

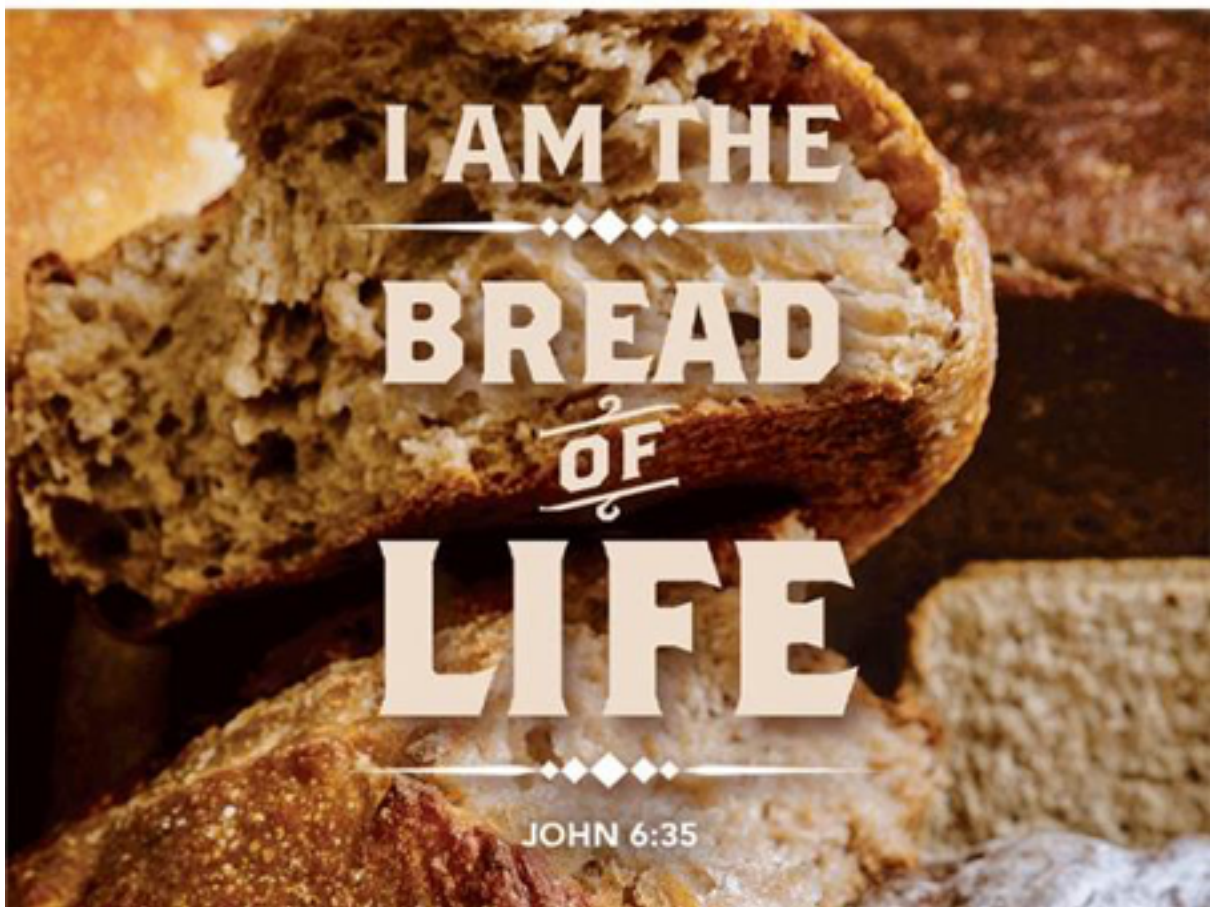
# Joy Lutheran Church

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August 8, 2021



Eleventh 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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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 8, 2021, 9:30 a.m. - Now the Feast

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession & Forgiveness

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: 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.**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

# Opening Hymn

## *I Come With Joy*

ELW 482



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## 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.**

## Kyrie

**Refrain**

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

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

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

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - 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 u -  
nit - ed us to be one great  
peo - ple of God.

