

*Joy Lutheran Church of Rockwall, Texas*  
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**North American Lutheran Church (NALC)**

**North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District**

*Bringing Joy to the  
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship and service to others.

*COME SHARE THE JOY!*

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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (YEAR A)**  
**JULY 5, 2026**



### **Our Members, Guests and Visitors**

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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### **Prelude**

*You may use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- We've started an Artists' Gathering, which includes drawing, painting, crafts, etc., every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall.
- Helping Hands collections for the Food Bank is today. If you are unable to donate non-perishable food items, cash is always welcome.
- Young at Heart Luncheon is Wednesday, July 8th at 11:45 am at Casa Mama
- Blaine Davis is leading our Worship next Sunday, July 12th at 10:30 am
- Joy's Monthly Council Meeting is July 15th at 6:00 p.m.
- Family Movie Night & Pool Party is set for Friday, July 17th beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Steve & Kay Orr's home (1915 Wind Hill Road, Rockwall)
- Ladies Bunco Night is Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share and \$5 to play; Yvonne Hanks, the hostess, is providing a dessert.
- Men's Gathering at Pastor Martin's home (903 Windham Dr., Rockwall) on Wednesday, July 29th at 6:30 p.m.
- Interested in becoming a member of Joy? Please contact Pastor Martin.
- Please remember to review the Blessing Board to volunteer for various ministries.

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.” (Psalm 96:9)

*Please stand*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN~ “ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL” (*Green P. 245*)

## All People That on Earth Do Dwell

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Psalm 67:3*

Text: William Kethe, d.1594

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our aid he Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; Ap - proach with joy his For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy is for - cheer - ful voice; Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell; did us make. We are his folk, he doth us feed, courts un - to; Praise, laud, and bless his name al - ways, ev - er sure; His truth at all times firm - ly stood, Come ye be - fore him and re - joice. And for his sheep he doth us take. For it is seem - ly so to do. And shall from age to age en - dure.

5 To Father, Son and Holy Ghost  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

### WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.*

Pastor (P): “In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

Congregation (C): Amen

(P): "Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord." (C): **Amen.**

(P): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

(P): "Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another." ...

(P): Most merciful God,

**(C): We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

(P): In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**(C): Amen**

### GREETING

(P): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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

### KYRIE ~ (*Green, P. 78*)

(P): "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord."

**(C): Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord." (C): **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "THIS IS THE FEAST"

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

*1* Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

*2* Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P): The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

(P): O God, you never undermine your purpose, as you perfectly provide for all that you create. Remove from our way all that is harmful and give us what will profit that we may share in your invincible grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**(C): Amen**

*Please be seated*

## HOLY WORD

*(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song)*

### FIRST READING:

Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

(P): The Word of the Lord

**(C): Thanks be to God!**

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 145:1-15\*

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King,\*  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you\*  
and praise your Name forever and ever.

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;\*  
there is no end to his greatness.

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another\*  
and shall declare your power.

<sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty\*  
and all your marvelous works.

**<sup>6</sup>They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,\*  
and I will tell of your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;\*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,\*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is loving to everyone\*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

**<sup>10</sup>All your works praise you, O LORD,\*  
and your faithful servants bless you.**

<sup>11</sup>They make known the glory of your kingdom\*  
and speak of your power;

**<sup>12</sup>That the peoples may know of your power\*  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;\*  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

**<sup>14</sup>The LORD is faithful in all his words\*  
and merciful in all his deeds.**

<sup>15</sup>The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

**SECOND READING**  
Romans 7:14-25a

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! ...

(R): The Word of the Lord  
(C): **Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ~ "ALLELUIA"



### THE HOLY GOSPEL

(P): The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th Chapter.

(C): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup>Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All 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. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

(P): The Gospel of the Lord.

(C): **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### HOMILY FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### OUR DAILY STRUGGLE

Our reading from Romans 7 reveals that Christians live in tension between two ages (Gk. *aeons*): the old age of the Flesh and the new age of the Spirit. Faith and the gift of the Spirit do not put an end to this tension, they initiate it. The tension St. Paul describes, led to one of the great insights of the Reformation: Luther's teaching that we are *simultaneously* saint and sinner. This insight keeps us from falling into self-righteousness or despair as we live out our struggle of faith.

