

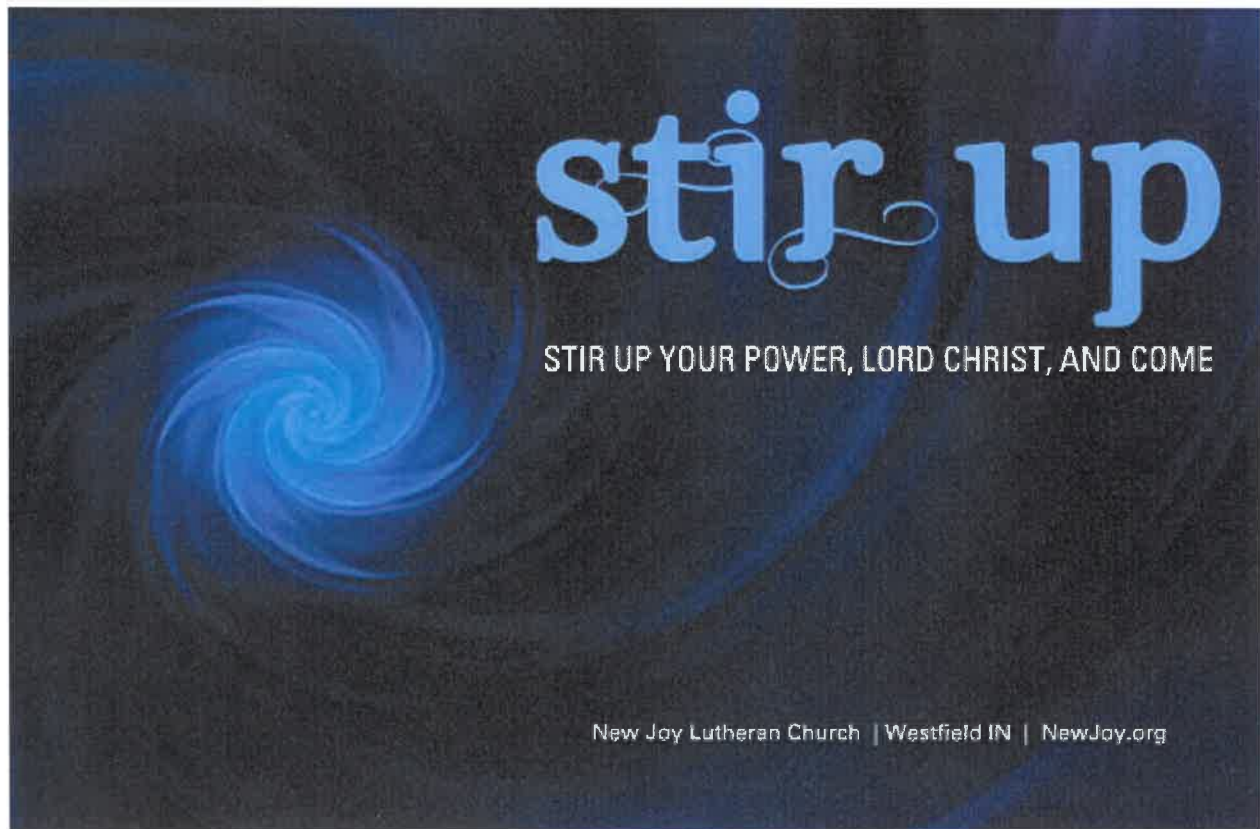


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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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**Second 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 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—Pledges Due Today

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 sometime TODAY 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 Wednesday—on Zoom

Our Midweek Advent Services will be a little different this year. We will be meeting on Zoom at 7pm on Wednesday evenings, not in person. We have two weeks left—December 9 and 16. 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! We hope you will join us Wednesday evening as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.

**The Church
Still Gathers**

Prelude

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus 1 Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob

Prepare the Way

We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory
Spirit of God come do it again
Miracle-working power
Moving in signs and wonders
Spirit of God come do it again

Chorus: Prepare the way He's coming through
Ready or not our God's on the move
We're gonna see heaven on earth
Come Holy Spirit awaken Your church

God You're just getting started
A testimony of more to come
Spirit of God come do it in us
We join in the faith of heaven
And prophesy Your kingdom here on earth
Spirit of God come do it in us

Bridge: Fire fall wind come blow
We're ready for more ready for more
Break down the walls push back the doors
We're ready for more (ready for more)

Ending: We've heard the revival stories
Of ancient and old time glory
Spirit of God come do it again

Words of Welcome

Prepare Ye, the Way of the Lord
Prepare ye, the way of the Lord
Prepare ye, the way of the Lord
Prepare ye, the way of the Lord

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 40 and from our Hymn of Praise.

- L: The Prophet Isaiah calls out, "Comfort, comfort my people! says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid
- C: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.**
- L: A voice is crying out: "Clear the Lord's way in the desert! Make a level highway in the wilderness for our God! Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
- C: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.**
- L: Go up on a high mountain, messenger Zion! Raise your voice and shout, messenger Jerusalem! Raise it; don't be afraid; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" Here is the Lord God, coming with strength, with a triumphant arm, bringing his reward with him and his payment before him.
- C: **Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**
- L: Like a shepherd, God will tend the flock; he will gather lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.
- C: **Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**
- L: Bless us as we light these candles. 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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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

1 The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, God's Son, ² happened just as it was written about in the prophecy of Isaiah:

Look, I am sending my messenger before you.

He will prepare your way,

³ *a voice shouting in the wilderness:*

“Prepare the way for the Lord;

make his paths straight.”

⁴ John the Baptist was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins.

⁵ Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. ⁶ John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He announced, “One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend over and loosen the strap of his sandals. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (ELW 254)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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;

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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

Let It Be Said of Us

Let it be said of us
That the Lord was our passion
That with gladness we bore
Ev'ry cross we were given
That we fought the good fight
That we finished the course
Knowing within us
The pow'r of the risen Lord

Chorus: Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song
By mercy made holy
By the Spirit made strong
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus
Be through us made known
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song

Let it be said of us
We were marked by forgiveness
We were known by our love
And delighted in meekness
We were ruled by His peace
Heeding unity's call
Joined as one body
That Christ would be seen by all

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

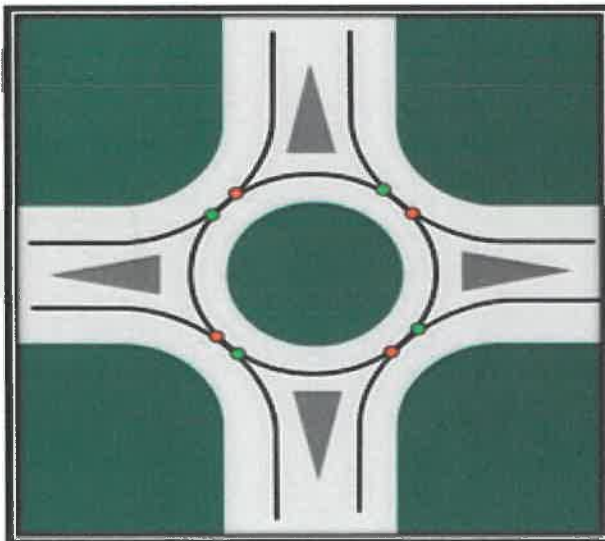
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

