

# Joy Lutheran Church

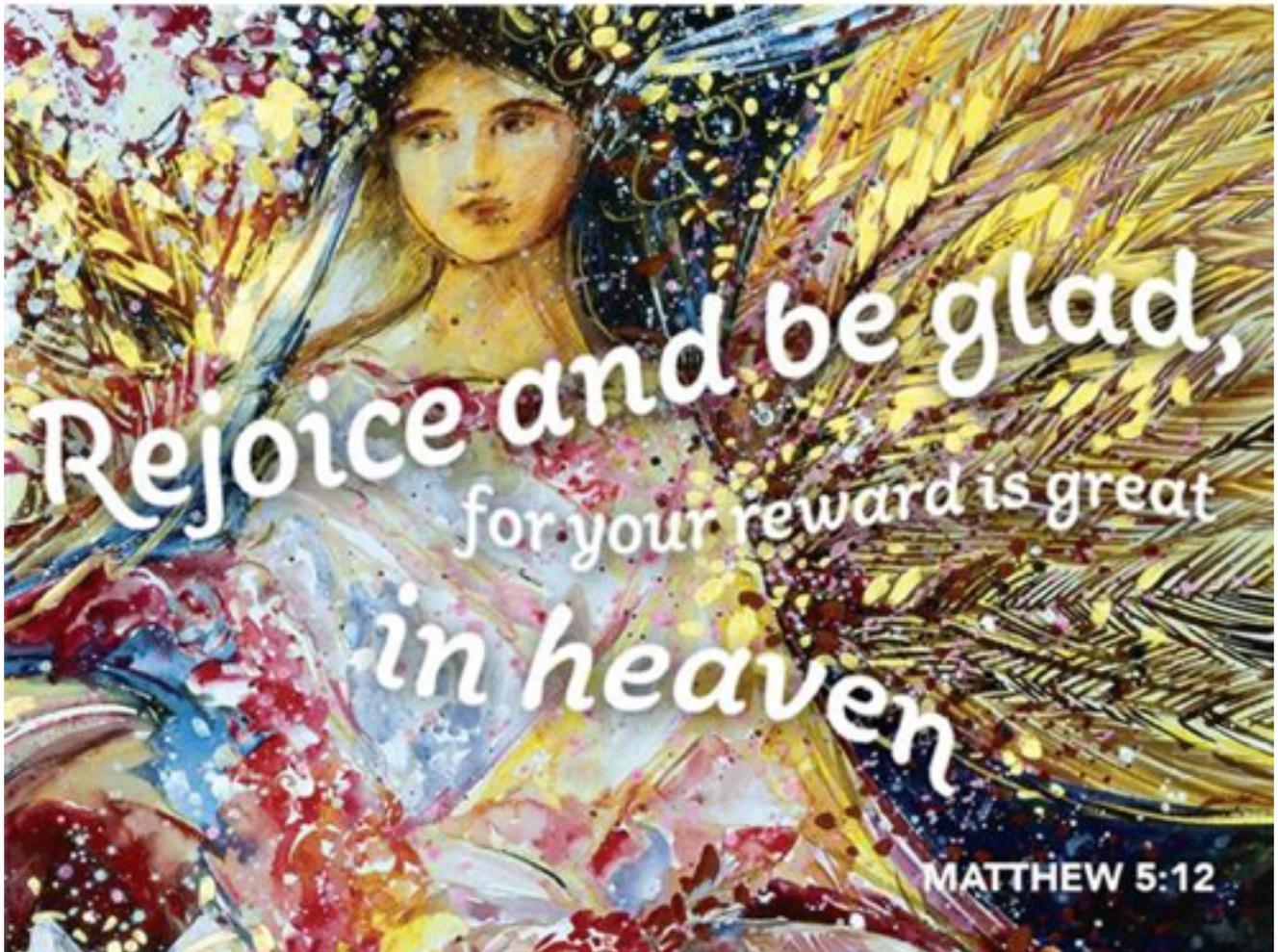
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All Saints Sunday

# Welcome to worship at Joy Lutheran Church

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, divorced, married, widowed, or if your relationship status is “complicated.”

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. Due to COVID-19 we discourage use of our Family Room right now.

