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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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The Church Still Gathers



4th 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.

Circle City Dinner Church is in need of volunteers to help assemble meals for the Westminster Neighborhood on the near east side of Indianapolis. We want to send 4 New Joy people down to assist on Wednesday, May 6th at 4:30 pm. Safety precautions are being taken so no need to worry. Please email Amber Janes at outreach@newjoy.org to sign up. She will give you the address at that time. And check out their website, <https://circlecitydinnerchurch.org/> for more information.

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!

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Prelude

P: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (ELW 393)

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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:

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

²He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

³he keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

⁴Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—

they protect me.

⁵You set a table for me

right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it spills over!

⁶Yes, goodness and faithful love

will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the LORD's house

as long as I live.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

John 10:1-10

R: A Reading from John.

¹I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. ²The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

⁴Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. ⁵They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." ⁶Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying.

⁷ So Jesus spoke again, “I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn’t listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Homily

You Are My All in All

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus: Jesus Precious Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Precious Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all. *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.

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.

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

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain: As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain*

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *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

Build My Life

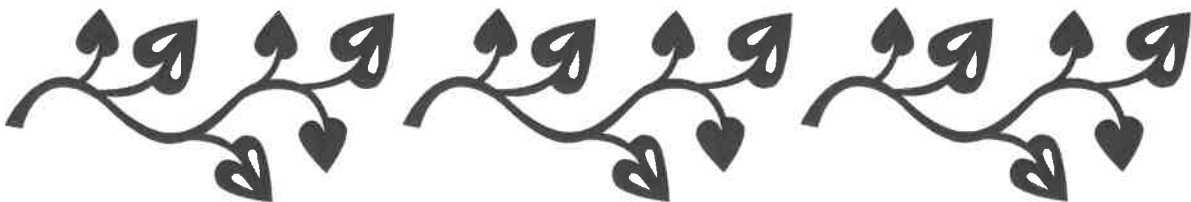
Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge: I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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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

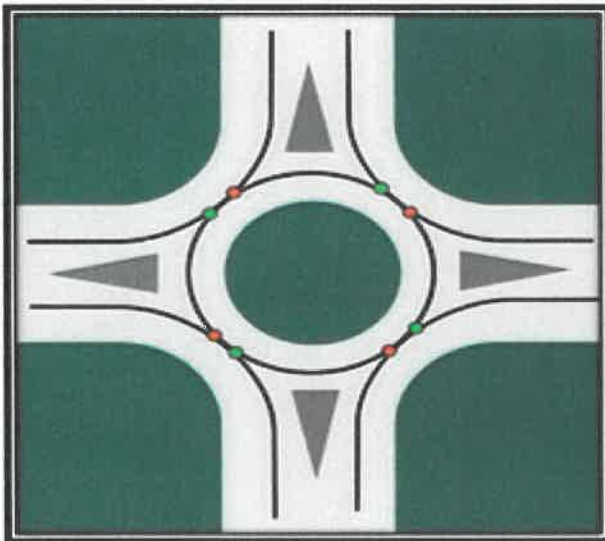
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