*Please stand*

# Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples'". John 8:31

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Tune: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

Lord, keep us steady in your word; Curb  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For  
 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send

3 those who by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom  
 you are Lord of lord's a - lone; De - fend your ho - ly  
 peace and u ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our

6 from your Son, And bring to nought all he has done.  
 church, that we. May sing your praise tri - umph - ant - ly.  
 fin - al strife And lead us out of death to life.

*Please Remain Standing*

## APOSTLES' CREED

(P): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed."

(C): **I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

(P): Confident in God’s steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

(P): ... Lord in your mercy. **(C): hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

(P): Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **(C): Amen**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(P): “The peace of the Lord be with you always.” **(C): And also with you.**

(P): “Let us share that peace with one another.”

*Please be seated as the gifts and offerings are collected*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Please stand as the gifts and offerings are brought forward*

*Please be seated [after sharing the peace - ushers will collect offering]*

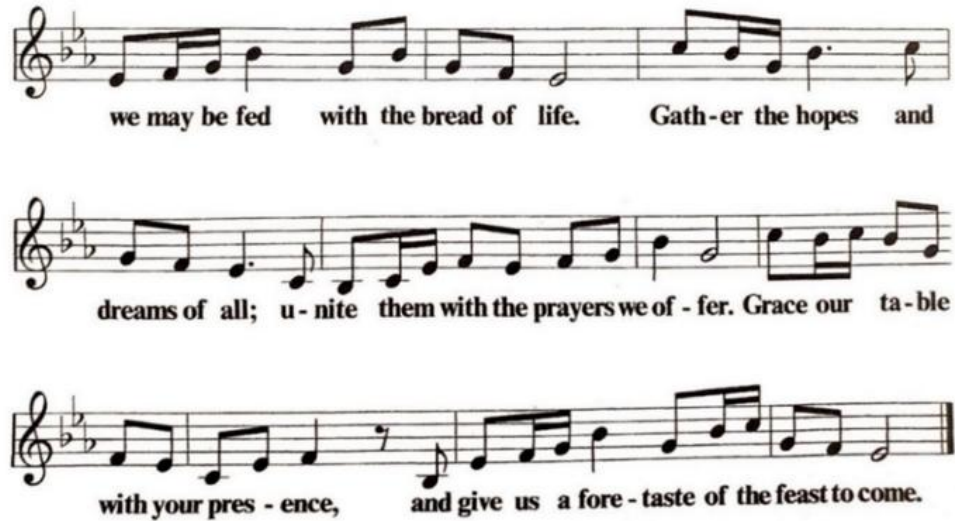
## GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*As the gifts are brought forward to the altar,  
we will sing the Offertory Response*

*Please stand.*

### “LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that



### OFFERING PRAYER

(P): Let us pray.

**(C): Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please remain standing*

### THE HOLY MEAL

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(P): The Lord be with you. **(C): And also with you.**

(P): Lift up your hearts. **(C): We lift them up to the Lord.**

(P): Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **(C): It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### THE PROPER PREFACE

(P): "It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

## SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please remain standing.*

## HOLY MEAL

*(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(P): In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(P): Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.' For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

**(C): Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

(P): Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

(P): Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**(C): Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

(P): Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

(P): Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**(C): Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

*Please be seated*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P): Come, for all has been prepared.

### AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We invite all baptized believers to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children are invited to come with arms folded across their hearts to receive a blessing from the pastor. Both the elements of wine and grape juice are offered. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

*Please stand*

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(P): May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **(C): Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(P): Let us pray: "We give you our thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."

(C): Amen

*Please remain standing*

### SENDING

*(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)*

### BLESSING

(P): The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

(C): Amen

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SENDING HYMN ~ "MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE" (*Green, P. 566*)

566 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,  
2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,  
3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees  
4 Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

14.

Of thee I sing: Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the  
 Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and  
 Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that  
 To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With free - dom's

pil - grims' pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain - side Let free - dom ring.  
 tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.  
 breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.  
 ho - ly light. Pro - tect us by thy might, Great God, our king.

**DISMISSAL**

(P): "We are called by Christ"

(C): **To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.**

(P): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

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**OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:**

Greeter:	Inez Roach
Ushers:	Dennis & Bobbie Chubbs
Altar Care:	Sharon Johnson
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Denise Moore
Acolyte:	Matthew Chubbs
Music & Facebook Monitor:	Rhonda White
Hospitality:	Carol Agee
Offering Count Team:	Sandra Lacroix & Inez Roach
Altar Flowers:	Rhonda White