

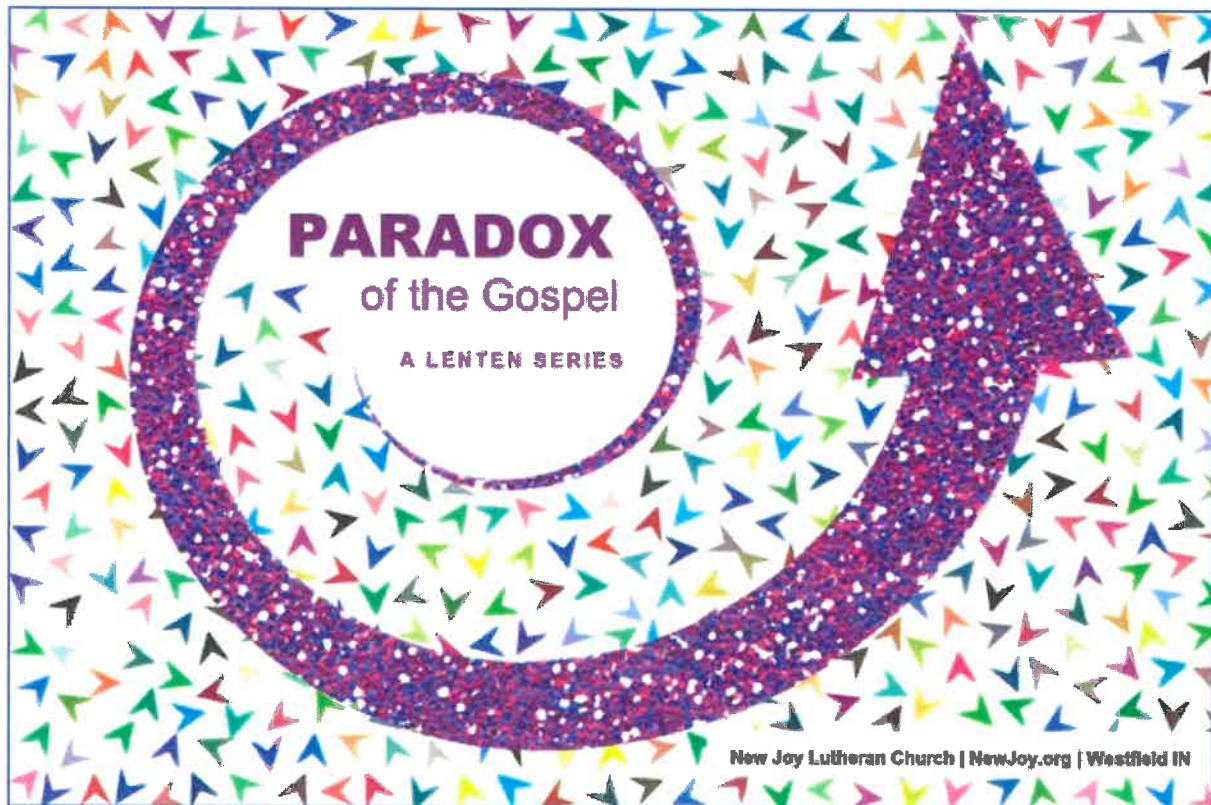


316 W. 156th Street  
Westfield, IN 46074  
Www.newjoy.org  
317-896-1402

Ministers: The People of New Joy  
Pastor: The Rev. Chris Duckworth

A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

February 21, 2020



**First Sunday in Lent**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### 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.

