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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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**Transfiguration
Sunday**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today's worship service will be a pre-recorded service, as Pastor Chris is out of town. This service will be shorter in length, but still full of songs of praise, prayers, and the Word.

Praying the Psalms

Now that we have returned 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, join us each week! Today's fellowship meeting will be cut short due to the Annual Congregational Meeting at 11am. There will still be a few minutes to check in with other Partners! The link to this meeting is in Friday's News to Know.

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.

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. We invite you to join us at 7pm via Zoom for a different type of Ash Wednesday service. Due to the on-going pandemic, we will not be able to make the sign of the cross on people's foreheads, but will still observe Ash Wednesday, just in a different way. So please make plans to join us! A link to this service will be in Tuesday's News to Know.

The New Joy Preschool 2021-2022 School Year is almost full! There are only two more spots in thee-year-old class. If you, or anyone you know, are thinking about registering, you should do so soon!

Confirmation Class will meet via Zoom next Sunday, February 21, at 11 am. The link to this Zoom meeting will be in Tuesday's News to Know, and in Friday's News to Know.

The Church Still Gathers



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus: So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Bridge: And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Christ, Be Our Light, (ELW 715)

Refrain: Christ, be our light!

Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church

Gathered today.

(Repeat)

Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, ³and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. ⁴Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. ⁵Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Rabbi, it’s good that we’re here. Let’s make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He said this because he didn’t know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified.

⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them not to tell anyone what they had seen until after the Human One had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Children's Message

Sermon

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Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
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Gathered today.

Announcements

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, "Have mercy, O God."

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.**

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

Another Hallelujah

I love You Lord with all my heart
You've given me a brand new start
And I just want to sing this song to You
It goes like this the fourth the fifth
The minor fall the major lift
My heart and soul are praising
Hallelujah

Chorus:

Hallelujah, hallelujah

Hallelujah, hallelujah

I know that You're the God above
You're filling me with grace and love
And I just want to say thank You to You
You pulled me from the miry clay
You've given me a brand new day
Now all that I can say is
Hallelujah

Chorus, chorus, 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.

