

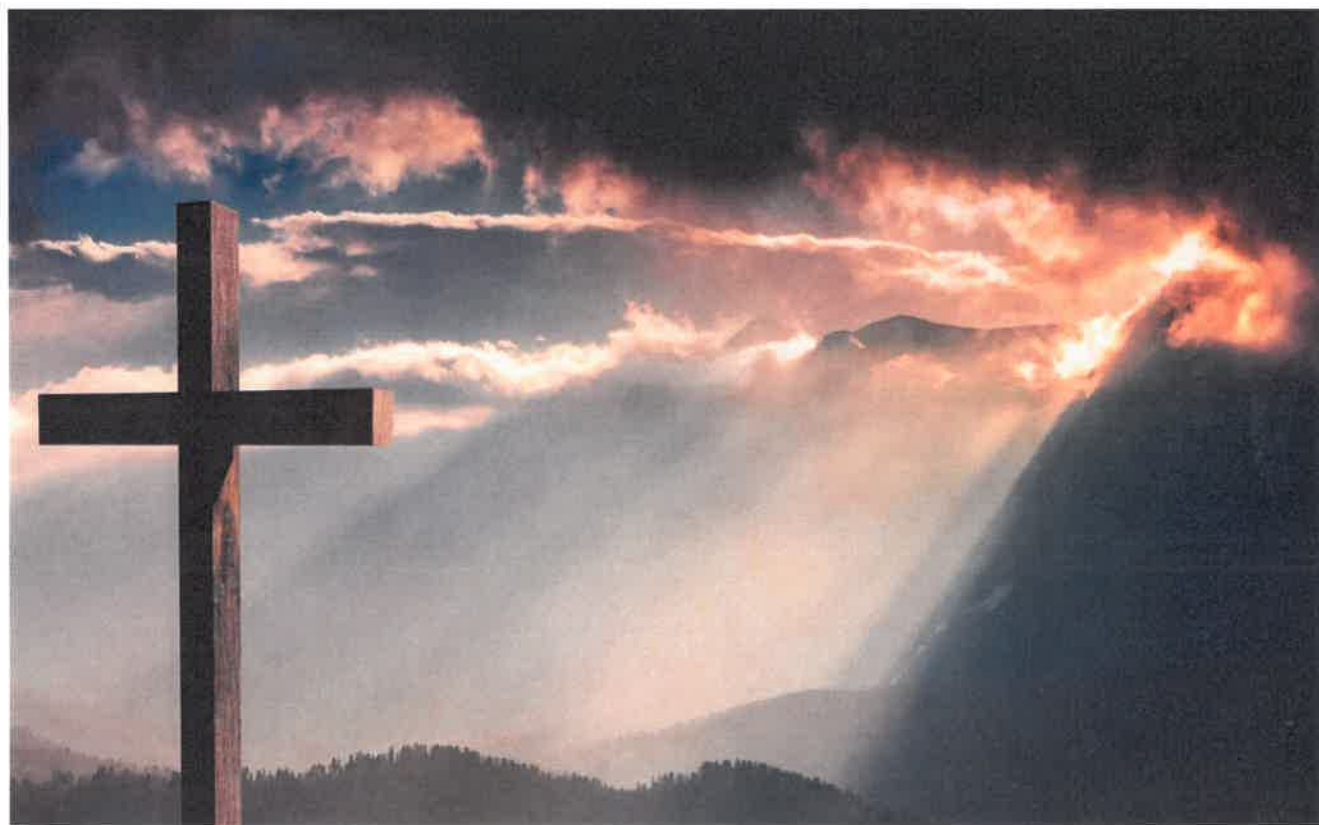


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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

April 18, 2021



Third 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!

Your Grace is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre Chorus:

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus: Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Pre-Chorus, Chorus, 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. *Refrain*

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

Prayer of the Day:

P: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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.

Children's Message

Psalm

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I cry out, my righteous God!

Set me free from my troubles!

Have mercy on me!

Listen to my prayer!

²How long, you people,
will my reputation be insulted?

How long will you continue
to love what is worthless
and go after lies? *Selah*

³ Know this: the LORD takes
personal care of the faithful.

The LORD will hear me
when I cry out to him.

⁴ So be afraid, and don't sin!
Think hard about it in your bed
and weep over it! *Selah*

⁵ Bring righteous offerings,
and trust the LORD!

⁶ Many people say,
"We can't find goodness anywhere.
The light of your face has left us, LORD!"^[a]

⁷ But you have filled my heart with more joy
than when their wheat and wine are everywhere!

⁸ I will lie down and fall asleep in peace
because you alone, LORD, let me live in safety.

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

Luke 24:36b-48

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke:

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

³⁶ While the disciples were talking about the empty tomb, Jesus himself stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ³⁷ They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.” ⁴⁰As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹Because they were wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of baked fish. ⁴³Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia

Sermon

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Christ has arisen, alleluia,
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

“Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*

Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

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

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you take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us

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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

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: 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

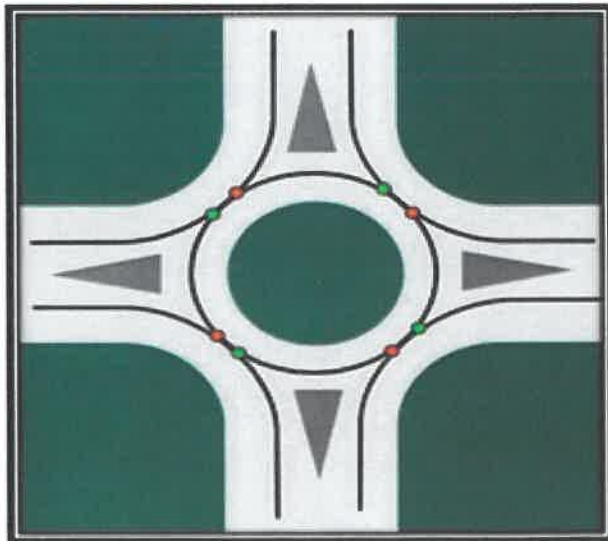
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