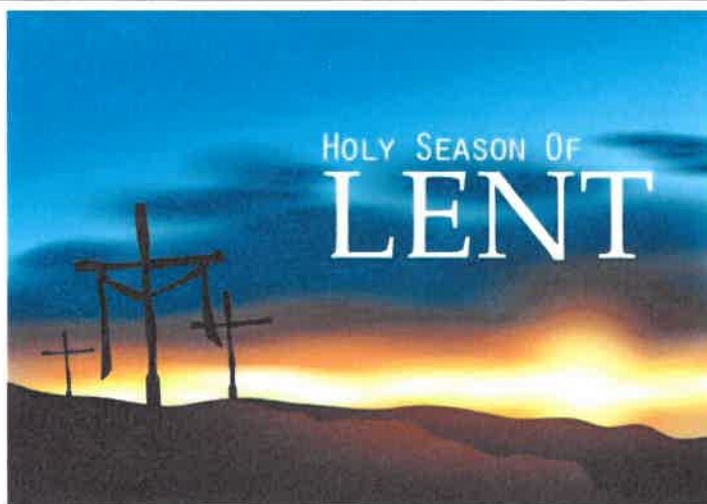
Join us after worship at 10:45am for a **Sunday Morning Zoom Fellowship Meeting**. Our two interns, Cory and Emily, join us each week! Today's fellowship meeting will be cut short due to the Annual Congregational Meeting at 11am. There will still be a few minutes to check in with other Partners! The link to this meeting is in Friday's News to Know.

Confirmation Class will meet **TODAY** via Zoom at 11 am. The link to this Zoom meeting can be found in last Tuesday's News to Know, and last Friday's News to Know. We hope to see all our confirmands at this meeting!

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.

### Lenten Prayer Gatherings

We will be coming together on Zoom every Wednesday for prayer, fellowship, and reflection. Times: 6:30 am; 1:00 pm; 7:00 pm; and 10:00 pm. Come when it works best for you. Camera on or off, as you're most comfortable. The Zoom link will be in Tuesday's News to Know email. We will use the same link, meeting ID/password for each prayer time.



## The Church Still Gathers

# **Prelude**

## **Words of Welcome**

### **I Want Jesus to Walk With Me (ELW 325)**

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; walk with me;  
in my trials, Lord, walk with me; walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me, walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## **Opening Prayer**

### **Apostolic Greeting and Baptismal Blessing**

**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.

**P:** To the baptized I say this: Remember that you are baptized!  
And if you are baptized, you have been grafted into Christ's body,  
that same body which was crucified by and resurrected for the world.  
When your sin and the brokenness of the world weighs you down,  
draw strength from your baptism and your eternal union with Christ.

For it is by God's grace that you have been saved,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
that you have been equipped to serve.

To the unbaptized I say this: As you discern a life in Christ,  
a life in the living body of Christ and in his Holy Church,  
listen for the Living Word of God that dwells in this congregation,  
and which is at work in your life and in this world that God so loves;  
Led by God's Spirit, inquire about and interrogate the way of our faith;  
thirst for the promise of God's Kingdom, and  
know that God's grace extends yet to you in your discernment.

Let us mark ourselves with the cross of Christ,  
with water if available,  
as a remembrance of and with anticipation for  
God's promise in our lives.

In the name of the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## **Song of Baptismal Remembrance**

### Wade in the Water (ELW 459)

*Refrain:* Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

(See that host all dressed in white,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(the leader looks like the Israelite.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

(See that band all dressed in red,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(looks like the band that Moses led.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

(Look over yonder, what do I see?)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*  
(If you don't believe I've been redeemed,)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## **First Reading**

## **Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup> God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“I am now setting up my covenant with you, with your descendants, <sup>10</sup>and with every living being with you—with the birds, with the large animals, and with all the animals of the earth, leaving the ark with you. <sup>11</sup>I will set up my covenant with you so that never again will all life be cut off by floodwaters. There will never again be a flood to destroy the earth.”

<sup>12</sup> God said, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I am drawing up between me and you and every living thing with you, on behalf of every future generation. <sup>13</sup> I have placed my bow in the clouds; it will be the symbol of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember the covenant between me and you and every living being among all the creatures. Floodwaters will never again destroy all creatures. <sup>16</sup> The bow will be in the clouds, and upon seeing it I will remember the enduring covenant between God and every living being of all the earth’s creatures.” <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth.”

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel**

## **Mark 1:9-15**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

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

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

<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit forced Jesus out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup> He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among the wild animals, and the angels took care of him.

