

Joy Lutheran Church

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Jesus began to
send them out
TWO BY TWO

MARK 6:7



Sixth 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.

Introduction

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Welcome & Announcements

Sue Weimer, Church Council Pres.

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

Pastor Mark Orf

L: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may live and serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

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

Cong. Lord have mer - cy.

- 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: Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace, peace to God's people. (Last time)

Glory to God in the high - est and peace, peace on earth.

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

James Hemsath

L: Let us pray. God of the covenant,

C: in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Corrine Finnie

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God."⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalms

Psalms 123

Corrine Finnie

¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.**
³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

James Hemsath

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is

permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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



Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-13

Pastor Mark Orf

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

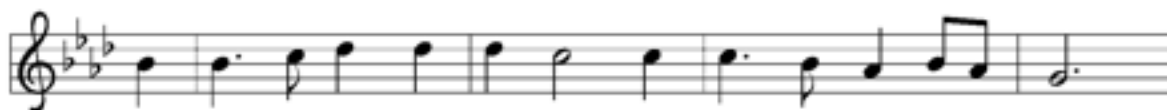
Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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 into hell.
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.

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.

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)

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Listen, God is Calling

ELW 513

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Flowers are given
by Nancy Wojnowski



Worship Assistants for Today					
Pianists:	Readers:	Preacher:	Lay Assistant:	Acolyte:	Counters:
Nancy Wojnowski	Corrine Finnie & Jim Hemsath	Pastor Mark Orf	Jim Hemsath	Hazel Simasko	
Preview Of Upcoming Week					
Sunday, July 4	9:30 AM	Worship			
Monday, July 5	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	Pastor Sean Avery's First Day in the Office Narcotics Anonymous			
Tuesday, July 6	- All Day - 6:30 PM	In Stitches Quilt Group - <i>Upper Narthex</i> Alcoholics Anonymous			
Wednesday, July 7	- All Day - 6:30 PM	In Stitches Quilt Group - <i>Upper Narthex</i> Narcotics Anonymous			
Thursday, July 8	6:30 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous			
Friday, July 9	6:30 PM	Narcotics Anonymous			
Saturday, July 10	9:00 AM - Noon	Saturday Morning Work Group			
<i>The Following Week:</i>					
Sunday, July 11	9:30 AM	Worship			

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
Kristi Swain	Charlotte Kotlarchuk
	Clarke Hemphill, Treasurer

The next Church
Council Meeting will
be Wednesday,
July 14 at 7:00pm.