

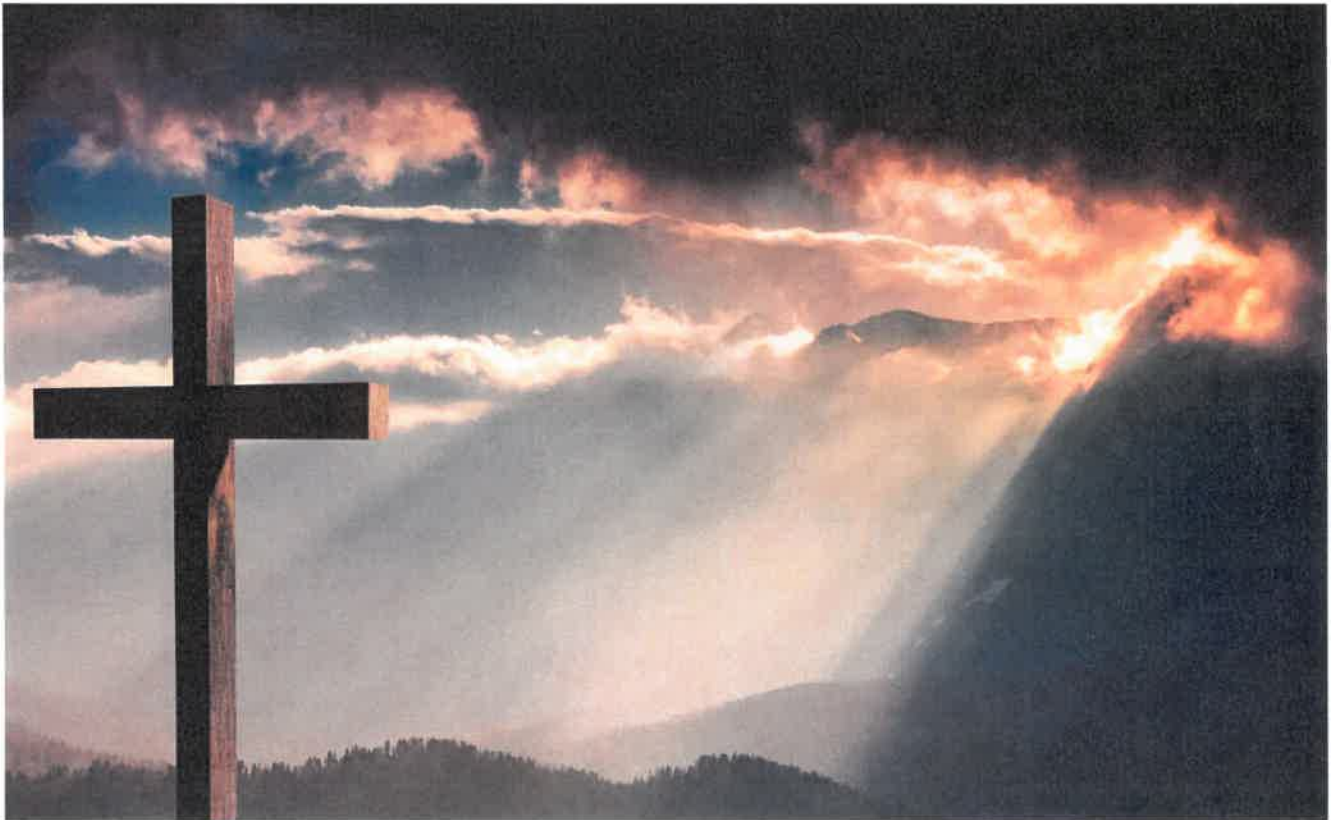


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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

April 11, 2021



Second Sunday of Easter

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.

Outdoor In-Person Worship to Resume April 25

We will once again be meeting out at our pavilion on Sunday mornings for our worship service. As we did last summer, we are still asking everyone to bring their own chair, wear a mask, and we will stay socially distanced for now. That may change during the course of the summer—we shall see. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Open Doors Collection as part of our first in-person worship on April 25

As we come back together for worship, we want to make it a celebration, and we want to give to others as we come together. We are asking people to bring items for Open Door's from their current needs list, or a cash offering, on Sunday, April 25.

Open Doors Current Needs List:

Easy Mac	Saltine Crackers	Mandarin Oranges
Chicken & Dumplings	Individual Pastas	Shampoo
Canned Spinach	Canned Chili	Kleenex
Fruit Cups	Individual Soups	Toothpaste
Juice Boxes	Instant Potatoes	Paper Towels
Applesauce Cups	Beef Stew	

We look forward to seeing many of you at our outdoor worship service on April 25! And it will be exciting to be able to help out our community with your canned goods donations!

