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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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**The Church Still Gathers**



**5th 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.

Night Prayer, sometimes called Compline, is one of the traditional daily prayer services of the Christian church. In this time of increased social distancing Pastors Chris and Jessicah Duckworth will lead Night Prayer each Wednesday, at 9pm, during the Easter season (which runs through the month of May) from their home. You will find it on both our YouTube Channel and our Facebook page. You can either view the prayers live or view later in the archived videos online.

New Joy's Community United Project is now underway! Amber Janes has put up a sign at the entrance to our parking lot, along with a mesh fencing, for people to go and take a strip of cloth (either from the bin located by the fencing, or bring your own) that represents the cloth masks we all must now wear, write a note of encouragement, a prayer, etc., and attach it to the fence! We encourage everyone, young and old and in between, to join in this project. This project is open to the whole community, so invite your family and friends to participate, too!

## The Church Still Gathers

## **Prelude**

**P:** Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### You Are My King (Amazing Love)

I'm forgiven  
Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted  
You were condemned  
I'm alive and well  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again

*Chorus:* Amazing love  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me  
Amazing love  
I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do I honor You

*Bridge:* You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus You are my King  
Jesus You are my King

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Welcome**

**P:** Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**C:** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## **Prayer of the Day:**

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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Psalm**

## **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>I take refuge in you, LORD.

Please never let me be put to shame.

Rescue me by your righteousness!

<sup>2</sup>Listen closely to me!

Deliver me quickly;

be a rock that protects me;

be a strong fortress that saves me!

<sup>3</sup>You are definitely my rock and my fortress.

Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name!

<sup>4</sup>Get me out of this net that's been set for me

because you are my protective fortress.

<sup>5</sup>I entrust my spirit into your hands;

you, LORD, God of faithfulness—

you have saved me.

<sup>15</sup>My future is in your hands.

Don't hand me over to my enemies,

to all who are out to get me!

<sup>16</sup>Shine your face on your servant;

save me by your faithful love!

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Gospel

# John 14-1-14

R: A Reading from John.

14 “Don’t be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has room to spare. If that weren’t the case, would I have told you that I’m going to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> When I go to prepare a place for you, I will return and take you to be with me so that where I am you will be too. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place I’m going.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas asked, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you have really known me, you will also know the Father. From now on you know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father; that will be enough for us.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been with you all this time? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I have spoken to you I don’t speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Trust me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or at least believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> I assure you that whoever believes in me will do the works that I do. They will do even greater works than these because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father can be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> When you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

## Homily

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (ELW 377)

Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain: Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!*

Walking the way, Christ in the center  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *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: Even though we are scattered, the church still gathers.

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**

Halle, Halle, Halle  
Halle halle hallelujah  
Halle halle hallelujah  
Halle halle hallelujah  
Hallelujah hallelujah

# 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.

## 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.*

## Communion Song

### In the Singing (ELW 466)

In the singing, in the silence,  
in the hands expectant, open,  
in the blessing, in the breaking,  
in your presence at this table,

*Refrain: Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the wine of grace;  
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the bread of peace.*

In the question, in the answer,  
in the moment of acceptance,  
in the heart's cry, in the healing,  
in the circle of your people, Refrain

## **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

### **Dismissal**

P: Christ is risen, Alleluia!  
C: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sending Song**

#### My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold



Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

*Chorus:* My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge: Fire before us  
You're the brightest  
You will lead us  
Through the storms (hey)  
(REPEAT 3X)

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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**

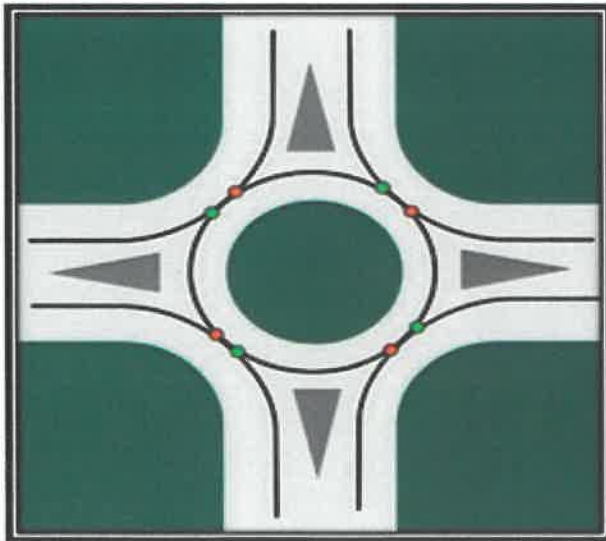
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

### **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.

