

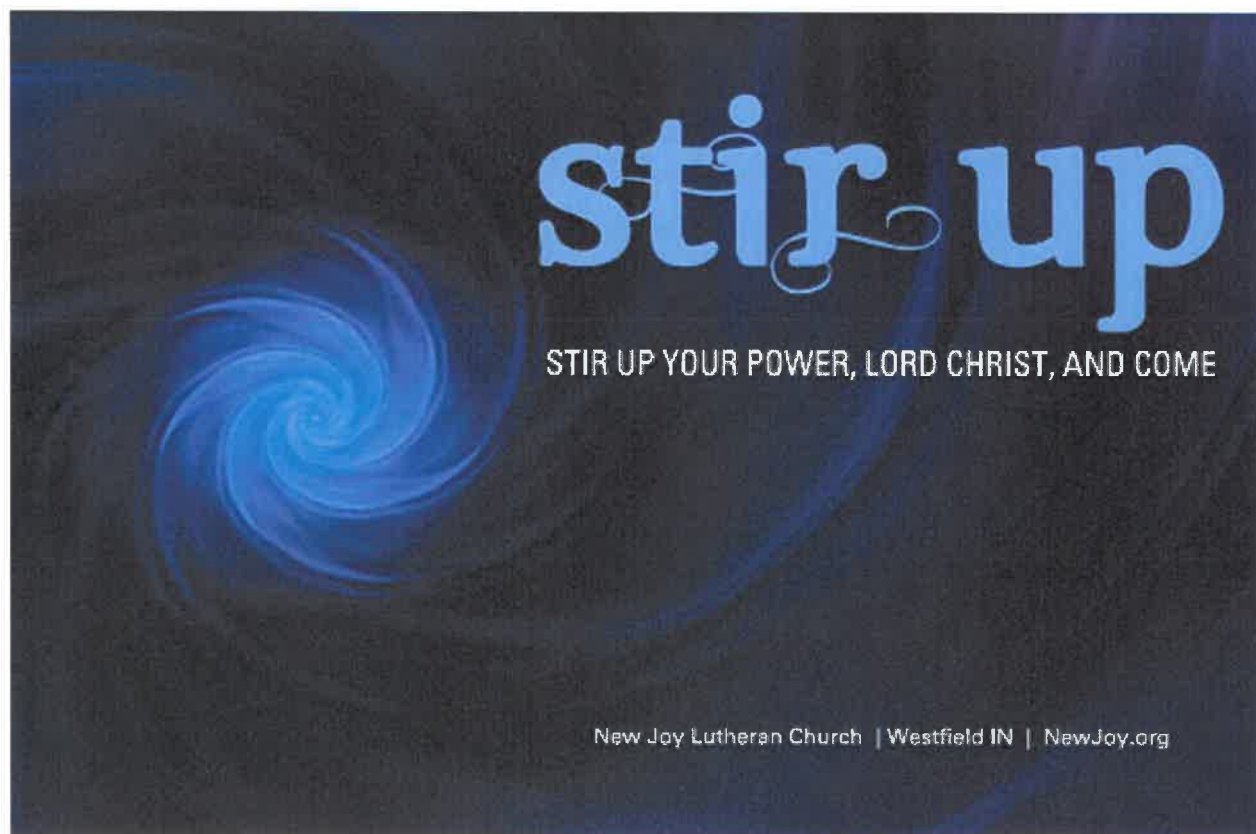


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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

November 29, 2020



**First Sunday
In Advent**

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 Resslerers After Worship Today

Today we will gather together after worship (at 11am) out at our pavilion—socially distant, outdoors, and masked—to say farewell to the Ressler family as they prepare to move to Reno, Nevada. The Resslerers have been a big part of New Joy since they joined in 2003. They have shared their time and talents in so many ways here at New Joy. We wish we could send them off with a bigger celebration, but in these difficult times, this is what we can do. So come, wish them well, join us in prayer as we send them off. If you would like to bring a card for the Resslerers, there will be a box you can drop your cards off in. Let's show them some New Joy love!

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.

Stewardship Campaign Going On Now

We are currently in the process of collecting pledge offerings for the coming year. You should have received an email on November 19 with a link to a pledge form attached. You will also find this link in Tuesday's News to Know. We ask that you fill out this form online and return it by Sunday, December 6, so that our finance team can put together a budget for the coming year. Thank you to all who have already turned in your forms! We appreciate your promptness! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.

Midweek Advent Services Starting Wednesday—on Zoom

Our Midweek Advent Services will be a little different this year. We will be meeting on Zoom on Wednesday evenings, not in person. The link to join in the Zoom service will be in Tuesday's News to Know. Our intern, Emily Michaelis, is helping coordinate these services!

The Church Still Gathers

Prelude

Waiting Here for You

If faith can move the mountains
Let the mountains move
We come with expectation
Waiting here for You
Waiting here for You

You're the Lord of all creation
And still You know my heart
The Author of salvation
You've loved us from the start

Chorus: Waiting here for You with our hands
Lifted high in praise
And it's You we adore
Singing alleluia

You are ev'rything You've promised
Your faithfulness is true
We're desp'rate for Your presence
All we need is You. *Chorus*

Interlude: We will wait for You Lord
In step with You Lord we sing alleluia

Bridge: Singing alleluia alleluia (2X)

Chorus: Waiting here for You with our hands
Lifted high in praise
And it's You we adore singing alleluia
(We're) singing alleluia

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

One star
Burns in the darkness
Shines with the promise Emmanuel
One child
Born in the stillness
Living within us Emmanuel

Chorus: We're singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let there be peace
Singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let it start in me

One voice
Speaks for the voiceless
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel
One love
Brings us together
Now and forever Emmanuel. *Chorus*

Bridge: Do not be afraid
His love is strong enough to save us
Nothing stands in the way
His love is strong enough to lead us
(REPEAT)

Ending: Let there be peace let it start in me

Words of Welcome

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn (ELW 242)

Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.

Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.

In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.

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

Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that
You bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on Your servants' plight,
And my weakness You did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blessed.
Could the world be about to turn.

Chorus: My Heart shall sing of the day You bring.
Let the fires of Your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

This week's Advent litany uses words from Isaiah 64 and from our Hymn of Praise:

L: The Prophet Isaiah calls out, "If only you would tear open the heavens and come down! Mountains would quake before you like fire igniting Brushwood."

C: My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.

L: From ancient times, no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any good but you who acts on behalf of those who wait for him!

C: My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.

L: But you were angry when we sinned, you hid yourself when we did wrong.

C: Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

L: But now, LORD, you are our father. We are the clay, and you are our potter. We are the work of your hands. Don't rage so fiercely, LORD; don't hold our sins against us forever, but gaze now on your people, on all of us.

C: Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

L: Bless us as we light this candle. Let the fires of your justice burn in our lives and in this world that you so love. In Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Canticle of the Turning

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And Your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for You yearn,
You will show Your might,
Put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.

Chorus:

My Heart shall sing of the day You bring.
Let the fires of Your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Prayer of the Day:

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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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

²⁴“In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won't give its light. ²⁵The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see the Human One^lcoming

in the clouds with great power and splendor. ²⁷ Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

²⁸ “Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he’s near, at the door. ³⁰ I assure you that this generation won’t pass away until all these things happen. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

³² “But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. ³³ Watch out! Stay alert! You don’t know when the time is coming. ³⁴ It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. ³⁵ Therefore, stay alert! You don’t know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. ³⁶ Don’t let him show up when you weren’t expecting and find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Wait for the Lord

Chorus: Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

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.

God With Us

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be Light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel God with us

Chorus: Our Deliverer You are Savior
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us
You are God with us

Oh You've come to be Hope to this world
For Your honor and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel God with us. *Chorus*

Bridge: You are here
You are holy
We are standing in Your glory (Lord)
(REPEAT)

Ending: Oh God with us
You are God with us

Announcements/Offering

Offering Prayer

- P: Generous God, you have created all that is,
and you provide for us in every season.
Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the
world will receive your blessing.
In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray.
- C: Amen.

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL

Words of Institution

- 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 our thanks and praise.**

- L: ...And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth
and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

**Glo-ri-a! In excel-sis De-o;
Glo-ri-a! In excel-sis De-o!**

- P: Oh God, we call to you. Come to us quickly.
Hear our voice when we cry to you.

*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

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

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Chorus: Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Chorus*

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God. *Chorus*

He Came Down

He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.

(light, peace joy)

Prayer After Communion

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S JOY

Blessing

P: The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the unexpected Spirit guide your journey,
+ now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

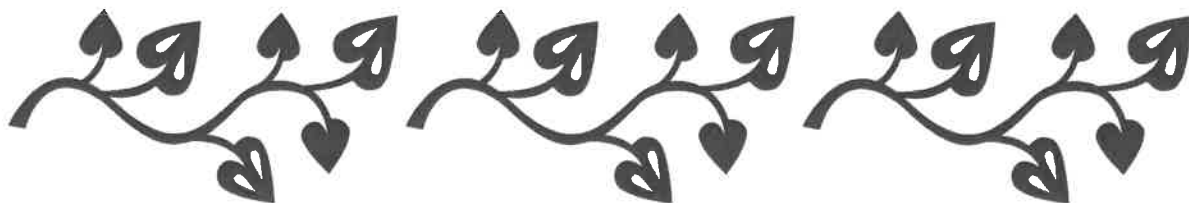
Chorus: Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King. *Chorus*

No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King. *Chorus*

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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

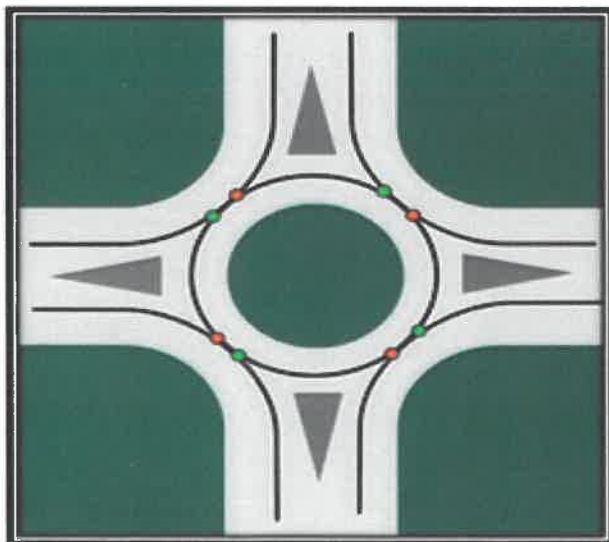
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

