

**3/22/2020**

**Amazing Grace (ELW 779)**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness  
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we are captive 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake  
God forgives us all our 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 + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### Texas Kyrie

*Refrain* L: Lord have mercy.

**C:** Lord have mercy.

L: Christ have mercy.

**C:** Christ have mercy.

L: We pray for peace from above.

We pray for our salvation.

*Refrain*

L: We pray for peace in the world,

We pray for wellness in Your church,

We pray for unity of all.

*Refrain*

L: We pray for this holy place.

We pray for all who gather here.

*Refrain*

L: Oh Lord help us, save us.

Oh Lord comfort and defend us.

*End:* L: Amen.

**C:** Amen.

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## **Children's Message -**

### **Psalm Tone Blues - Psalm 23**

L: The Lord | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

**C:** The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures

and leads me be- | side still waters;

L: You restore my | soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways |

for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall |  
fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and staff, they | comfort me.  
L: You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.  
C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.

*Instrumental*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Reader: As we prepare to hear the Word of God this day, let us pray:

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.  
By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the dark-  
ness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live  
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

C: Amen.

## **First Lesson**

## **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Reader: A reading from 1 Samuel:

16 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long are you going to grieve over Saul? I have rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and get going. I’m sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have found my next king among his sons.”

<sup>2</sup> “How can I do that?” Samuel asked. “When Saul hears of it he’ll kill me!”

“Take a heifer with you,” the LORD replied, “and say, ‘I have come to make a sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make clear to you what you should do. You will anoint for me the person I point out to you.”

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD instructed. When he came to Bethlehem, the city elders came to meet him. They were shaking with fear. “Do you come in peace?” they asked.

<sup>5</sup> “Yes,” Samuel answered. “I’ve come to make a sacrifice to the LORD. Now make yourselves holy, then come with me to the sacrifice.” Samuel made Jesse and his sons holy and invited them to the sacrifice as well.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, That must be the LORD's anointed right in front.

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven't selected him. God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the LORD sees into the heart."

<sup>8</sup> Next Jesse called for Abinadab, who presented himself to Samuel, but he said, "The LORD hasn't chosen this one either."<sup>9</sup> So Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, "No, the LORD hasn't chosen this one."<sup>10</sup> Jesse presented seven of his sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD hasn't picked any of these."

<sup>11</sup> Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Is that all of your boys?"

"There is still the youngest one," Jesse answered, "but he's out keeping the sheep."

"Send for him," Samuel told Jesse, "because we can't proceed until he gets here."

<sup>12</sup> So Jesse sent and brought him in. He was reddish brown, had beautiful eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, "That's the one. Go anoint him."<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him right there in front of his brothers. The LORD's spirit came over David from that point forward.

Then Samuel left and went to Ramah.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Second Reading**

## **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Reader: Our second reading is from Ephesians:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light.<sup>9</sup> Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth.<sup>10</sup> Therefore, test everything to see what's pleasing to the Lord,<sup>11</sup> and don't participate in the unfruitful actions of darkness. Instead, you should reveal the truth about them.<sup>12</sup> It's embarrassing to even talk about what certain persons do in secret.<sup>13</sup> But everything exposed to the light is revealed by the light.<sup>14</sup> Everything that is revealed by the light is light. Therefore, it says, *Wake up, sleeper! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.*

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# Gospel Acclamation

## Gospel Acclamation: Return to the Lord

Return to the Lord,  
return to the Lord,  
return to the Lord, your God.  
For he is Gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and  
abounding in steadfast love.

## Gospel Acclamation: Glory to You

Glory to You,  
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## Gospel

## John 9:1-41

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who was blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned so that he was born blind, this man or his parents?"

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents. This happened so that God's mighty works might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> After he said this, he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and smeared the mud on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (this word means *sent*). So the man went away and washed. When he returned, he could see.

<sup>8</sup> The man's neighbors and those who used to see him when he was a beggar said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?"

<sup>9</sup> Some said, "It is," and others said, "No, it's someone who looks like him."

But the man said, "Yes, it's me!"

<sup>10</sup> So they asked him, "How are you now able to see?"

<sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man they call Jesus made mud, smeared it on my eyes, and said, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

<sup>12</sup> They asked, “Where is this man?”

He replied, “I don’t know.”

<sup>13</sup> Then they led the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. <sup>14</sup> Now Jesus made the mud and smeared it on the man’s eyes on a Sabbath day. <sup>15</sup> So Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

The man told them, “He put mud on my eyes, I washed, and now I see.”

<sup>16</sup> Some Pharisees said, “This man isn’t from God, because he breaks the Sabbath law.” Others said, “How can a sinner do miraculous signs like these?” So they were divided.

<sup>17</sup> Some of the Pharisees questioned the man who had been born blind again: “What do you have to say about him, since he healed your eyes?”

He replied, “He’s a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jewish leaders didn’t believe the man had been blind and received his sight until they called for his parents. <sup>19</sup> The Jewish leaders asked them, “Is this your son? Are you saying he was born blind? How can he now see?”

<sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know he is our son. We know he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But we don’t know how he now sees, and we don’t know who healed his eyes. Ask him. He’s old enough to speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they feared the Jewish authorities. This is because the Jewish authorities had already decided that whoever confessed Jesus to be the Christ would be expelled from the synagogue.

<sup>23</sup> That’s why his parents said, “He’s old enough. Ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> Therefore, they called a second time for the man who had been born blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know this man is a sinner.”

<sup>25</sup> The man answered, “I don’t know whether he’s a sinner. Here’s what I do know: I was blind and now I see.”

<sup>26</sup> They questioned him: “What did he do to you? How did he heal your eyes?”

<sup>27</sup> He replied, “I already told you, and you didn’t listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”

<sup>28</sup> They insulted him: “You are his disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. <sup>29</sup> We know that God spoke to Moses, but we don’t know where this man is from.”

<sup>30</sup> The man answered, “This is incredible! You don’t know where he is from, yet he healed my eyes! <sup>31</sup> We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners. God listens to anyone who is devout and does God’s will. <sup>32</sup> No one has ever heard of a healing of the eyes of someone born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man wasn’t from God, he couldn’t do this.”

<sup>34</sup> They responded, “You were born completely in sin! How is it that you dare to teach us?” Then they expelled him.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard they had expelled the man born blind. Finding him, Jesus said, “Do you believe in the Human One?”

<sup>36</sup> He answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.”

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, “You have seen him. In fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

<sup>38</sup> The man said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshipped Jesus.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I have come into the world to exercise judgment so that those who don’t see can see and those who see will become blind.”

<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard what he said and asked, “Surely we aren’t blind, are we?”

<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you wouldn’t have any sin, but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ!

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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## **Sermon**

## **Song of the Day**

Christ, Be Our Light (ELW 715)

Longing for light,  
we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth,  
we turn to you.

Make us your own,  
your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain:* Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace,  
our world is troubled.

Longing for hope,  
many despair.

Your word alone  
has pow'r to save us.

Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food,  
Many are hungry.

Longing for water,  
many still thirst.

Make us your bread,  
broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

Longing for shelter,  
many are homeless.

Longing for warmth,  
many are cold.

Make us your building  
sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts,  
many the people,  
many the hearts that  
yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants  
to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

*The Assisting Minister leads this portion of the service, where we proclaim our faith, renew our shared mission, lift our prayers to God, and extend God's peace with one another.*

## **Mission Statement**

AM: Let us say together the mission of our congregation:

C: New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.

## **Prayer**

*The Assisting Minister leads the congregation in the Prayers of the Church, giving thanks to God, and asking God's blessings for the church, the world, and all those in need. Each prayer petition concludes, "Hear us, O God" and the congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."*

## **Sharing God's Peace**

*We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you" now, in the middle of our worship service. We wish for each other that we'd truly experience God's presence and peace. This helps prepare us for the gift of Holy Communion.*

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

## **Offering**

*Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At New Joy we see our offering as a practice in gratitude, sacrifice and joy. If you are with us as a guest, we hope we've been able to offer something to you this morning. If you choose to share an offering in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank you for your generosity and trust that you'll be blessed through your giving!*

## **Offering Prayer**

# **WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

### Lift Up Your Hearts

P: The Lord be with You.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **Sanctus**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,  
Lord, God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full, full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*The presiding minister continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, a prayer that recalls God's mighty works and asks God's blessing at the time. During this prayer:*

P: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: ...Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: ...Grace our table with your presence.

C: ...Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: ...Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ...blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: ...Amen.

## **Lord's Prayer**

*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.*

## **Lord's Supper** *(please be seated)*

*All are welcome to the table, where Jesus is host and offers himself to all who desire to receive. This is truly our Lord's table. We believe that Jesus shows up in this meal - in the invitation, in the bread and cup, and in the precious words that his body and blood are given and shed "for you." This meal is indeed given for you for the forgiveness of sins and as a promise of our Lord's presence with you.*

### 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

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Lamb of God

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Oh, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

### Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
in the morning when I rise,  
give me Jesus.

*Refrain:* Give me Jesus,  
give me Jesus.

You can have all the rest,  
give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
dark midnight was my cry,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

And when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

### Canticle for Departure

Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,  
your word has been fulfilled,  
My eyes have seen the salvation,  
you have prepared in sight of ev'ry one.

A light to reveal you to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel,  
Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,  
your word has been fulfilled.

## **Prayer after Communion**

### **WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S JOY**

## **Announcements**

## **Blessing**

P: Now is the acceptable time.  
Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God,  
speaking, spoken, and inspiring,  
✝ bless you, unbind you,  
and send you in love and in peace.

C: Amen.

## **Sending Song**

### Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You  
We live for You

*Chorus:* Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

*Bridge:* I will build my life upon Your love  
It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone  
And I will not be shaken

AM: Go in peace. Keep the disciplines of Lent.

C: Thanks be to God!

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