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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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**Reformation
Sunday**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Glad You're Joining Us This Morning!

Praying the Psalms

As we return to livestream—only for worship, we are adding a time of prayerful reflection to our Sundays together. Join us via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 8:45 am for Praying the Psalms. The link can be found in the News to Know emails. Some of you may remember that several years ago Jessicah Duckworth led us with this weekly devotion in which we read and prayed a psalm each week prior to worship, Please mark your calendar and join us before worship beginning next Sunday.

Open Doors Thanksgiving Basket Collection

New Joy will be collecting 100 cans of sliced peaches for the Open Doors Thanksgiving Baskets. Please consider purchasing cans of sliced peaches the next time you are at the store and dropping them off here at New Joy! Thank you!

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.

Join us after worship at 10:45am for a Sunday Morning Zoom Fellowship Meeting. Our two interns, Cory and Emily, will be joining us each Sunday! It is a great way to get to know them better, and to catch up with your other New Joy friends! You can find the link to the coffee hour in our Friday News to Know emails. So jump on after worship and get to know our new interns!

Advent Wreaths During COVID-times

We will not be holding our typical Advent Wreath workshop this year due to COVID. We are, however, inviting anyone wanting to make an Advent wreath to join us on Sunday, November 29, at 11:00 am to come with pruning shears and gloves in hand to clip greens and trees on our property to make their own wreath at home this year. We will read Scripture and ask God's blessings for us as we prepare to celebrate Advent in our homes. Many of you have most of the supplies needed; for those of you who don't, please contact the church office so that we may get your kit ordered. Some of you may need just an item or two (metal wreath, Styrofoam wreath, candles, which are \$7 each) and some of you may need the whole kit (20). Please let the office know by Sunday, November 8 what items you will be needing.

The Church Still Gathers

Prelude

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Chorus: Shout to the Lord

All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

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Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth

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

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

Chorus, Chorus

Words of Welcome

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story;
I'll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story;
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. *Refrain*

Opening Prayer

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth;
we exalt you, we adore you,,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and precious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above,
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One is faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day:

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

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Renew in us your covenant of love, so that we might love you and love our neighbors with all our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

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

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. ³⁵ One of them, a legal expert, tested him. ³⁶ “Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ He replied, “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind.* ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: *You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.* ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

⁴¹ Now as the Pharisees were gathering, Jesus asked them, ⁴² “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?”

“David’s son,” they replied.

⁴³ He said, “Then how is it that David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, called him Lord when he said, ⁴⁴ *The Lord said to my lord, ‘Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool’?* ⁴⁵ If David calls him Lord, how can he be David’s son?” ⁴⁶ Nobody was able to answer him. And from that day forward nobody dared to ask him anything.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Love the Lord

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus: With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus: With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

I will love You Lord
With all my heart With all my soul
With all my mind And with all my strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus: With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

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: In person, in spirit, and in truth, the church still gathers.

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. After each prayer petition, the congregation responds, "Hear our prayers."

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.**

I Need You to Survive

I need you, you need me.
We're all a part of God's body.
Stand with me, agree with me.
We're all a part of God's body.

Chorus: It is his will, that every need be supplied.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.
You are important to me, I need you to survive.

I pray for you, You pray for me.
I love you, I need you to survive.
I won't harm you with words from my mouth.
I love you, I need you to survive. *Chorus*

Announcements/Offering

Offering Prayer

P: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Transform the gifts we share, that they may become means of your grace and mercy in the world; through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

C: Amen.

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL

Words of Institution

P: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good.

C: **God's faithful love lasts forever!** (*Psalm 136:1*)

P: God calls out through the prophet Isaiah, "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk! Eat what is good; enjoy the richest of feasts!" (*Isaiah 55:1-2*)

C: **God's faithful love lasts forever!**

P: Mother Mary cries out, "The Lord has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty." (*Luke 1:53*)

C: **God's faithful love lasts forever.**

P: Jesus says, "Whoever drinks from the water that I give will never thirst again." (*John 4:13*)

C: **God's faithful love lasts forever!**

P: With manna from heaven and water from the rock, O God, you nourished your people in the wilderness. Come feed us now in the wilderness places in which we walk, that we might receive in this meal the food and drink of eternal life, and grow to rely on you for all things.

C: **God's faithful love lasts forever!**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying,
"This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

C: God's faithful love lasts forever!

P: After supper he took the cup,
blessed it, and shared it with his disciples, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

C: God's faithful love lasts forever!

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us always to pray:

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

*Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.*

*Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.*

*For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

Lord's Supper

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.

*Instructions on sharing communion at home:
These are the gifts of God, for you the people of God, and for that we say
Thanks be to God!*

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.

Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Lord dismiss us with Your blessing
Fill our hearts with joy and peace
Let us each Your love possessing
Triumph in redeeming grace
O direct us and protect us
Travelling through this wilderness

Thanks we give and adoration
For Your gospel's joyful sound
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound
Ever faithful ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found

Prayer After Communion

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S JOY

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

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land. *Chorus*

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each one's pride. *Chorus*

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one. *Chorus*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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

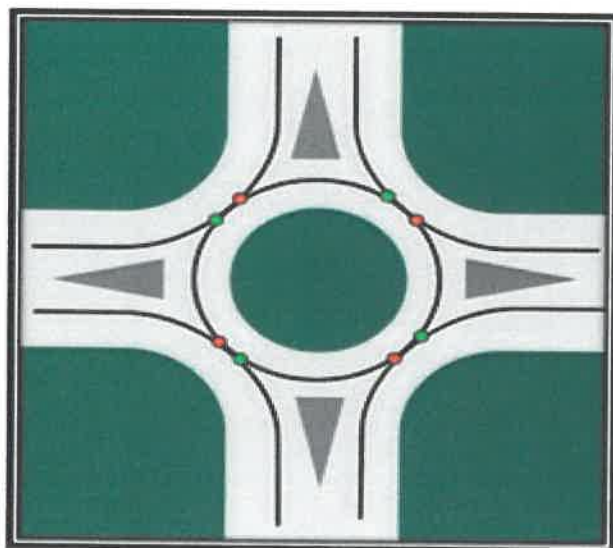
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

