



Service of Dedication
and
Celebration of God's Faithfulness
on the Fifth Anniversary of Joy Mission Church
June 4, 2023

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

AFFIRMATION OF PURPOSE *Matthew 28:18-20, 22:36-39; Mark 12:30-31*

We are Joy Mission Church, missionary-disciples of Jesus Christ.

We love God, love neighbor, and serve with joy in Jesus' name.

GREETING [*LBW Occasional Services (OSB) pp. 166-167*]

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Brothers and sisters: We have come together to dedicate this church for the worship of almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ. From this day forward let it be a place for the gathering of people of God, a place for proclaiming the Gospel through Word and Sacrament, a place for bringing life and hope to us and to this community.

Peace be to this house, **and to all who enter here.**

PSALM 122 - *Sung in unison.*

¹**I was glad when they | said to me,***

"Let us go to the house | of the Lord."

²**Now our | feet are standing***

within your gates, | O Jerusalem.

³**Jerusalem is built | as a city***

that is at unity | with itself;

⁴**To which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the Lord,***

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of the Lord.

⁵**For there are the | thrones of judgment,***

the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:***

"May they pros- | per who love you.

⁷**Peace be with- | in your walls***

and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸**For my brethren and com- | panions' sake,***

I pray for | your prosperity.

⁹**Because of the house of the | Lord our God,***

I will seek to | do you good."

All your works praise you, O Lord, **and our faithful servants bless you.**

Please be seated.

DEDICATION OF THE FONT (*LBW OSB* p. 168)

The pastor goes to the font and lays her hand upon it.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. You have made water for us a sign of rebirth, and by it we share in the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. In joyful obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that new life may be given to all those who are baptized in this font which today we set apart. To you, O God, be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Give to Our God Immortal Praise" *LBW* #520

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save From guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; The King of

truth are all his ways; Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; Re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure When lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Tune: arr. John Hinton, d. 1793

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SALUTATION (*LBW* p. 82) *Spoken by the pastor.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*LBW* p. 82) *Ruth 2:4*

Let us pray together... Most High God, whom the heavens cannot contain: **we give you thanks for the gifts of those who have contributed to this house of prayer to your glory; we praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use make it holy; and we pray that all who seek you here will find you and be filled with your joy and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

DEDICATION OF THE PULPIT (*LBW OSB* p. 168)

The pastor goes to the pulpit and lays her hand upon it.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You have revealed your love for your creation in your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. Inspired by him, we seek to hold fast to the truth and to know our purposes. Purify the lips of those who speak here, and grant us grace to hear your love in all that is proclaimed from this pulpit which today we set apart; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 8:22-30

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³and said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; ²⁴you have kept with your servant David my father what you declared to him. You spoke with your mouth, and with your hand have fulfilled it this day. ²⁵Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant David my father what you have promised him, saying, ‘You shall not lack a man to sit before me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ ²⁶Now therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you have spoken to your servant David my father. ²⁷“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers toward this place. ³⁰And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84 - *Sung responsively with the cantor.*

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O | Lord of hosts!*

My soul longs, indeed faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the | living God.

²**The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may | lay her young,***

By the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

³Happy are they who dwell | in your house!*

They will always be | praising you.

⁴**Happy are the people whose strength | is in you,***

whose hearts are set on the | pilgrims’ way.

⁵Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a | place of springs,*

for the early rains have covered it with | pools of water.

⁶**They will climb from | height to height,***

and the God of gods will reveal him - | self in Zion.

⁷Lord God of hosts, | hear my prayer:*

Hearken, O | God of Jacob.

⁸**Behold our defen - | der, O God;***

and look upon the face of | your anointed.

⁹For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in | my own room,*

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents | of the wicked.

¹⁰**For the Lord God is both | sun and shield;***

He will give | grace and glory;

¹¹no good thing will the | Lord withhold*

from those who walk | with integrity.

¹²**O | Lord of hosts,***

happy are they who put their | trust in you.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:1-9

¹So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and, “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE 2 *Chronicles 7:16*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

I have chosen and consecrated this house that my name may be there for - ev - er.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL ANNUNCIATION (*LBW* p. 83)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.” This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON – Pastor Dave Tholstrup

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God Is Here!" WOVS #719

1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of-fer
2 Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life-long
3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's
4 Lord of all, of Church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full-er mea-sure
need of grace; here are ta-ble, font, and pul-pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,
change and doubt keep us faith-ful to the Gos-pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen-tral place. Here in hon-es-
Christ sus-tains us, as of old. Here the ser-vants
help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's

world a-round us, all our var-ied skills and arts
ty of preach-ing, here in si-lence, as in speech,
of the Ser-vant seek in wor-ship to ex-plore
ded-i-ca-tion, all we have to give, re-ceive;

wait the com-ing of the Spir-it in-to o-pen minds and hearts.
here, in new-ness and re-new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.
what it means in dai-ly liv-ing, to be-lieve and to a-dore.
we, who can-not live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve!