*To refrain*

Verse 2

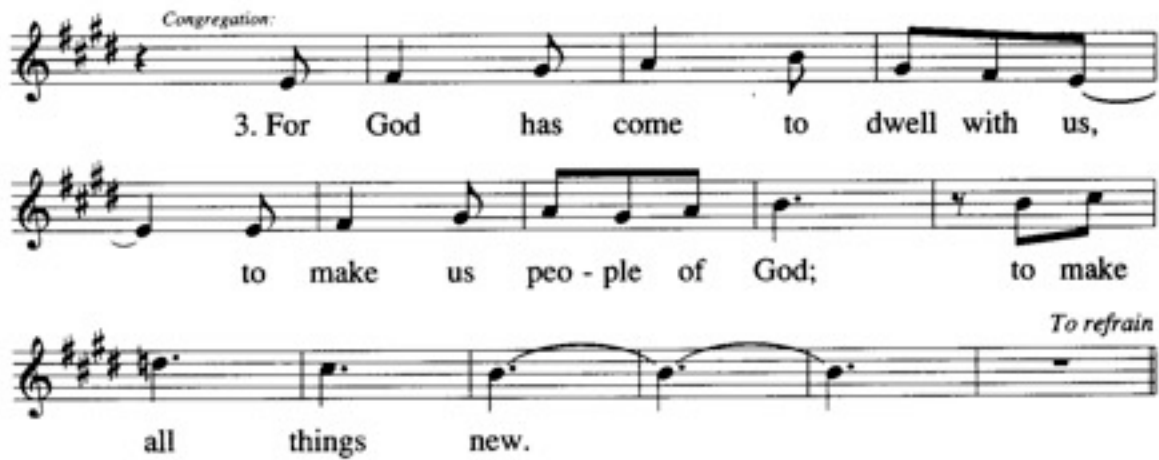
*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

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

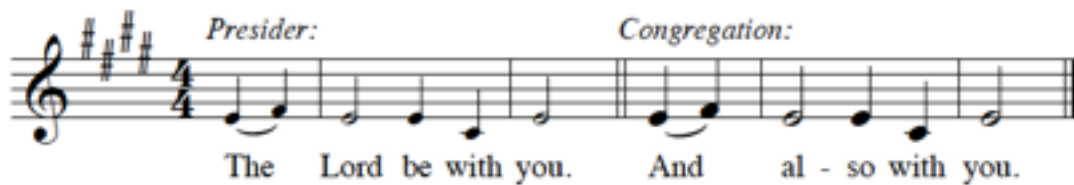
*To refrain*



Verse 3



Salutation



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: **your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

*First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

## Psalm

### *Psalm 34:1-8*

- <sup>1</sup>I will bless the Lord at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the Lord;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
- <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt God's name together.
- <sup>4</sup>**I sought the Lord, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.**
- <sup>5</sup>Look upon the Lord and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- <sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord  
and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

## Second Reading

### *Ephesians 4:25--5:2*

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

- <sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
- <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## Children's Time



## Gospel Acclamation *(sung twice)*

*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 6:35, 41-51***

*After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.*

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>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.”

Hymn of the Day*Be Thou My Vision*

ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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## 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.**

## Prayer of the Church (brief silence, then various petitions)

*(response said after each petition)*

**L:** Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**

## Passing of the Peace

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*President:* *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with  
you. Lift up your hearts. We  
lift them to the Lord. Let us give  
thanks to the Lord our God. It is  
right to . give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

Presider: "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen, Come, Lord Jesus..."

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

Presider: "Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit..."

Congregation:

A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.

## Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the  
u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is  
yours, O God, now and for ev - er.  
A - men.

## 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.**

## Holy Communion

We celebrate God's grace and acceptance in the Meal of Holy Communion. You are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. We believe that Jesus is truly present with us at this Meal, and his invitation to hear his promise of forgiveness and love is for everyone.



You will be invited forward in a staggered manner to allow 6' spacing. Please take your pre-filled cup (gluten-free is marked), return to your seat and partake in the communion.

## Communion Hymn

### *Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*

ELW 464



1	Bread	of	life,	our	host	and	meal,	Je	-	sus,	feed	us.		
2	Bread	now	break	and	wine	now	pour,	Je	-	sus,	feed	us.		
3	Grant	for	-	give	-	ness	in	the	feast—	Je	-	sus,	feed	us—
4	Thank	you	for	this	gift	we	share.	Je	-	sus,	feed	us.		



Christ,	by	faith,	to	see	and	feel,	feed	us	with	your	love.			
Make	us	one,	our	hope	re	-	store;	feed	us	with	your	love.		
for	the	great	-	est	and	the	least;	feed	us	with	your	love.		
Save	God's	chil	-	dren	ev	-	'ry	-	where;	feed	us	with	your	love.