The Church Still Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

P: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing
(It's amazing it's amazing)

Chorus: I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls (You call) me friend
(REPEAT)

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing
So Amazing! *Chorus*

Bridge: God Almighty, Lord of Glory,
You have called me friend!
Repeat

Chorus

Opening Prayer

Welcome

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day:

P: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

Psalm

Psalm 133

¹Look at how good and pleasing it is
when families live together as one!

²It is like expensive oil poured over the head,
running down onto the beard—
Aaron's beard!—
which extended over the collar of his robes.

³ It is like the dew on Mount Hermon
streaming down onto the mountains of Zion,
because it is there that the LORD has commanded the blessing:
everlasting life.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia

Gospel

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven.

²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!" But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus replied, “Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don’t see and yet believe.”

³⁰ Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples’ presence, signs that aren’t recorded in this scroll. ³¹ But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God’s Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia

Sermon

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 x3*

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.**

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.*

*On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

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

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. This helps prepare us for the gift of Holy Communion. Our worship service will continue with the Offering.

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

C: And also with you.

Announcements & Invitation to Offering

Come, Be Among Us, O Jesus (ACS 995)

Come, be among us, O Jesus
Come, now and visit your people.
Come, and be near your children.
Stay with us, Lord, abide.
Shadows are deep'ning around us;
fast falls the eventide.
Come and be near your children.
Stay with us, Lord, abide.
Stay with us, Lord, abide.

WE SHARE GOD'S MEAL

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, a broad and deep prayer that recalls God's mighty deeds of salvation. The Eucharistic Prayer for Easter Sunday is a translation of a prayer that dates as far back as the mid-200's and which, like the first chapter of the Gospel of John, gives special attention to Jesus as the Word of God. Our holy communion table prayers conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

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.

Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

All our welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Perhaps you or a member of your household hasn't had a formal "first communion" yet. That's ok. Share in the feast. This is Jesus' table. When we return to in-person ministries, we'll catch up on the learning and celebrations for those who have received communion for the first time during the pandemic. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God

you take away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God

you take away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God

you take away the sin of the world

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thankful hearts and voices raise;
Tell everyone what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
And bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God
And lead us forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia

WE GO OUT WITH GOD'S JOY

Blessing

P: May the Spirit of the living Christ
fill you with faith and trust,
burn in you with the fire of love,
enliven your bones, body, and life,
and breathe through you the breath of life,
Almighty God, Father,
‡ Son, and Holy Spirit.
Bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

Sending Song

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Dismissal

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

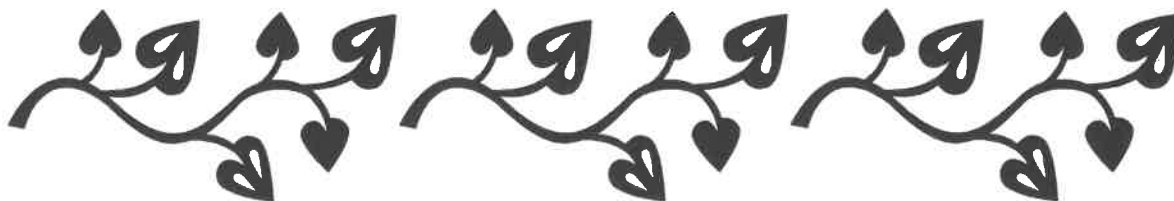
AM: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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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

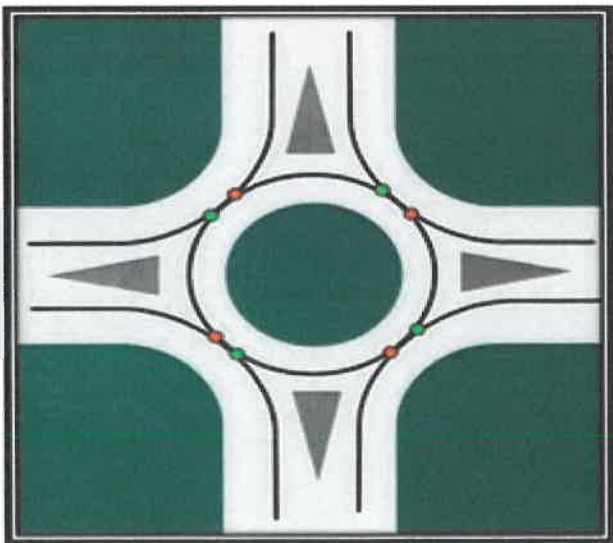
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