<sup>14</sup> After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, <sup>15</sup> saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children's Message**

### **Sermon**

#### **Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty**

"Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;  
drink the water I will give.  
If you knew what gift I offer,  
you would come to me and live."

*Refrain:* Jesus, ever flowing fountain,  
give us water from Your well.  
In the gracious gift You offer  
there is joy no tongue can tell.

"Come to me, repentant sinners;  
leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion,  
turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*

## **Litany of Lament**

This Lent we cry out, "How long, O Lord? How long?"  
Indeed, this year-long pandemic has had elements of Lent itself:  
sacrifice, austerity, loss, and reflection.  
And yet, in the paradox of faith,  
we find God's holy love, promise, and beauty  
in the dark valley of this season,  
trusting that as we continue our Lenten journey our Lord is with us,  
leading us to the still waters of salvation  
and the daylight of resurrection dawn.

*Silence for reflection*

Let us pray:  
Gracious God, by day and night we pour out our prayer to you.  
We are crying out for justice,  
yearning for what is right,  
longing for your peace.  
Come quickly to help us, O God;  
save those who call upon your name.

*Specific laments are spoken.*

We yearn for an end to this pandemic, its suffering, death, and disruptions;  
and we your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

We weep for those who have died during this pandemic,  
and for those whose grief has been interrupted;  
we weep, and we your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

We long for the day when we can come together again  
to worship you in person,  
to embrace friends and neighbors and family members,

and enjoy the best of human proximity, touch, and presence;  
we long for a new day, and we your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

We cry out with the poor,  
those experiencing homelessness and inadequate housing;  
those who are cold at night and day in these winter months;  
we cry out, we your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

We grieve the state of our nation's and our own community's divisions,  
the political loyalties that threaten our fealty to one another;  
our original sin of slavery and embedded racism;  
the distrust of other cultures, religions, and identities;  
the sexism and phobias that deny the image of God in all people;  
we grieve, and we your people cry: **How long, Lord?**

*The prayer concludes with these or similar words:*

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes understanding—the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose holy name we pray.

**Amen.**

### Beautiful Things (ACS #925)

All this pain  
I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change, at all

All this earth  
Could all that is lost ever be found?  
Could a garden come up from this ground, at all?

*Refrain:* You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us



All around,  
Hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is being found, in you

*Refrain, refrain*

## **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.*

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

## **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.**

*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, "Your mercy is great."*

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: You are what God made you to be;  
created in Christ Jesus for good works,  
chosen as holy and beloved,  
freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing,  
in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C: Amen.

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

### **Sending Song**

Build Your Kingdom Here  
Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us  
  
We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

*Chorus:* Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

*Chorus, Chorus*

Portions of our service are reprinted from Words for Worship, copyright 2000 Augsburg Fortress, and are used by permission of Augsburg Fortress.

Our music is copyrighted, and used by permission. CCLI License No. 1876268  
Reprinted under OneLicense No. A-726809





## **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**

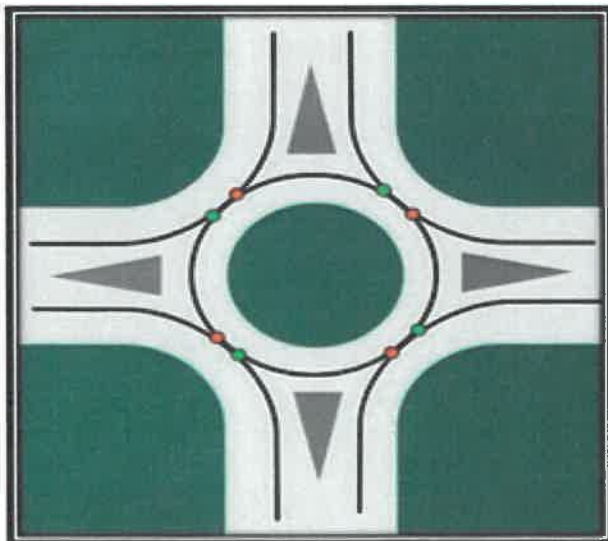
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

### **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.

