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Cultivating Joy

Life should be filled with joy. Jesus said that He came that our joy might be full. Yet, often the trials of life bring us down and block us from experiencing the joy God intended for us. It is not enough to say, "Be joyful!" We all desire to be filled with joy. We need to know how to cultivate joy in our lives. We need to know how to turn every circumstance into a reason for joy. Today, we will explore how to cultivate joy in our lives.

Bell

Hymn

5:30 pm & 8 am

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LSB 686

- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

"A New Hallelujah"

v 1

Can you hear, there's a new song
Breaking out from the children of freedom
Every race and every nation
Sing it out, sing a new Hallelujah

v 2

Let us sing love to the nations
Bringing hope of the grace that has freed us
Make it known and make Him famous
Sing it out, sing a new Hallelujah

chorus

Arise, let the church arise
Let Love, reach to the other side
Alive, come alive
Let the song arise

v 3

Immanuel sings a new song
Reaching out with a new Hallelujah
Every son and every daughter
Everyone sing a new Hallelujah

Chorus

Arise, let the church arise
Let Love, reach to the other side
Alive, come alive
Let the song arise

Bridge

Let the song arise, (echo)
Yeah, (echo)
Let the song arise, (echo)

chorus

Arise, let the church arise
Let Love, reach to the other side
Alive, come alive
Let the song arise

Ending

Ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah
Ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 146:1-2, 5, 10

P Praise the LORD!
C **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

P The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
C **Praise the LORD!**

Confession and Absolution

P As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

Silent Reflection

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

LSB 819:1, 4-5

1 Sing praise to God, the highest good,
The author of creation,
The God of love who understood
Our need for His salvation.
With healing balm our souls He fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!

4 He never shall forsake His flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading *Acts 10:34-48*

R The First Readings is from the tenth chapter of Acts.

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

Hymn of the Day

Song 10:30 am

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LSB 790

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

"Keeping My eyes on You"

I'm not looking behind me
At mistakes I've already made
Hope is living inside me
I believe that my debts are paid
Trusting You now
I know I can make it
I made a vow
I don't want to break it

Lord, I'm keeping my eyes on You
Following You, following You
My Lord, I'm keeping my eyes on You
Following You
Following You, my Lord

There's no good in comparing
With my friends who are serving You
Lord, all the grace that You're sharing
Is enough for what I must do
Trusting You now
I know I can make it
I made a vow
And I'm not gonna break it

Lord, I'm keeping my eyes on You
Following You, following You
My Lord, I'm keeping my eyes on You
Following You
Following You, my Lord

I won't look to the left or right
My only goal is keeping You in my sight

Lord, I'm keeping my eyes on You
Following You
Following You, my Lord

Lord, I'm keeping my eyes on You
Following You, following You
My Lord, I'm keeping my eyes on You
Following You, following You
My Lord, I'm keeping my eyes on You
Following You, I'm just following You
My Lord, I'm keeping my eyes on You
Following You
I'm just following You, my Lord

Anthem

5:30 pm

Children's Message

Apostles Creed

"This Little Light of Mine"

ILS Kindergarten - 2nd grade

All I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Hymn

Cultivating Joy

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We thank God for the Church and pray that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895:1

1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

- P We pray for our families, especially for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers on this special day. We ask the blessing of our bounteous God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut-in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those whose needs are known to us, [especially . . .]. Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

- P Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

C Amen.

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Benediction

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.**

Closing Hymn 5:30 pm & 8 am

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB 782

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise. **Refrain**

**Refrain: Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.**

2 By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. **Refrain**

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. **Refrain**

4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! **Refrain**

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Song 10:30 am

"As It Is in Heaven"

Verse 1

Our Father Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall
Our Father Who art in Heaven
The rocks cry out Your fame
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall

(Pre-Chorus)

I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song
To the Lord

Chorus 1

Let Your Kingdom come
Let Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Ev'ry heart proclaim
The mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in Heaven

Verse 2

God give us new ev'ry morning
Mercy as daily bread
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
And lead us not to temptation
But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
Father we pray

(Bridge)

For the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen
And the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen

(Ending)

As it is in Heaven

Announcements

Dismissal

P We are going deeper in faith;
C **Sharing His love in community!**

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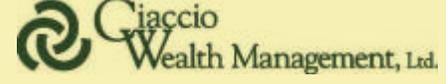
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