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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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**Baptism of our
Lord**

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 each Wednesday at 1pm for our Midweek Bible Study. The link to the Zoom meeting will be in Tuesday's News to Know. All are welcome to join in! The upcoming Sunday scripture will be discussed.

Registration for the 2021-2022 Preschool year begins tomorrow for any New Joy Partner or current student who would like to enroll. Registration for the community will open on Monday, January 25. So if you would like your child to attend the New Joy Preschool, be sure to register early!

Annual Congregational Meeting is coming up! On Sunday, January 31, we will hold our annual Congregational Meeting via Zoom this year. The annual report will be available in the January 26 News to Know. There will also be paper copies at the church for anyone who would like to pick up a paper copy. More information on this meeting, and the link for the meeting, will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.



The Church Still Gathers

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior King of creation
Son of God and Son of Man
Truly I'd love Thee truly I'd serve Thee
Light of my soul my Joy my Crown

Beautiful Savior Lord of the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

R: A reading from Genesis:

1 When God began to create the heavens and the earth—² the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters—³ God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. ⁴ God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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

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.”

⁹ About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰ While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. ¹¹ And there was a voice from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

Down Galilee's Slow Roadways

Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger traveled on
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.
He went down to the waters like a soldier, scribe, and slave,
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;
it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:
You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my choice.

We too have found a roadway: it led us to this place.
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.
You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord.

Announcements

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.**

Congregational Affirmation of Baptism

Introduction:

P: Beloved in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism we are initiated into Christ's church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. Salvation and citizenship in heaven, a new life of following the One Lord and King Jesus our Savior – this is ours in baptism. All of this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through this reaffirmation of faith we renew the covenant declared to us at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our fealty to Christ and his holy way.

Renunciation of Sin and Confession of Faith:

P: On behalf of the whole church , I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world that tempt with power and pride, and repent of your sin and the sin of the world in which you are ensnared?

C: I do, and I ask God to help me.

P: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves, and to work for a world that better reflects – however partially and incompletely – the grace and abundance of God’s Kingdom?

C: I do, and I ask God to help me.

P: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

C: I do, and I ask God to help me.

P: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

C: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments:

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: Eternal God:

When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. You brought their children through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

C: Praise to you for your saving grace.

P: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of Mary's womb and baptized by John in the Jordan River. Anointed by your Holy Spirit, you announced your pleasure with him and his holy work. He called his disciples and all followers to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

C: Praise to you for your saving grace.

P: Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives,

that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory in the promised age to come and dare to live not according to the fallen ways of this world but according to the promise of his grace.

C: Praise to you for your saving grace.

Reaffirmation of Faith:

P: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

All may dip their fingers in a bowl of water and mark the sign of the cross on themselves and/or on others in their household.

C: We give you thanks, Father.

P: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

All may dip their fingers in a bowl of water and mark the sign of the cross on themselves and/or on others in their household.

C: We give you thanks, Son.

P: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

All may dip their fingers in a bowl of water and mark the sign of the cross on themselves and/or on others in their household.

C: We give you thanks, Holy Spirit.

P: The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

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.

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, "Here are 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.

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL

Words of Institution

(To be sung as a Call and Response)

P: In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest,

C: In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.

P: In the presence of our Lord we gather,

C: In the presence of our Lord we gather

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:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

C: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

P: Our Lord's body let us take together,

C: Our Lord's body let us take together.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, 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.

P: Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,

C: Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.

P: Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

C: Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

Prayer: Pour out your Holy Spirit into his meal and make us one

In community of faith and with your people throughout

The world.

P: Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word,
C: **Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.**
P: Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom,
C: **Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Chorus: Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Miserere nobis
(Repeat)

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Dona nobis pacem
Dona nobis pacem

Father Let Your Kingdom Come

Chorus: Hallelu hallelujah
Father let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy. *Chorus*

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace.

Bridge: You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new

Chorus, Chorus

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S JOY

Blessing

P: God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
And the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus: Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land
With the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations
With grace and mercy
Send forth Your word Lord
And let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me. *Chorus*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me. *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

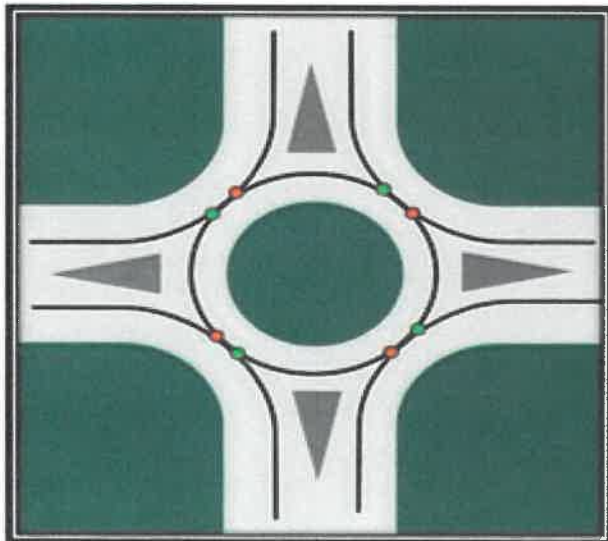
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

