts Troop 219

Regular Church Office Hours

Monday	9:30am - 4:00pm (Office closed Monday, May 17)
Tues. - Wed.	10:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday	10:00am - 4:00pm
Closed Friday	

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sue Weimer, Pres.	Tom Bird, Vice Pres.
Scooter Bentson, Sec.	Debby Bird
Corrine Finnie	Kelly Mullin
Rachel Christman	Heather Slocum
Kristi Swain	Charlotte Kotlarchuk
Pastor Karen Sonray	Clarke Hemphill, Treasurer

The next Church
Council Meeting will
be Tuesday, June 8
at 7:00pm.

LIST OF MITIGATION RULES FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP

1. Wear your face mask. We have extras if you need one. Pastor will be more than 10 ft away and remove her mask while presiding.
2. Keep 3 empty chairs (i.e. 6 ft.) between you and anyone not in your household.
3. No use of hymnals.
4. Holy Communion will be offered normally on the second Sunday of the month using good protocol outline below.***
5. Keep your mask on during singing and do not sing boisterously.
6. We will limit the worship service to approximately 35 minutes. The longer people share the same air space the greater the chance of spreading germs.
7. No contact during the passing of the peace. Stay at 6 ft. distances - sharing a peace sign, wave, hand over heart, or clasped hands and bow.
8. Offering plates are in stationary positions near entryways to avoid the passing of the plate. Thank you for your offerings!
9. We ask you to FILL OUT THE SHEET OF PAPER inside your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
10. As you are dismissed, exit in a staggered rhythm to decrease proximity to one another.
11. If you use a bathroom, please clean all touchable surfaces before and after usage. Spray disinfectant and paper towels are available in each bathroom.
12. If you would like to visit after worship, we ask you maintain 6 ft. distances.
13. All coffee and food is suspended at this time. Exception is we will offer prepackaged food-to-go for Sunday School students.

***COMMUNION PROTOCOL

- *Wafers and Cups are individually sealed.*
- *People will be ushered forward in staggered intervals, take their communion, return to seat*
- *You may partake in your communion any time after you are seated again.*