



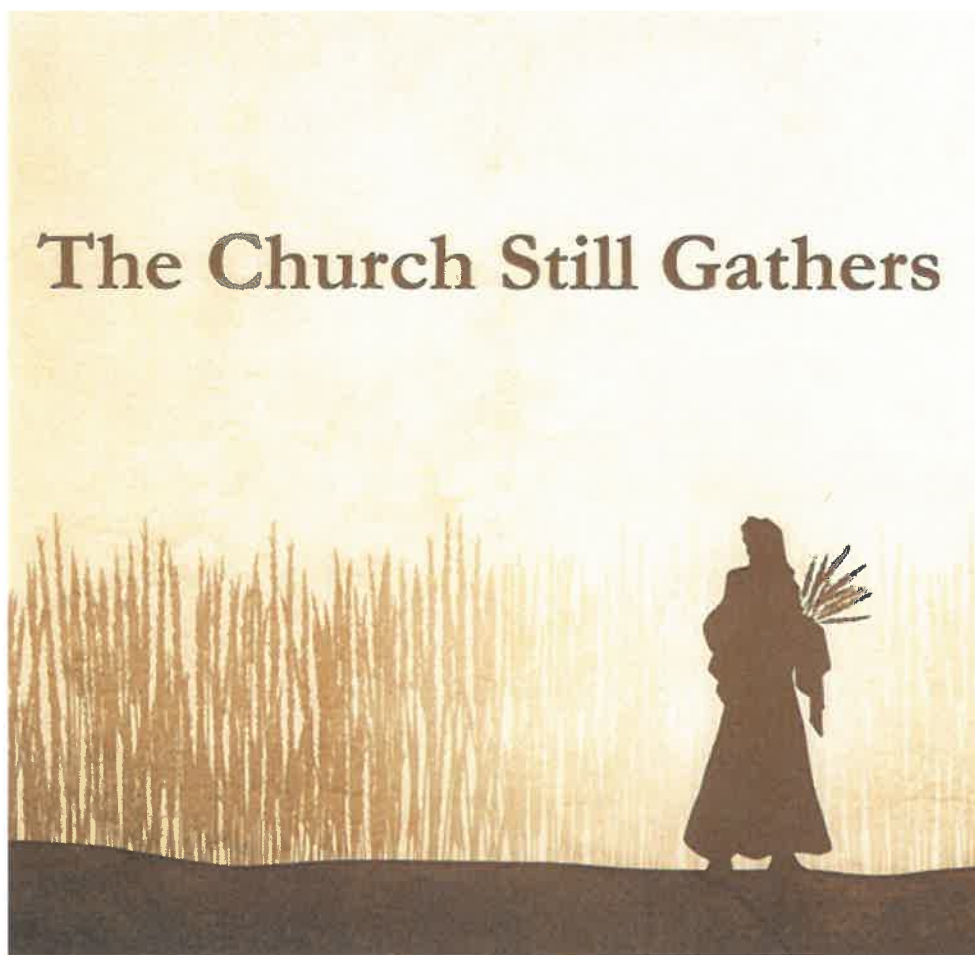
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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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The Church Still Gathers



6th 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.

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 (there are two services left) 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! Have you added your cloth strip yet? 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 and tie it onto the fencing. It is to show how we are all united in fighting this pandemic. The next time you are on your way to the grocery store, or just going out for a drive, why not stop by and add a strip of cloth! And invite your family and friends to do the same! Let's fill the whole fence area with pieces of cloth!

The Outreach Team will meet tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7:00 pm. If the weather is nice, you are asked to bring a lawn chair and meet at the pavilion, where social distancing can be practiced. If the weather is not nice, Amber Janes will send out a link to a Zoom meeting. Anyone wanting to participate in this meeting is welcome to join. We do ask that you contact Amber so that she can send you the Zoom link if needed.

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Prelude

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (ELW 396)

Chorus: Spirit Spirit of gentleness
Blow through the wilderness
Calling and free
Spirit Spirit of restlessness
Stir me from placidness
Wind wind on the sea

You moved on the waters
You called to the deep
Then You coaxed up the mountains
From the valleys of sleep
And over the eons
You called to each thing
Wake from your slumbers
And rise on your wings. *Chorus*

You call from tomorrow
You break ancient schemes
From the bondage of sorrow
The captives dream dreams
Our women see visions
Our men clear their eyes
With bold new decisions
Your people arise. *Chorus*

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Prayer of the Day:

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

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers

of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your trust and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ All you nations, bless our God!
Let the sound of his praise be heard!
⁹ God preserved us among the living;
he didn't let our feet slip a bit.

¹⁰ But you, God, have tested us—
you've refined us like silver,
¹¹ trapped us in a net,
laid burdens on our backs,
¹² let other people run right over our heads—
we've been through fire and water.

But you brought us out to freedom!
¹³ So I'll enter your house
with entirely burned offerings.
I'll keep the promises I made to you,
¹⁴ the ones my lips uttered,
the ones my mouth spoke when I was in deep trouble.
¹⁵ I will offer the best burned offerings to you
along with the smoke of sacrificed rams.
I will offer both bulls and goats.

¹⁶ Come close and listen,
all you who honor God;
I will tell you what God has done for me:
¹⁷ My mouth cried out to him
with praise on my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
my Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹ But God definitely listened.

He heard the sound of my prayer.

²⁰ Bless God! He didn't reject my prayer;

he didn't withhold his faithful love from me.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 14:5-21

R: A Reading from John.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion,^[a] who will be with you forever. ¹⁷ This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you.

¹⁸ "I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Homily

Love Divine All Loves Excelling (ELW 631)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

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 GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S WORD

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray:

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen your love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

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.

Song of Thanksgiving

Listen, God is Calling! (ELW 513)

Refrain: Leader: Listen,
All: listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness,
comfort, and joy.

Leader: Jesus gave his mandate:

All: share the good news

Leader: that he came to save us

All: and set us free. *Refrain*

Leader: Let none be forgotten

All: throughout the world.

Leader: In the triune name of God

All: go and baptize. *Refrain*

Leader: Help us to be faithful,

All: standing steadfast,

Leader: walking in your precepts,

All: led by your Word. *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

10,000 Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. *Chorus*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Chorus*

Ending: Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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NOTES



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

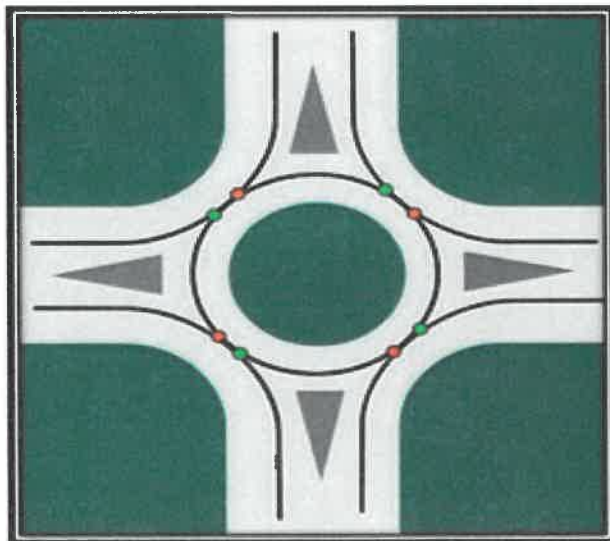
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

