



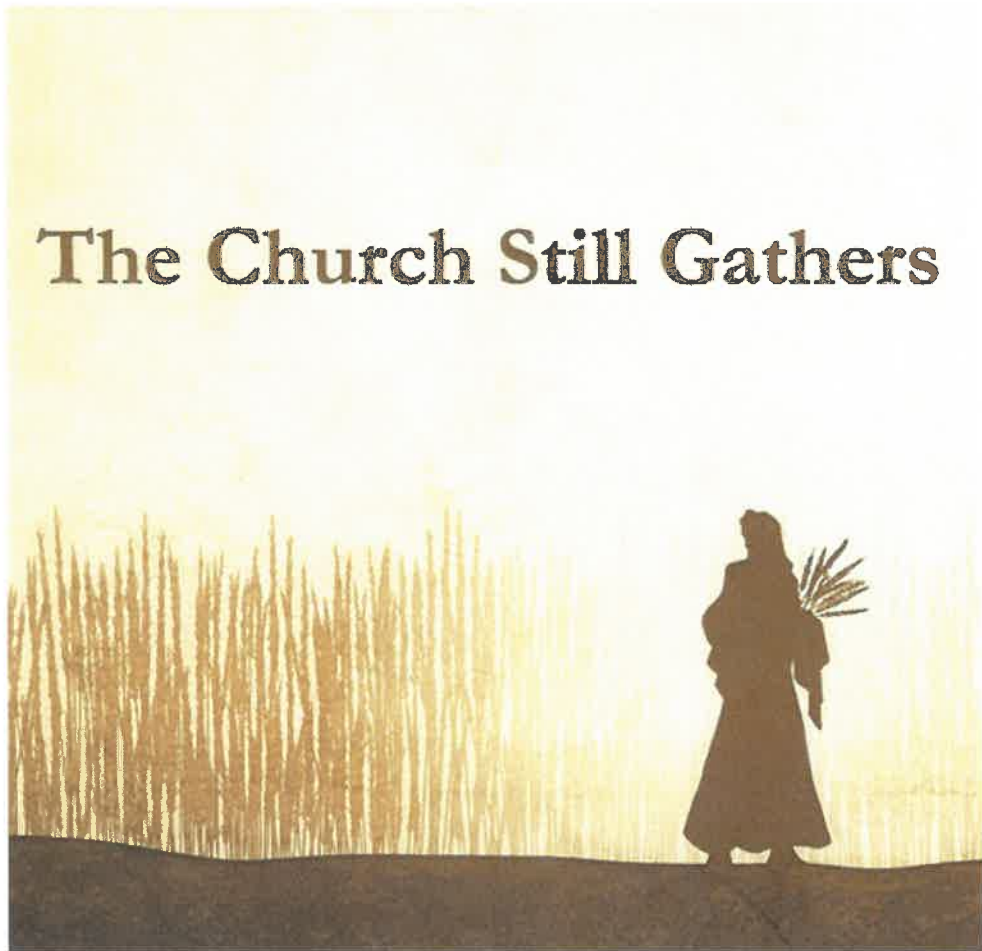
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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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The Church Still Gathers



2nd Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Glad You're Joining Us This Morning!

We continue to hold in our prayers our local medical personnel, including those from New Joy: Jason, Paula, Charlotte, Alexa, Patti, Jennifer, Adam, Kelleen and Lara. You are truly the healing hands of Christ in these days. We love you and support you during these difficult days.

Family Sunday School Lessons—Sparkhouse is now offering a free 8-week Family Sunday School series! You can find a link to these lessons on our website. In the lessons there are songs, a story, activities, work sheets and coloring sheets! This week the topic is Doubting Thomas. All families are encouraged to sit down with your family and go through these lessons each week. They are well-done and will be a great addition to your family's weekly worship experience!

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study will resume again this coming Wednesday. Watch for more info in this Tuesday's News to Know.

New Joy recently sent snack care packages out to several local hospitals. We've been able to send some love to St. Vincent on 86th Street and Carmel, Riverview, Methodist, IU Health University, Seton and V.A. We would like to do this again. If you want to contribute snacks to this, you can drop off on my porch or have them delivered to 14733 Newport Drive, Westfield ~ Amber Janes

Meal Trains: Area hospitals have meal trains set up so that the community can provide meals to staff working on the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic. I encourage you to look at the link to see when and how you can support the staff. <https://www.mealtrain.com/groups/indianapolis-covid-19-frontline-heroes?>

Meal Assistance for Carmel Families: Orchard Park Presbyterian Church is working with Carmel Youth Assistance to provide \$25 Meijer gift cards for 550 families. New Joy contributed \$300 to the fund. If you want to contribute individually, you can donate at <https://onrealm.org/orchardpark/-/give/now>. Make sure to choose MH Food Assistance from the drop down menu so your donation goes to the right place.

