

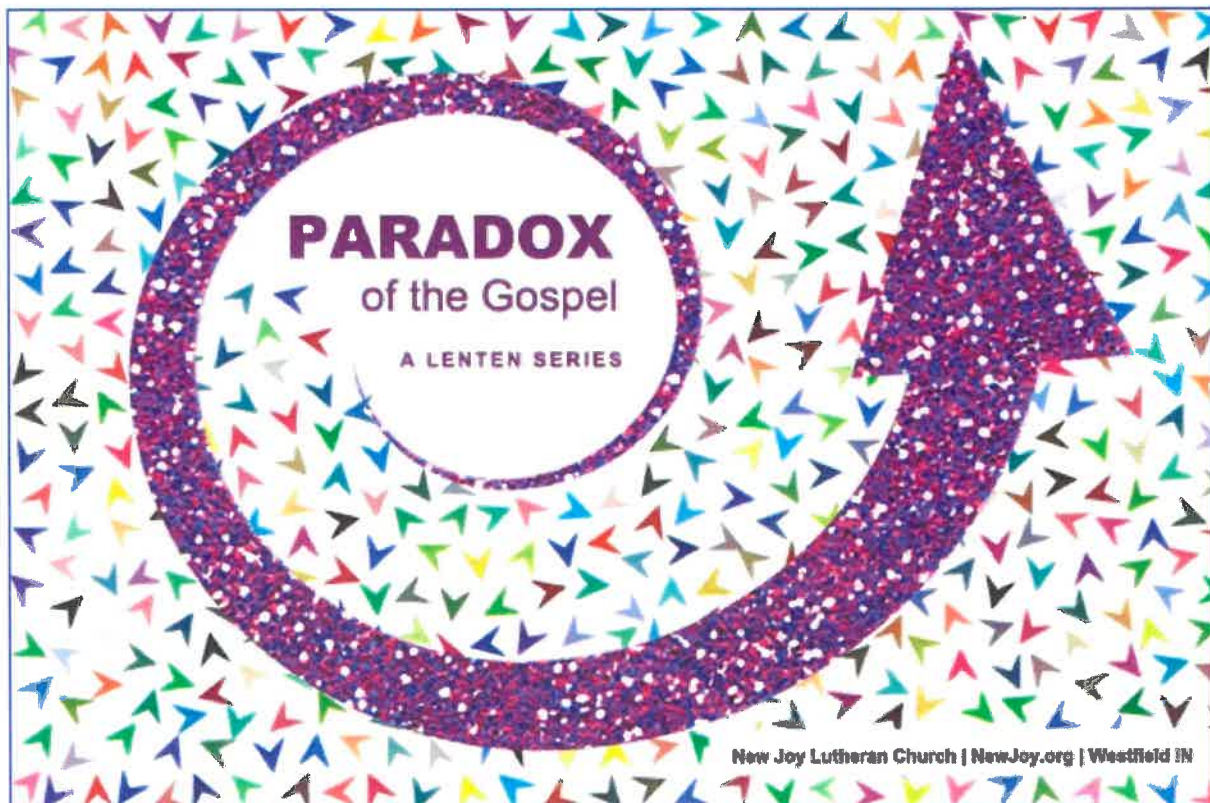


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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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Third 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.

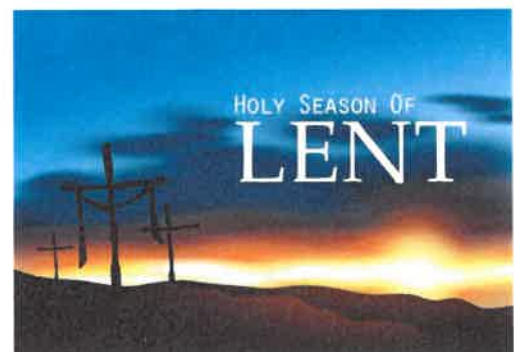
New Zoom link for Seasoned Believers Women's Gathering.

We had to make some changes in our Zoom account, so now the Seasoned Believers Women's Gathering that meets Tuesday's at 10:00 am has a new link. You can find it in last Tuesday's News to Know email.

Scouting, BSA Sponsorship Opportunity Zoom Meeting After Worship Today.

New Joy has been offered the opportunity to sponsor two new Scouting BSA troops—one for boys and one for girls. Before the Ministry Board makes a decision on whether or not to sponsor these troops, they would like to hear the thoughts and opinions of the congregation. You are invited to join us at 11am TODAY via the Zoom link that was posted in Friday's News to Know.

The Church Still
Gathers



Prelude

Words of Welcome

In The Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime

When the woes of life o'ertake me
Hopes deceive and fears annoy
Never shall the cross forsake me
Lo it glows with peace and joy

Bane and blessing pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified
Peace is there that knows no measure
Joys that through all time abide

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 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: We pray for an end to homelessness in our community,
especially among families with young children;
and 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

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

AM: 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.

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: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved. ¹⁹ It is written in scripture: *I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will reject the intelligence of the intelligent.* ²⁰ Where are the wise? Where are the legal experts? Where are today's debaters? Hasn't God made the wisdom of the world foolish? ²¹ In God's wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn't come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching. ²² Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. ²⁴ But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God's power and God's wisdom. ²⁵ This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gospel

John 2:13-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ He found in the temple those who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves, as well as those involved in exchanging currency sitting there. ¹⁵ He made a whip from ropes and chased them all out of the temple, including the cattle and the sheep. He scattered the coins and overturned the tables of those who exchanged currency. ¹⁶ He said to the dove sellers, “Get these things out of here! Don’t make my Father’s house a place of business.” ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it is written, *Passion for your house consumes me.*

¹⁸ Then the Jewish leaders asked him, “By what authority are you doing these things? What miraculous sign will you show us?”

¹⁹ Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple and in three days I’ll raise it up.”

²⁰ The Jewish leaders replied, “It took forty-six years to build this temple, and you will raise it up in three days?” ²¹ But the temple Jesus was talking about was his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Canticle of the Turning (ELW 723)

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that
You bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on Your servants’ plight,
And my weakness You did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blessed.
Could the world be about to turn.

Chorus: My Heart shall sing of the day You bring.
Let the fires of Your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And Your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for You yearn,
You will show Your might,
Put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn. *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

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

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

Chorus: Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
Give us clean hands give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
And oh God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
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NOTES



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

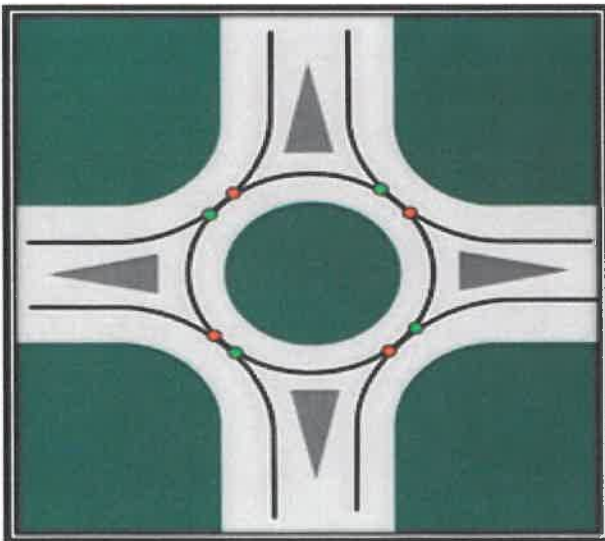
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

