

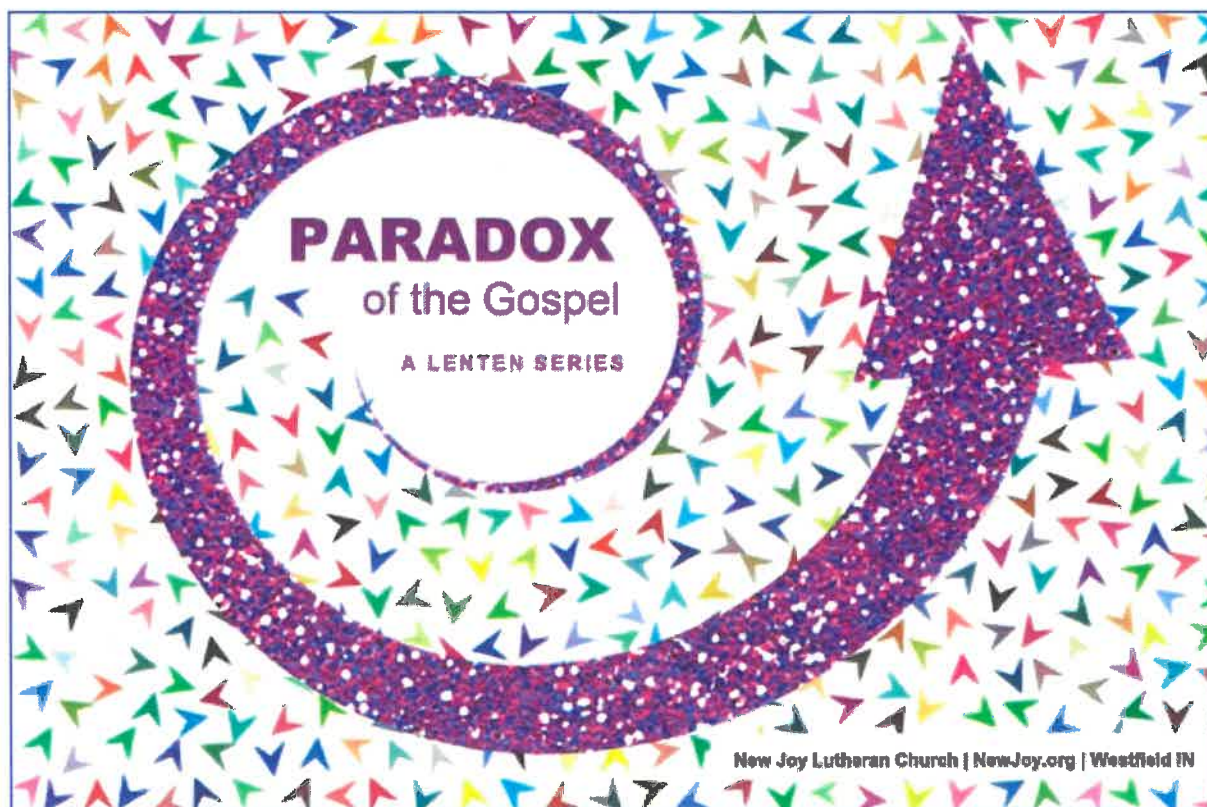


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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

March 21, 2021



Fifth 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**. **GET THE NEW LINK IN FRIDAY'S NEWS TO KNOW EMAIL.** It is a great time to speak with our interns, Cory and Emily, and to catch up with many of our Partners! It is the next best thing to hanging out in the narthex and sanctuary after worship! You will find the link to this meeting 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.

Lenten Prayer Gatherings

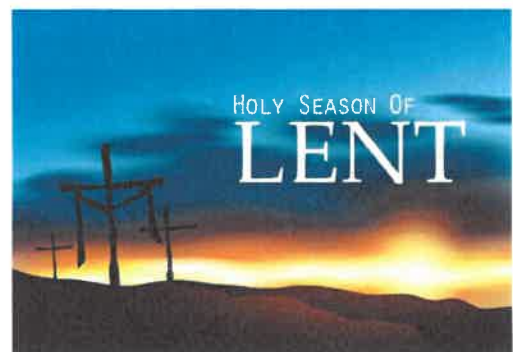
We will be coming together on Zoom every Wednesday for prayer, fellowship, and reflection. Times: 6:30 am; 1:00 pm; 7:00 pm; and 10:00 pm. Come when it works best for you. Camera on or off, as you're most comfortable. The Zoom link will be in Tuesday's News to Know email. We will use the same link, meeting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

Open Doors Spring Cleaning Basket collection—kitchen towels

New Joy is currently collecting kitchen towels to be put in the Open Doors Spring Cleaning Baskets. We have agreed to provide 100 towels—we currently have 63 towels collected! Only 33 to go! Please bring your donation to New Joy by the end of March. Thanks!