## Introduction

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

## Welcome/Apostolic Greeting

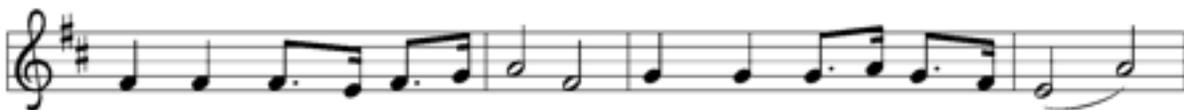
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all,

C: **and also with you.**

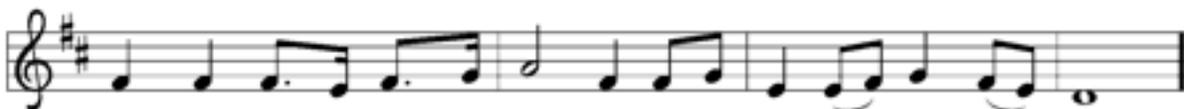
## Hymn

### *Shall We Gather at the River*

ELW 423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

## First Reading

### **Revelation 7:9-17**

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## Second Reading

### **1 John 3:1-3**

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

# Gospel

## Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

# Sermon

Pastor Karen Sonray

# Hymn

## For All the Saints

ELW 422 (v. 1-3)



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest,  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
King of glory passes on his way.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! 3 Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine, we fee-bly strug-gle,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the  
 5 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful  
 they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are  
 dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are  
 ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the  
 thine. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 strong. blest.

Prayers

**For those whom were baptized:** Edward Christman, Aiden Stilwell and Finn Stilwell

**For those whom died:** Mitch Axtell, MaryLou Barks, Clarence Carow, Linda Corbett, Henry Dana, Selma Dovick, Audrey Fredeen, Verna Jennings, Jo Jenson, Joan Lanehart, Shirley Lidstrom, Vernon Lidstrom, Orrin Opdahl, Henry Prien, Laura Rogers, Millie Russell, Katherine Scandrett, Debbie Sisson, Jean Truscott, Joyce Waller and Mary Lou Weimer

Peace

L: 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)*

Holy Communion

*(See Communion Protocol on bottom of page 5.)*

L: The Lord be with you,

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them unto the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



Words of Institution

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.**

Special Music

*Nearer My God to Thee*

**Mona Mitton**

Sending Hymn

*For All the Saints*

**ELW 504 (v. 5-7)**  
*(see page 2-3)*

Benediction

<b>Worship Assistants for Today</b>			
<b>Pianist:</b> Nancy Wojnowski	<b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Karen Sonray	<b>Reader:</b> Trudy Pudimat	<b>Song Leaders:</b> Mona Mitton
<b>Preview Of Upcoming Week</b>			
Sun., Nov. 1 All Saints Sunday	9:30 AM 10:15 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School Confirmation	
Mon., Nov. 2	- All Day - 6:30 PM	Pastor Karen Office Day Narcotics Anonymous	
Tues., Nov. 3	- All Day - 6:00 PM	Election Day - Joy Lutheran Church is a polling location Alcoholics Anonymous	
Wed., Nov. 4	6:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	
Thurs. Nov. 5	- All Day - 6:30 PM	Pastor Karen Office Day Alcoholics Anonymous	
Fri., Nov. 6	6:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	
Sat., Nov. 7			
<b>Next Sunday:</b>			
Sun., Nov. 8	9:30 AM 10:15 AM 10:15 AM	Worship Sunday School Confirmation	



Flowers are given  
by Clarke Hemphill



# 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. Capacity limit 50 – 60 (as of September 2020).
4. No use of hymnals.
5. Holy Communion will be offered first Sunday of the month using good protocol.\*\*\*
6. Keep your mask on during singing and do not sing boisterously. Studies show that singing projects more air than coughing.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Offering plates are in stationary positions near entryways to avoid the passing of the plate. Thank you for your offerings!
10. We ask you to FILL OUT THE SHEET OF PAPER inside your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.
11. As you are dismissed, exit in a staggered rhythm to decrease proximity to one another.
12. If you use a bathroom, please clean all touchable surfaces before and after usage. Spray disinfectant and paper towels are available in each bathroom.
13. If you would like to visit after worship, we ask you maintain 6 ft. distances.
14. All coffee and food is suspended at this time. Exception is we will offer prepackaged food-to-go for Sunday School students.

## \*\*\*COMMUNION PROTOCOL

- *Come forward and take one pre-filled cup container and wafer (both are securely sealed in one unit)*
- *All are grape juice, no wine.*
- *There also gluten free wafers and juice marked.*
- *People will come forward in staggered intervals, take their communion, return to their seat.*
- *We will all partake at the same time after everyone is seated.*

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