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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

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!

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.



Flowers are given
by Nancy Daugherty
in celebration of Fourth of July



Introduction

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Welcome/Apostolic Greeting

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

C: and also with you.

Call to Worship

L: Brothers and sisters, boys and girls, young and old—

C: come and worship!

L: Even if you're tired and worn out—

C: come and worship!

L: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying—

C: come and worship!

L: Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you—

C: come and worship!

L: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you—

C: come and worship!

L: For Jesus is humble and gentle,

C: and he will give us everything we need to follow him.



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-ers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Psalm*Psalm 145:8-14*

⁸The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**Lord, you are good to all,
 and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
 and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
 and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
 and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
 your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
 and lifts up those who are bowed down.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Young People Time

Message

Pr. Karen Sonray

Special Music

Mona Mitton & Pr. Karen

Prayers

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

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.

Dismissal

LIST OF MITIGATION RULES FOR IN PERSON WORSHIP

1. Wear your face mask. We will have extras if you do not have one. Pastor will be more than 10 ft away and remove her mask while presiding.
2. We ask you leave 3 empty chairs (i.e. 6 ft.) between you and anyone not in your household if you are sitting in the same row.
3. We are limiting our capacity to 50 people.
4. We are not using hymnals.
5. We will be initiating communion, practicing good protocol limited to wafers and no cup. This will be held monthly at first.
6. We will HUM rather than SING initially. Studies show that singing projects more air than coughing.
7. We will limit the worship service to approximately 30 minutes, since the longer people share the same air space the odds of spreading germs increase.
8. We will not have any contact during the passing of the peace but will stay at 6 ft. distances- sharing a peace sign, wave, hand over heart, or clasped hands and bow.
9. Offering Plates are placed in stationary positions to avoid the passing of the plate. Thank you for giving your offerings there.
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, we will 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. Please do not linger too long in the Sanctuary. If you would like to visit, we suggest you do so outdoors while maintaining 6 ft. distances.
14. All coffee and food is suspended at this time.

Upcoming Events in July

July 12 - Outdoor worship, weather permitting - bring a chair.
Holy Communion offered.

July 19 - Discussion after worship on Joy's ministry strengths

July 26 - Confirmation service

Virtual VBS: "Splash in God's Love!"

- Online July 13-16
- Plan to join us! Sign up available soon
- Story, craft, things to do and songs!
- Want to help? Talk with Pr. Karen, Kelly Mullin or the church office.



Thank you Elaine Pfeiffer for today's music.