At-Home Communion Bags and Palm Branches will be delivered to the homes of our Partners and some friends beginning next Thursday through Saturday. We want you to have Palm branches to help celebrate Palm Sunday on March 28. We will also be delivering communion elements, as New Joy will begin celebrating communion on April 2, Good Friday and April 4, Easter Sunday. Please watch for these bags to be delivered!

The Church Still Gathers



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Glorify Thy Name

Father we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Jesus we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Spirit we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name
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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.

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

Prayer of Lament

P: This Lent we cry out, “How long, O Lord? How long?”
Indeed, this pandemic has felt like a year-long Lent in itself,
a season of 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

AM: 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.

AM: We weep for the victims of COVID 19,
and of illnesses and deaths that were contributed to
by the strain on the medical care system during the pandemic;
and we your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

AM: We long for a day when we can worship together again in person, when schools and workplaces and other public spaces can re-open without concern for this disease; and we your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

AM: We cry out for refuges near and far, from Burma to Syria to Central America, and for people seeking a home free from persecution; and we your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

AM: We grieve at the continued divides in our nation across political and social lines, divisions that risk doing real harm to our families, community, and country; and we your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

AM: Hear now, O God, the laments of our hearts, spoken out loud in our homes or in the silence of our hearts:

silence

AM: And we your people cry: **How long, O Lord?**

AM: We don't cry out to the Lord in vain. We know that God hears our cries, replenishes our strength and stirs up our hope.

AM: For the baptized this is a time to take strength in our baptism, to recall that we have been joined to Christ's death in baptism, and that if we have been joined to a death like his, we will certainly be joined to a resurrection like his.

AM: And for the unbaptized, this is a time to discern a life in Christ, to inquire about and interrogate the faith of this congregation, to seek here a Living Word that defies the brokenness of this world, and a people who look for signs of our Savior's promised reign of justice, mercy, and peace.

AM: 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 and in this world.

AM: To you, O God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory,
now and forever.

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*

(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*

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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 Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah. ³²It won't be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant with me even though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³No, this is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel after

that time, declares the LORD. I will put my Instructions within them and engrave them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ They will no longer need to teach each other to say, “Know the LORD!” because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD; for I will forgive their wrongdoing and never again remember their sins.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

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

²⁰ Some Greeks were among those who had come up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and made a request: “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” ²² Philip told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

²³ Jesus replied, “The time has come for the Human One to be glorified. ²⁴ I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it can only be a single seed. But if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their lives will lose them, and those who hate their lives in this world will keep them forever. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me. Wherever I am, there my servant will also be. My Father will honor whoever serves me.

²⁷ “Now *I am deeply troubled*. What should I say? ‘Father, save me from this time’? No, for this is the reason I have come to this time. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

²⁹ The crowd standing there heard and said, “It’s thunder.” Others said, “An angel spoke to him.”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “This voice wasn’t for my benefit but for yours. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment of this world. Now this world’s ruler will be thrown out. ³² When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to me.” (³³ He said this to show how he was going to die.)

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

Sermon

Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge: I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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.

P: 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.

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

I Will Follow

Intro: Where You go I'll go

Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move

I will follow

Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good

All Your ways are sure

I will trust in You alone

Higher than my sight

High above my life

I will trust in You alone

Chorus: Where You go I'll go

Where You stay I'll stay

When You move I'll move

I will follow You

Whom You love I'll love

How You serve I'll serve

If this life I lose

I will follow (You)

Light into the world

Light into my life

I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek

Knowing I will find

All I need in You alone

In You alone. *Chorus*

Bridge: In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Chorus, Chorus

Ending: Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah

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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

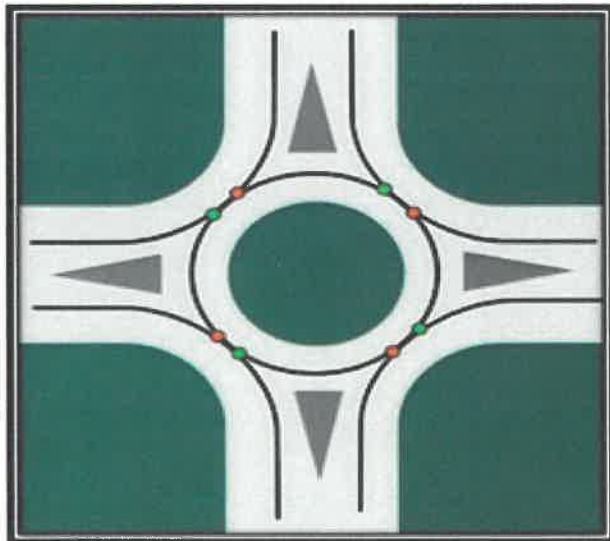
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

