

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³To them He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from Me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸having the

eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might ²⁰that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. ⁵¹While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Ascension of our Lord



*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.

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CDC GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED.

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING This Tuesday, 7 p.m.

LAUREL SONNABEND'S ADDRESS: The Estates at Rush City, 650 S. Bremer Ave, Rush City 55069. He would love to hear from his Joy family!

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR GILLARD at Faith Community Lutheran, Zimmerman
 Joy members are invited to the installation of Pastor Gillard on **Sunday, May 23, at 2 p.m.** Reception to follow. There is ample parking and the building is fully accessible with everything on one level. *You may also attend via Zoom—instructions at FaithCLC.com.*
 In lieu of gifts, cards or even the cost of a card, a collection will be gathered to support international missions, specifically Pastor Didi and Serafina Panzo who labor tirelessly in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to care for the orphaned, minister to the vulnerable and train leaders in the Lutheran Church. We hope you can celebrate with us!
[Full invitation letter is posted in the narthex.]

CHANCEL DESIGN GROUP What should the front of the sanctuary look like? Over the past few years that question has generated a lot of different ideas and responses. Ideas have ranged from, “Let’s just re-carpet the platform at the front of the sanctuary and call it good,” to “Let’s remove the back wall and completely redesign how things look.” Since so many of us have ideas for what we could do and because we want everyone to be heard, we are forming a “Chancel Design Group.” **Anyone who is interested is invited to join us in the sanctuary on Wednesday, May 26 @ 6:00 PM for our first meeting.** The goal of the group is to try to arrive at a consensus and figure out some of the details for what the chancel (i.e., front of the sanctuary) should look like. We’ll come together, share ideas and dreams, and make a plan for how to move forward. We plan to have a lot of fun and we want to hear from you, so bring your ideas and come join us!

WOMEN OF JOY invites Joy members to donate items through June 13 for the Cambridge Pregnancy Resource Center as part of this summer’s LWML National Convention Ingathering. Most needed are diapers (all sizes), wipes, outfits and sleepers (sizes 6 mos.—2 yrs.) and baby sunscreen. **Not needed: blankets, Onesies or hats.** There is a box in the narthex for donations. *Thank you for your help!*

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!

NEWSPAPER AD Leadership has been asked about reinstating a weekly local newspaper print ad. This is not included in the approved 2021 budget at this time and cost is approximately \$300 for the year (\$5.50 per week) for the Isanti-Chisago County Star. *This does not include Christmas and Easter ads.* If you would like to contribute, please let us know. Once enough is raised for the year we will start running the listing again.

OUR DAILY BREAD for June—August are in the narthex.

May 16—May 23, 2021

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| Today | Traditional Service Adult Bible Class Contemporary Service | 8 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM |
| Tuesday | Leadership Team Meeting | 7 PM |
| Saturday | Men’s Bible Study | 8 AM |
| Sunday, May 23 | Traditional Service Adult Bible Class Contemporary Service <i>Installation of Pastor Gillard at Faith Community Lutheran, Zimmerman 2 PM</i> | 8 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM |
| Wednesday, May 26 | Chancel Design Group Meeting | 6 PM |
| Sunday, May 30 | Traditional Service Adult Bible Class Contemporary Service | 8 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM |
| Monday, May 31 | Memorial Day—office closed | |

Assisting in Worship

| Service | Reader | Ushers | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ELDERS</u> Greg Thompson Rod Elmstrand Ken Wing Robert Severson Hugh Gibson Sal Meli</p> |
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| Today 8 a.m. | Pat Jaeger | <i>Ministry opportunity</i> | |
| Today 10:30 a.m. | Sandy Wing | <i>Ministry opportunity</i> | |
| Next Sunday 8:a.m. May 23 | Konnie O’Neil | <i>Ministry opportunity</i> | |
| Next Sunday 10:30 a.m. May 23 | Rod Elmstrand | <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