

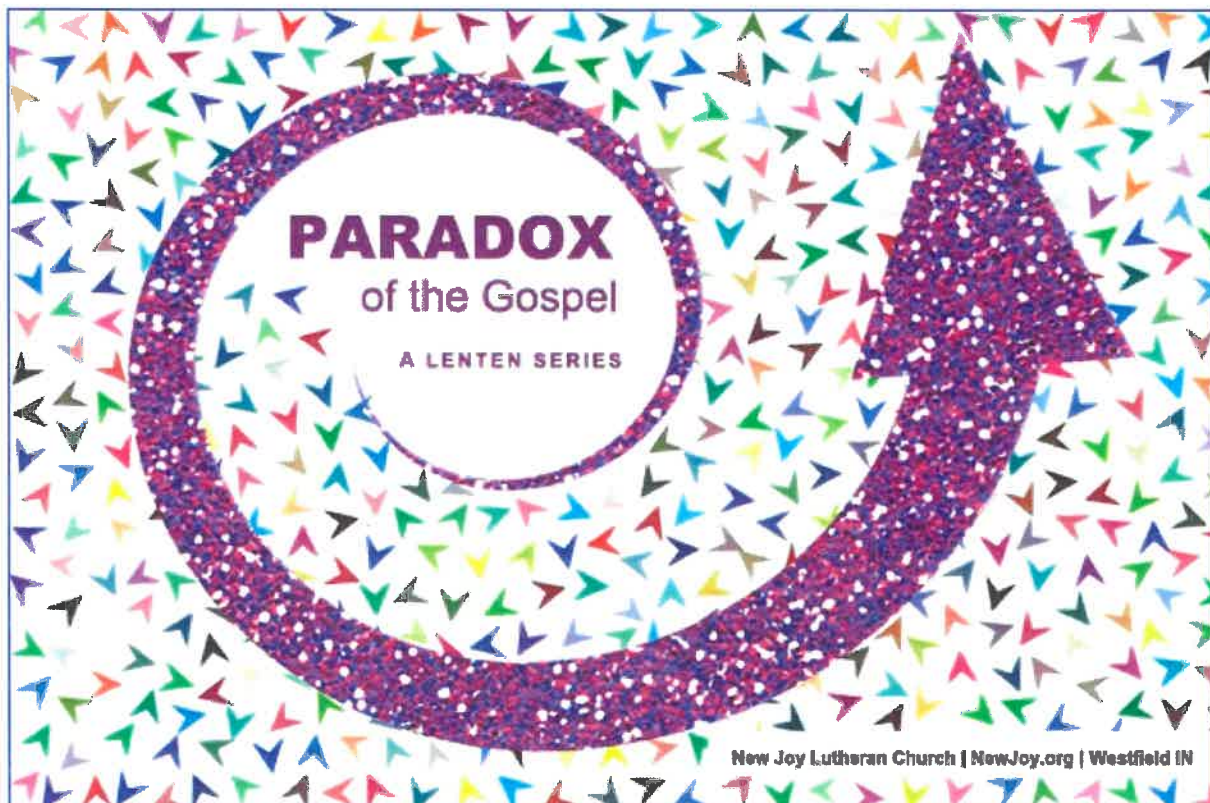


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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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**Palm Sunday**

# 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.**

You can find the 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 do have to provide your own donuts, though!

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.

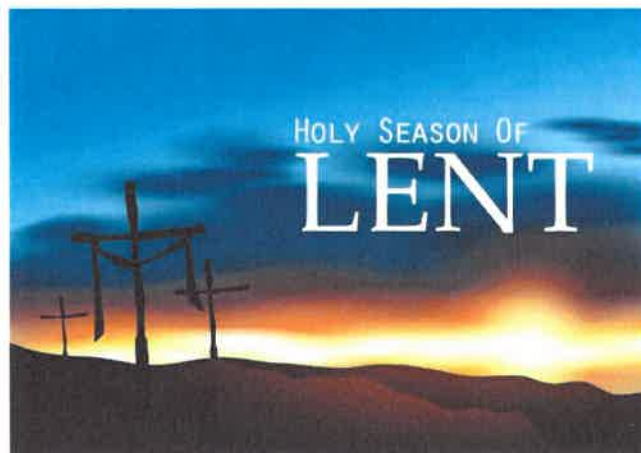
## **Good Friday Service—April 2—7pm via Zoom**

We will hold our Good Friday service at 7pm on Friday, April 2 via our Livestream channel. A link to this service will be in Friday's News to Know. It is at this service that we will begin celebrating communion once again. You should have received your At-Home Communion bags with everything you need.

## **Easter Sunday Service next Sunday—9:30 am**

Whether you are celebrating Easter here at home or you are travelling, you can join us for our Easter Service at 9:30 am next Sunday! The link to this service will be in Friday's News to Know. We hope you will celebrate our Risen Lord with us!

## The Church Still Gathers



# Welcome

## Palm Procession

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

## Processional Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

L: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus and his followers approached Jerusalem, they came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives. Jesus gave two disciples a task, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village over there. As soon as you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘Its master needs it, and he will send it back right away.’”

<sup>4</sup>They went and found a colt tied to a gate outside on the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>Some people standing around said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” <sup>6</sup>They told them just what Jesus said, and they left them alone. <sup>7</sup>They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>Those in front of him and those following were shouting, “*Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!*” <sup>10</sup>Blessings on the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” <sup>11</sup>Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. After he looked around at everything, because it was already late in the evening, he returned to Bethany with the Twelve.

L: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Blessing of the Palms

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us go forth in peace.

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

## **Palm Procession**

### He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on High;

I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted,

and I will praise his name.