Prelude

AM: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Opening Prayer

Welcome

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (ELW 362)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured
death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day:

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

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe
and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen,
have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, God, because I take refuge in you.

²I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord.

Apart from you, I have nothing good."

³Now as for the "holy ones" in the land,

the "magnificent ones" that I was so happy about;

⁴let their suffering increase because
they hurried after a different god.

I won't participate in their blood offerings;

I won't let their names cross my lips.

⁵ You, LORD, are my portion, my cup;
you control my destiny.

⁶ The property lines have fallen beautifully for me;
yes, I have a lovely home.

⁷ I will bless the LORD who advises me;
even at night I am instructed
in the depths of my mind.

⁸ I always put the LORD in front of me;
I will not stumble because he is on my right side.

⁹ That's why my heart celebrates and my mood is joyous;
yes, my whole body will rest in safety

¹⁰ because you won't abandon my life to the grave;
you won't let your faithful follower see the pit.

¹¹ You teach me the way of life.

In your presence is total celebration.

Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

First Lesson:

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader: A reading from 1 Peter:

³ May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. ⁴ You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. ⁵ Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time.

⁶ You now rejoice in this hope, even if it's necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. ⁷ This is necessary so that your faith may be found genuine. (Your faith is more valuable than gold, which will be destroyed even though it is itself tested by fire.) Your genuine faith will result in praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you've never seen him, you love him. Even though you don't see him now, you trust him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words. ⁹ You are receiving the goal of your faith: your salvation.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Verse: Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord to whom shall we go
You have the words of eternal life
Alleluia.

Gospel Verse: Glory to You oh Lord

Glory to You,
glory to You,
Glory to You oh Lord.
Glory to You,
glory to You,
Glory to You oh Lord.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

³⁰ Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. ³¹ But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Another Hallelujah

I love You Lord with all my heart
You've given me a brand new start
And I just want to sing this song to You
It goes like this the fourth the fifth
The minor fall the major lift
My heart and soul are praising
Hallelujah

Chorus: Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah

I know that You're the God above
You're filling me with grace and love
And I just want to say thank You to You
You pulled me from the miry clay
You've given me a brand new day
Now all that I can say is
Hallelujah *Chorus*

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.

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.*

*On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the father,
and he will come 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.*

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, "Lord, in your mercy" and the congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

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. Our worship service will continue with the Offering.

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

C: And also with you.

Offering

After hearing God's Word in song, Scripture, preaching and prayer, we respond with acts of Christian care and charity. One of our faithful responses is through the giving of our tithes and offerings for the work of the church. Visit www.NewJoy.org/Giving to make an online gift or to set up regular e-giving. During this time of separation, The Church Still Gathers.

Offering Prayer

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

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 the prayer:

P: ...within each cell; with every breath.

C: ...We praise you, O God.

P: ...across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C: ...We bless you, O God.

P: ...beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C: ...We thank you, O God.

P: Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: ...by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

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

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God

you take away the sin of the world

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Instrumental by Roberta Ressler

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.

Communion Prayer

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S JOY

Announcements

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor,
and grant you peace.
In the name of the Father,
✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Sending Song

King Of My Heart

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

Chorus: You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

Bridge: You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

Dismissal

AM: Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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New Joy Lutheran Church: A Spirited Community

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.

Extend Radical Welcome

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that welcomes, values, accepts, and nurtures all people wherever they are in their relationship with God.

Share Generous Grace

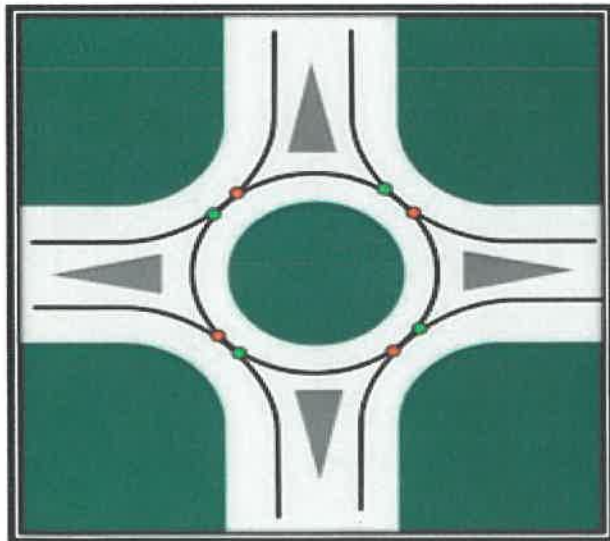
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

Nurture Transforming Faith

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that receives faith as a gift of God that transforms us and the world.

Live God's Promise

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that boldly lives in our Lord's promise of renewed and everlasting life.



About New Joy Lutheran Church

New Joy Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is a community of faith moved by God's Spirit. We come to New Joy from different places, with different life and faith experiences. What draws us together is the center – our Lord Jesus Christ – who welcomes us into a common life and transforming faith, and sends us out to share generous grace and boldly live God's promise.

