



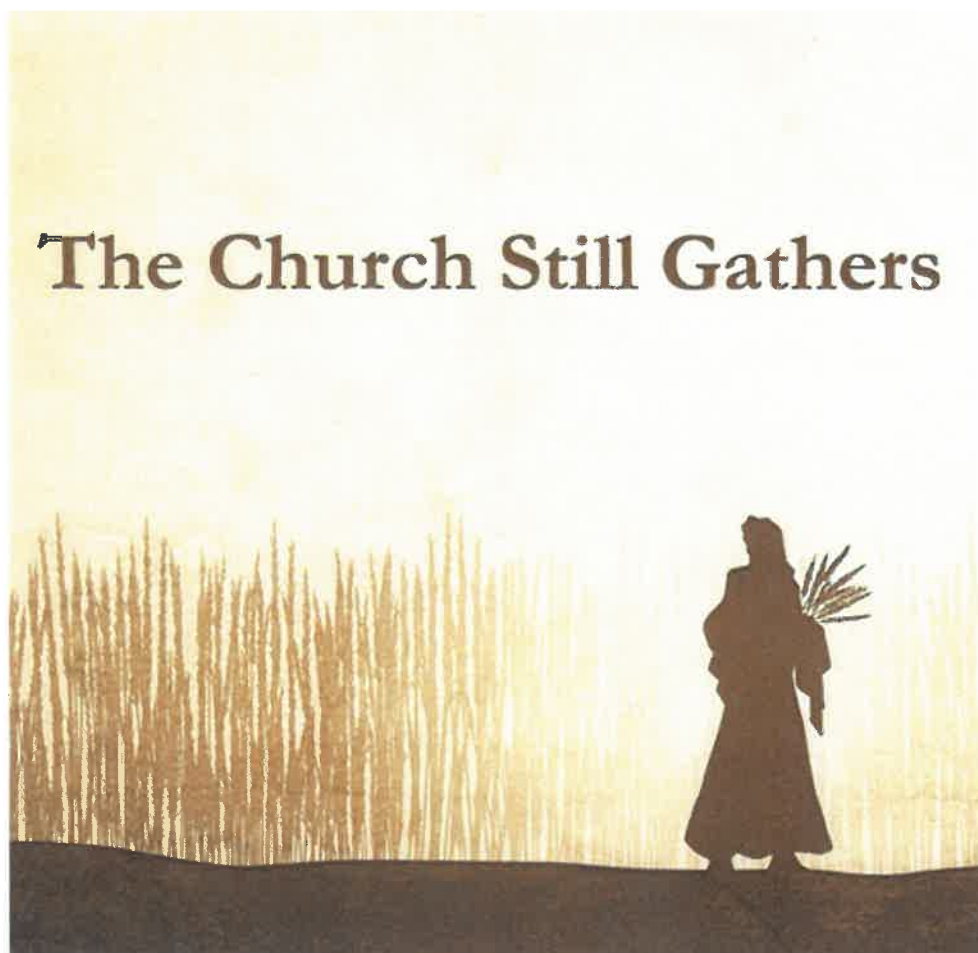
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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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The Church Still Gathers



Pentecost

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.

If you have not yet taken the survey requested by Pastor Chris and our Ministry Board, please do so. You will find the link in this week's News to Know.

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.

On Monday, May 25, our dear friend and brother in Christ, Richard Higgins, passed away. Richard first came to New Joy in 2007. and was a familiar face around here for several years. In the last couple of years, it was hard for Richard to make it to New Joy due to his health. Please keep Richard's family in your prayers as they deal with their loss.

GreenThinker Discussion—on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 7pm, we will join Rini Saha in a Zoom discussion about plastic pollution and how we can be better stewards of Earth's resources. Rini is the founder of a non profit called GreenThinker DC and a good friend of Amber Janes. She will lead us in a discussion about the Why and How to reduce plastic use. You may find the link to the Zoom meeting in Tuesday's News to Know.

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!

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Prelude

Breathe

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

Chorus: And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You

Ending: This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

Opening Prayer

Welcome

Prayer of the Day:

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

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴ LORD, you have done so many things!
You made them all so wisely!
The earth is full of your creations!

- 25 And then there's the sea, wide and deep,
with its countless creatures—
living things both small and large.
- 26 There go the ships on it,
and Leviathan, which you made, plays in it!
- 27 All your creations wait for you
to give them their food on time.
- 28 When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled completely full!
- 29 But when you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to dust.
- 30 When you let loose your breath, they are created,
and you make the surface of the ground brand-new again.
- 31 Let the LORD's glory last forever!
Let the LORD rejoice in all he has made!
- 32 He has only to look at the earth, and it shakes.
God just touches the mountains, and they erupt in smoke.
- 33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I'm still alive.
- 34 Let my praise be pleasing to him;
I'm rejoicing in the LORD!
- 35 Let sinners be wiped clean from the earth;
let the wicked be no more.
But let my whole being bless the LORD!
Praise the LORD!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-7, 11

A Reading from Acts:

When Pentecost Day arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting

on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

There were pious Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd gathered. They were mystified because everyone heard them speaking in their native languages. They were surprised and amazed, saying, "we hear them declaring the mighty works of God in our own languages!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Build Your Kingdom Here

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here

Let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand

Heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire

Win this nation back

Change the atmosphere

Build Your kingdom here we pray

Children's Message

Homily

Spirit Song

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Chorus: Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

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 and Sending for Mission ~Bishop Bill Gafkjen

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

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind (ELW 400)

God of tempest, God of whirlwind,
as on Pentecost descend!

Drive us out from sheltered comfort;
past these walls Your people send!

Sweep us into costly service,
there with Christ to bear the cross,
there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning,
all that blocks Your purpose, purge!
Through Your church, Christ's living Body,
let Your flaming Spirit surge!
Where deceit conceals injustice,
kindle us to speak Your truth,
kindle us to speak Your truth!

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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

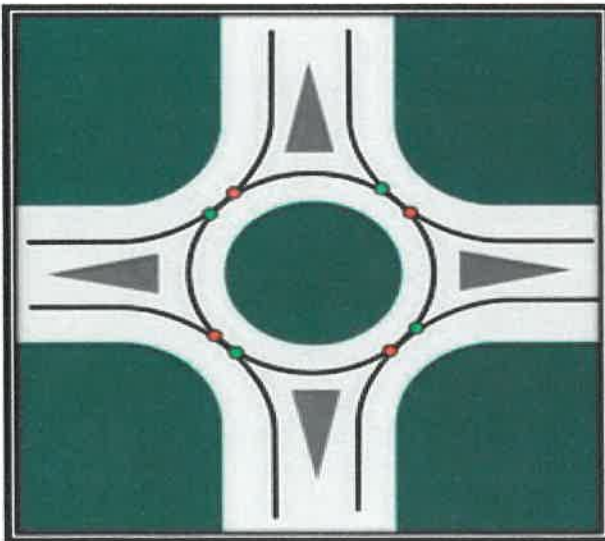
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

