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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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An illustration with a warm, golden-yellow background. The text "The Church Still Gathers" is written in a dark brown, serif font. Below the text, there is a silhouette of a person in a long, dark robe standing in a field of tall, thin stalks of grain. The person is holding a bundle of harvested grain. The ground is a dark brown silhouette.

The Church Still Gathers

3rd 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!

Join us Wednesday for our Zoom Bible Study at 1:00pm. You will find a link to the Bible Study in 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

Would you like an opportunity to send a big "Thank You" to all who are working hard to help us all through this Covid-19 pandemic? Amber Janes is working on a project where we all can send our gratitude to these people. You may find more information on our New Joy Partners Facebook page, or you can find a link in Tuesday's News to Know. Please join us as we spread some love to all those helping hold things together.

The Church Still Gathers

Prelude

AM: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus: Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge: Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day:

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

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

- ¹I love the LORD because he hears
my requests for mercy.
- ²I'll call out to him as long as I live,
because he listens closely to me.
- ³Death's ropes bound me;
the distress of the grave found me—
I came face-to-face with trouble and grief.
- ⁴So I called on the LORD's name:
"LORD, please save me!"
- ¹²What can I give back to the LORD
for all the good things he has done for me?
- ¹³I'll lift up the cup of salvation.
I'll call on the LORD's name.
- ¹⁴I'll keep the promises I made to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.
- ¹⁵The death of the LORD's faithful
is a costly loss in his eyes.
- ¹⁶Oh yes, LORD, I am definitely your servant!
I am your servant and the son of your female servant—
you've freed me from my chains.
- ¹⁷So I'll offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to you,
and I'll call on the LORD's name.
- ¹⁸I'll keep the promises I made to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
- ¹⁹in the courtyards of the LORD's house,
which is in the center of Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

First Lesson:

1 Peter 1:17-23

Reader: A reading from 1 Peter:

¹⁷ Since you call upon a Father who judges all people according to their actions without favoritism, you should conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your dwelling in a strange land. ¹⁸ Live in this way, knowing that you were not liberated by perishable things like silver or gold from the empty lifestyle you inherited from your ancestors. ¹⁹ Instead, you were liberated by the precious blood of Christ, like that of a flawless, spotless lamb. ²⁰ Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was only revealed at the end of time. This was done for you, ²¹ who through Christ are faithful to the God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory. So now, your faith and hope should rest in God.

²² As you set yourselves apart by your obedience to the truth so that you might have genuine affection for your fellow believers, love each other deeply and earnestly.

²³ Do this because you have been given new birth—not from the type of seed that decays but from seed that doesn't. This seed is God's life-giving and enduring word.

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.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke:

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

¹³ On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. ¹⁶ They were prevented from recognizing him.

¹⁷ He said to them, “What are you talking about as you walk along?” They stopped, their faces downcast.

¹⁸ The one named Cleopas replied, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?”

¹⁹ He said to them, “What things?”

They said to him, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. ²⁰ But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. ²² But there’s more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ and didn’t find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn’t see him.”

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. ²⁶ Wasn’t it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

²⁸ When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. ²⁹ But they urged him, saying, “Stay with us. It’s nearly evening, and the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Weren’t our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?”

³³ They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

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

Children's Message

Sermon

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Chorus: I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now. *Chorus*

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine. *Chorus*

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me. *Chorus*

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory glory to His name. *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.

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

Trading My Sorrows

Chorus: I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord

Vamp: Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen

I am pressed but not crushed
Persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse
For His promise will endure
That His joy's gonna be my strength
Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning

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

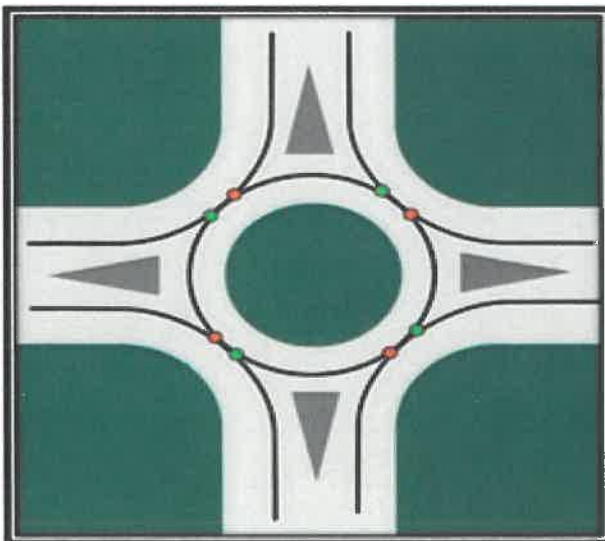
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

