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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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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.

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!

Join Us in Saying Farewell to the Ressler's

On Sunday, November 29, at 11:00am, we invite you to join us as we say goodbye to the Ressler family. They are moving to Reno, Nevada and will no longer be attending New Joy. We will be meeting out at the pavilion to say our goodbyes while still masking, and social distancing. If you would like to send them off with a card that they can open once they are in their new home, you may bring it that morning and there will be a box to drop your card in. If you are unable to drop one by the church, you may also send it to "The Ressler's, c/o New Joy Lutheran Church". The Ressler's have been such a special part of New Joy for the past 17 years, and have played vital roles in so many of our ministries over the years. Let's send them off with lots of love and good wishes!

Sunday, November 22—No Livestream Worship Service from New Joy

Next Sunday, we will be giving the Worship Team and the Livestream Team a week off. They have worked very hard and very diligently the last several months to bring a worship service to the Partners of New Joy, and we are going to give them a Sunday of rest. There will be links in next Friday's News to Know to different on-line worship services you can "attend". We will then be back on Sunday, November 29, as we begin the season of Advent!

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.

Families Needed to Light the Advent Wreath each Sunday

The season of Advent will soon be upon us, and we are looking for families willing to come in on a Sunday morning to light the Advent Wreath candles at the beginning of our service. If your family is willing to come and do this, please contact Kristi in the church office.

The Church Still Gathers

Prelude

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be consecrated
Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry power as You choose

Chorus: Here am I all of me
Take my life it's all for Thee

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour
At Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather round the throne.

Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

Words of Welcome

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising
Eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring
Hearts are yearning for You
We long for You

Pre-Chorus: 'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day

In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away

Chorus: Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new
You make us new

Pre-Chorus, Chorus

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:

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its people, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant’s ability. Then he left on his journey.

¹⁶“After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. ¹⁷In the same way, the one

who had two valuable coins gained two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

¹⁹ “Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained five more.’

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

²² “The second servant also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained two more.’

²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

²⁴ “Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven’t sown. You gather crops where you haven’t spread seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what’s yours.’

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven’t sown and that I gather crops where I haven’t spread seed? ²⁷ In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. ²⁸ Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. ²⁹ Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don’t have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. ³⁰ Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.’

“People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

When Peace Like a River

When peace like a river
Attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou hast taught me to say
It is well
It is well with my soul

Chorus: It is well with my soul
It is well
It is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded
My helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood
For my soul. *Chorus*

He Lives-- oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord O my soul. *Chorus*

And Lord haste the day
When our faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall sound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well
With my soul. *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: 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 us and help us."

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.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

Called Me Higher

I could just sit I could just sit
And wait for all Your goodness
Hope to feel Your presence
And I could just stay I could just stay
Right where I am and hope to feel You
Hope to feel something again

I could hold on I could hold on
To who I am and never let You
Change me from the inside
I could be safe oh I could be safe
Here in Your arms and never leave home
Never let these walls down

Chorus: But You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Where You lead me

Interlude: Where You lead me Lord

Bridge: I will be Yours oh
I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours oh
I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours oh
I will be Yours for all my life
So let Your mercy
Oh I will be Yours Lord
And I will be Yours for all my life
So let Your mercy
Light the path before me

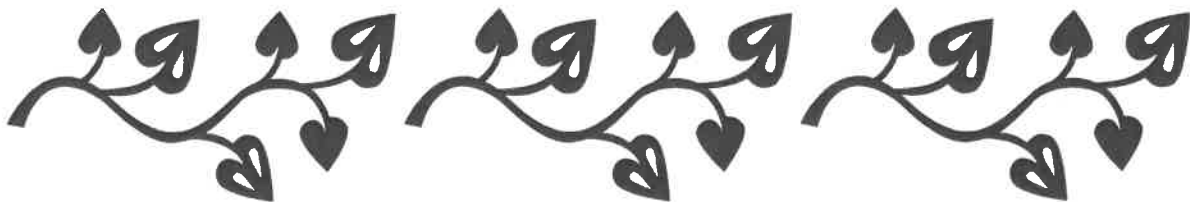
Chorus: (Oh) 'Cause You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Oh 'cause You have called me higher
You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord

Ending: Where You lead me
Where You lead me Lord
Where You lead me
Where You lead me Lord

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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

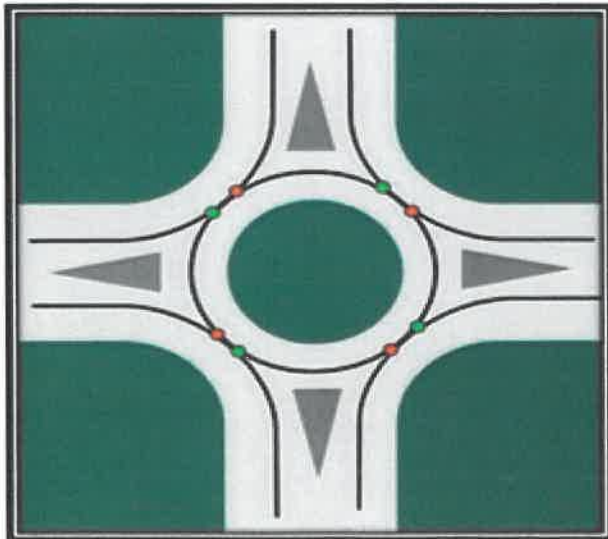
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