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NICENE CREED (*LBW* p. 84) *Genesis 1-2; John 3:16; Luke 2; Acts 2*

Living together in the trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS (adapted from *LBW* pp. 39, 40, 43, 44, 46)

Let us pray...

Holy God, you have promised through Jesus to be with your Church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make us worthy of our heritage. Knit us together in the communion of saints, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, your Son, Jesus, prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord, we may carry to the world the message of your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of your peace, and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your kingdom will go forward in peace and the earth will be filled with a knowledge of your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, our Creator, by your holy prophet you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend this surrounding city and its communities to your care. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may see opportunities and share your peace and love with all those around us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially Midway Elementary School, that these may be lively places for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God of our salvation, it is your will that all people might come to you through your Son, Jesus Christ. Inspire us to witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. We ask for all these things and whatever else you see that we need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

DEDICATION OF THE ALTAR (*LBW OSB* p. 168)

The pastor goes to the altar and lays her hand upon it.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You nourish your people with the heavenly bread in Jesus Christ. Bless and sanctify all who receive his body and blood at this altar which today we set apart. Give them grace to live in faith and love throughout their lives, until at last we all behold you face to face at the heavenly altar where your saints and angels praise you forever; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (*LBW* p. 194)

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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.**

OFFERING OF PEACE *John 20:19-21*

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Having been reconciled to God in Christ, we share His peace with others.

OFFERING OF TITHES & ADDITIONAL GIFTS

We offer our time, talents, and treasure in gratitude for all of the blessings God has given us.

Our offering this afternoon will go to build a library for Yengesa International Academy, Sierra Leone.

ANTHEM: "We Are the Church" music by Lee Dengler, words by Joseph D. Rojahn

Offered to God's glory by the choirs of New Hope Lutheran Church and Joy Mission Church.

Lyrics printed on the following page.

We are the church, a fellowship divine. In one accord we share the bread and wine!
We are the church, ordained by God above; saved by His grace, united by His love!
We are the church.

We are the church of Christ the crucified. We bear good news, for all the world He died!
We are the church, with purpose sure and true, to serve the Lord in all we say and do!
We are the church. We are the church.

We are the church, we labor not alone. He stands with us, our Christ the cornerstone.
We are the church, we strive to do God's will. Through joy or strife, He's ever with us,
He's ever with us still.

We are the church, inspired by saints of old. They gave their all to see Christ's church unfold.
Through sacrifice they labored not in vain, bearing His cross, their loss was turned to gain.

We are the church, whatever may befall. His cross leads on, a beacon to us all.
We are the church, by faith we live and love, until we reach His glorious church above,
His church above! We are the church. We are the church!

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Let the Vineyards" (LBW p. 86)

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 we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER (LBW p. 87)

Let us pray... Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us -
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of
him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (LBW p. 88) *Spoken by the pastor.*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

PREFACE (*LBW* p. 68) *Spoken by the pastor.*

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 Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you the sacrifice of thanksgiving. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (“*Holy*” *LBW* p. 89) *Psalm 118:25-26; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*LBW* p. 89)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20

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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*LBW* p. 91) *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

**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.

COMMUNION HYMN (“*Lamb of God...*” *LBW* p. 92) *John 1:29*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

WE RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who are baptized and trust that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine may come forward to commune by intinction. Receive the bread, then dip it into the chalice of wine.

- *If you require gluten-free wafers or abstain from wine, indicate so to the pastor.*
- *To receive the Sacrament in your seat, notify the usher and it will be brought to you.*
- *If you abstain from the Sacrament altogether, you have full forgiveness of sins by God's Word alone.*

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.** The blood of Christ shed for you. **Amen.**

After the elements are covered, please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE (LBW pp. 92-93)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (LBW p. 94)

Let us pray...

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DEDICATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD & BENEDICTION (LBW Occ. Services p. 169, LBW p. 95)

The pastor goes into the midst of the people.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. The heavens and the earth cannot contain you, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts. We are the temple of your presence, and this building is the house of your Church. Accept us and this place to which we come to share with others the covenant you make through Holy Baptism, to praise your name, to receive your forgiveness, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and illumine your people. And now, O God, visit us with your mercy and blessing as we dedicate this house to your glory and honor and to the service of all people in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



☞ 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.

A - - - men

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

SENDING HYMN: "We All Are One in Mission" WOV #755

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - frent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

WELCOME! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today!



Love God. Love neighbor.
Serve with joy in Jesus' name.
worship + fellowship + discipleship

Who We Are - As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church we strive to be:
Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded, & Congregationally Focused.



Ministers: Joy Mission Church
Pastor: Rev. Paulette D. McHugh
Pianist: Lavenia D. Hentz
Guest Choir Director: Laurie L. Lackey
Trumpeter: Shawn Lackey
Choirs: Joy Mission Church; New Hope Lutheran Church, Irmo, SC
Parish Administrator: Scheri Force
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