

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opens not His mouth. ³³In His humiliation justice was denied Him. Who can describe His generation? For His life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus

Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the anti-christ, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

John 15:1-8

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.

Fifth Sunday of Easter



*Joy Lutheran is here to welcome all people,
celebrate Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior,
nourish spiritual growth for all and
serve human needs in every way.*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Traditional Service 8 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Joy Lutheran Church. **If you are visiting us today, please fill out a white Visitor Information card in the pew.** If you have a prayer request, please use the reverse side of the Visitor Information card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Communion Joy Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion at each regular worship service. This is a special meal that celebrates our unity of faith in Jesus who is our Lord and Savior. In this meal, Jesus gives us His body and blood, in, with and under the bread and the wine to forgive our sins and to strengthen our faith. Confessing this oneness of faith, we invite you to share in this special meal.

Children in Worship We encourage children to participate in worship services. We have children's bulletins available for small children.

May 2, 2021



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COVID 19 PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS WILL BE FOLLOWED.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY is next Sunday, May 9. Amelia & Evangeline Gillard and Graham Anderson will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. service.

THANK YOU! to everyone who gave to the seminary book fund for Paul Anderson. Donations totaled \$845.

JOY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Home Delivered Meals this week—M,T,W, F. To volunteer, please contact Diane Solbrack, 763-689-5853.

JOY VOLUNTEERS will be working at Shalom Shop this Saturday (the 2nd Saturday of the month), May 8, Noon—3 p.m.

LAWN MOWING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. The lawn usually needs to be mowed once a week, depending on rain. A few people taking turns mowing once a week each month would be helpful. Thank you!

WOMEM OF JOY MEETING Next Tuesday, May 11, 9:30 a.m.

ELDERS MEETING Next Tuesday, May 11, 7 p.m.

JUST FYI Voicemail messages are not usually checked on Sunday mornings. If you leave a message hoping someone will get it for Sunday, they probably won't receive it.

TO WATCH JOY'S SERVICE ONLINE, please use the "Joy Lutheran Church Main" option, instead of the "Joy Lutheran Church Main - 5G" option..

THE SANCTUARY COURSE AT NEW HOPE—CAMBRIDGE Beginning on Monday, May 10th at 6:30pm a group will gather at New Hope-Cambridge and on Zoom for **The Sanctuary Course**. The Sanctuary Course is a study guide for small groups. Each topic is explored from a psychological, social, and theological perspective. Each week participants will gather together, read through the content out loud or listen to it on audiobook, watch a compelling short film featuring **the story of an individual who has journeyed through mental health challenges as a person of faith**, and engage in conversation, reflection, and prayer. The course will be 7 sessions (skipping Labor Day) and will be 60-90 minutes each depending on length of conversation. May 10th is an Introduction and open to anyone even considering the course.

May 2—May 9, 2021

Today	Traditional Service Adult Bible Class Contemporary Service	8 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
Tuesday	Volunteers at Shalom	12:30—4 PM
Saturday	Men's Bible Study Volunteers at Joy	8 AM Noon—3 PM
Sunday, May 9 Mothers' Day	Traditional Service Adult Bible Class Confirmation Service	8 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 11	<i>Women of Joy</i> Meeting Elders Meeting	9:30 AM 7 PM

Assisting in Worship

Service	Reader	Ushers	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ELDERS</u> Greg Thompson Rod Elmstrand Ken Wing Robert Severson Hugh Gibson</p>
Today 8 a.m.	Konnie O'Neil	<i>Ministry opportunity</i>	
Today 10:30 a.m.	Barb Poundstone	<i>Ministry opportunity</i>	
Next Sunday 8:a.m. May 9	Pastor Lewis	<i>Ministry opportunity</i>	
Next Sunday 10:30 a.m. May 9	Mark Krueger	<i>Ministry opportunity</i>	

TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT: Laurie Hoheisel, 763-689-4893. If Laurie is unavailable, please call the church office—763-689-4355.

In our prayers we remember: Scott Anderson; Gary Steffenson's sister, Barb; Iva Lou Fluegel's daughter, Karen; Kay Weber; Laurel Sonnabend; Mary Avre; Emerald Cramsie; Sheri Lundeen

Keep these military personnel and their families in your prayers:
Eric Bjorklund; Marcus Bjorklund; Pat & Tricia Cassidy; Kent & Jen Reichle