Jesus is Lord

Forever His truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth

rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest.

## **Opening Prayer**

## **Children's Message -** *(Intern Emily Michaelis)*

# Prayer of the Day

Reader: As we prepare to hear the Word of God this day, let us pray:

O Lord our God, our times are in your hand. You saved your chosen one, Jesus Christ, when he commended himself to you. Let your face shine on all who suffer persecution, and give our hearts courage to confront evil. Lead us and guide us through all our weary years, that we may praise you for the wonders of your love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## First Lesson

## Psalm 31

Reader: A reading from the Book of Psalms:

<sup>1</sup>I take refuge in you, LORD.

Please never let me be put to shame.

Rescue me by your righteousness!

<sup>2</sup>Listen closely to me!

Deliver me quickly;

be a rock that protects me;

be a strong fortress that saves me!

<sup>3</sup>You are definitely my rock and my fortress.

Guide me and lead me for the sake of your good name!

<sup>4</sup>Get me out of this net that's been set for me

because you are my protective fortress.

<sup>5</sup>I entrust my spirit into your hands;

you, LORD, God of faithfulness—

you have saved me.

<sup>6</sup>I hate those who embrace what is completely worthless.

I myself trust the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>I rejoice and celebrate in your faithful love

because you saw my suffering—

you were intimately acquainted with my deep distress.

<sup>8</sup>You didn't hand me over to the enemy,

but set my feet in wide-open spaces.

- <sup>9</sup> Have mercy on me, LORD, because I'm depressed.  
My vision fails because of my grief,  
as do my spirit and my body.
- <sup>10</sup> My life is consumed with sadness;  
my years are consumed with groaning.  
Strength fails me because of my suffering;  
my bones dry up.
- <sup>11</sup> I'm a joke to all my enemies,  
still worse to my neighbors.  
I scare my friends,  
and whoever sees me in the street runs away!
- <sup>12</sup> I am forgotten, like I'm dead,  
completely out of mind;  
I am like a piece of pottery, destroyed.
- <sup>13</sup> Yes, I've heard all the gossiping,  
terror all around;  
so many gang up together against me,  
they plan to take my life!
- <sup>14</sup> But me? I trust you, LORD!  
I affirm, "You are my God."
- <sup>15</sup> My future is in your hands.  
Don't hand me over to my enemies,  
to all who are out to get me!
- <sup>16</sup> Shine your face on your servant;  
save me by your faithful love!
- <sup>17</sup> LORD, don't let me be put to shame  
because I have cried out to you.  
Let the wicked be put to shame;  
let them be silenced in death's domain!
- <sup>18</sup> Let their lying lips be shut up  
whenever they speak arrogantly  
against the righteous with pride and contempt!
- <sup>19</sup> How great is the goodness  
that you've reserved for those who honor you,  
that you commit to those who take refuge in you—  
in the sight of everyone!

<sup>20</sup> You hide them in the shelter of your wings,  
safe from human scheming.  
You conceal them in a shelter,  
safe from accusing tongues.

<sup>21</sup> Bless the LORD,  
because he has wondrously revealed  
his faithful love to me  
when I was like a city under siege!

<sup>22</sup> When I was panicked, I said,  
“I’m cut off from your eyes!”  
But you heard my request for mercy  
when I cried out to you for help.

<sup>23</sup> All you who are faithful, love the LORD!  
The LORD protects those who are loyal,  
but he pays the proud back to the fullest degree.

<sup>24</sup> All you who wait for the LORD,  
be strong and let your heart take courage.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Homily-** *Pastor Chris Duckworth*

## **Song of the Day**

### Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising  
Eyes are turning to You  
We turn to You  
Hope is stirring  
Hearts are yearning for You  
We long for You

*Pre-Chorus:* 'Cause when we see You  
We find strength to face the day

In Your presence  
All our fears are washed away  
Washed away

*Chorus:* Hosanna hosanna  
You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises  
Hosanna hosanna  
Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of  
Hearts returning to You  
We turn to You  
In Your Kingdom  
Broken lives are made new  
You make us new

*Pre-Chorus, Chorus*

## **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**

*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:** Let us say together the mission of our congregation:

**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.



## **Prayers**

*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. Each prayer petition concludes, "Hear us, O God" and the congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."*

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

## **Lord's Prayer**

*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.*

## **Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

## **Passion Reading**

**Mark 14:1-15:47**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

AM: Go in peace. Look to the cross of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

## **Sending Song**

Were You There (ELW 353)

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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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**

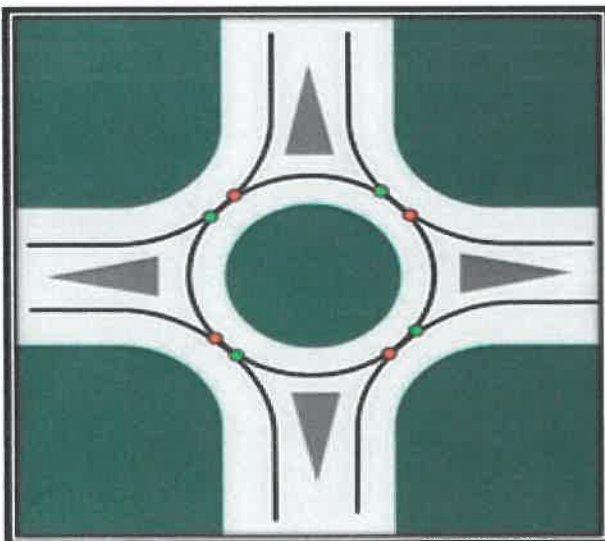
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

### **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.