## Post Communion Prayer

### Blessing

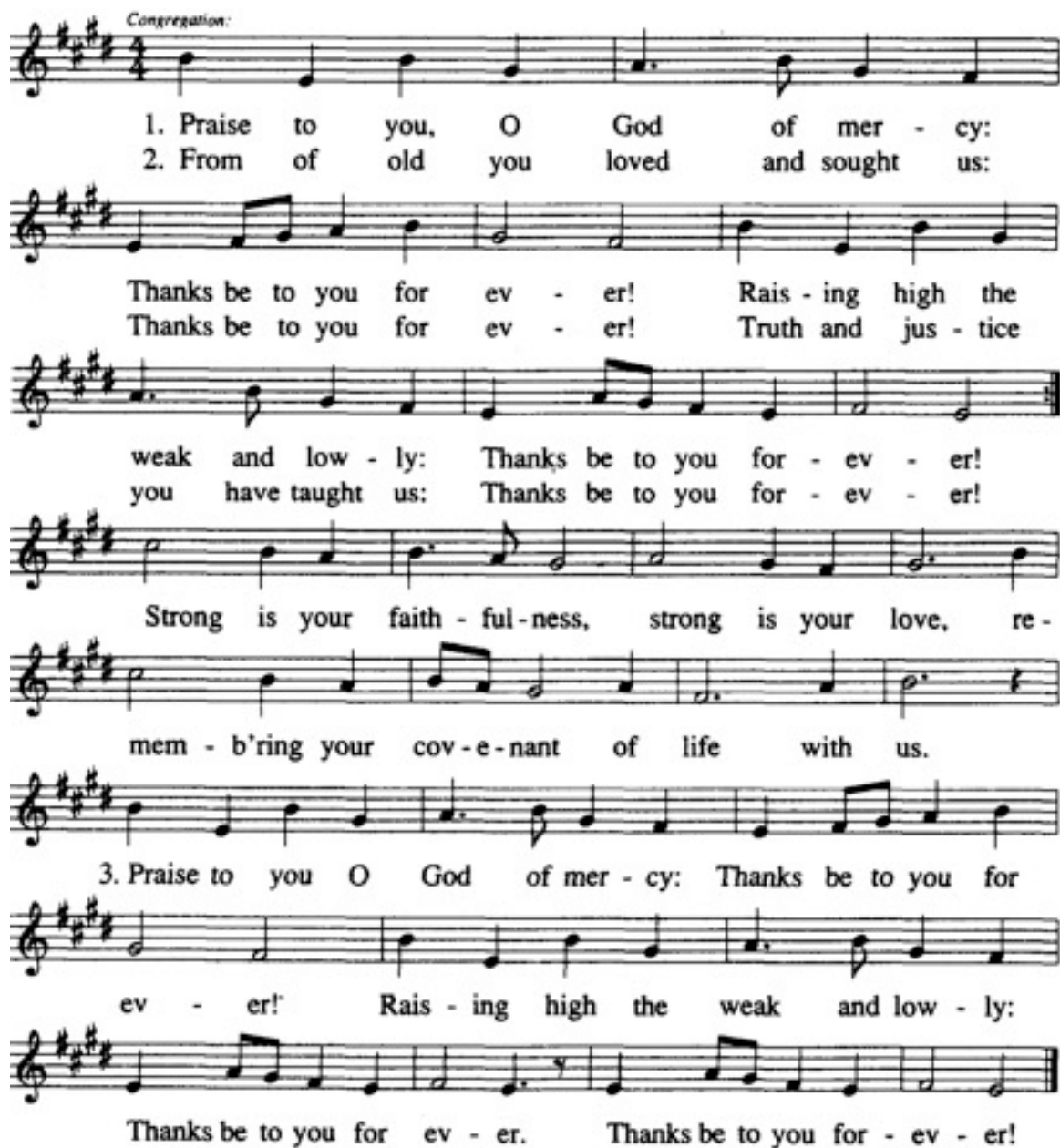
P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

### Sending Hymn

#### *Thanks Be To You*

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -  
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

### Postlude



Flowers are given  
by Sue Axtell in celebration of the Lanehart's  
anniversary, and in remembrance of Richard Jennings



Worship Assistants for Today						
Pianists:	Readers:	Preacher:	Communion Assistant:	Ushers:	Acolyte:	Counters:
Laura Storrs	Karen Peterson	Pastor Sean Avery	Jim Hemsath	Sue Weimer	Hazel Simasko	Nancy Hemsath
Preview Of Upcoming Week						
Sunday, August 8	9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Worship - Communion Sunday Boy Scout Troop 219 - Brause Fellowship Hall				
Monday, August 9	6:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous				
Tuesday, August 10	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous Church Council Meeting				
Wednesday, August 11	6:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous				
Thursday, August 12	6:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous				
Friday, August 13	6:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous				
Saturday, August 14	9:00 AM	Saturday Morning Work Group - All Welcome!				
<b><i>The Following Week:</i></b>						
Sunday, August 15	9:30 AM	Worship - Blessing the Backpacks 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

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