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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're Glad You're Joining Us This Morning!

Welcome to our Outdoor In-Person Worship Service!

We are once again holding our outdoor in-person worship services! As was the case last summer, we ask that everyone bring their own chair, wear a mask, and still social distance. We will be celebrating holy communion, with one family coming forward at a time. We are excited to being able to worship with you present!

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.

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!

King Of My Heart

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

Chorus: You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song. *Chorus*

Bridge: You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

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 (*Repeat*)

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: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you see the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

Psalm

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

²He lets me rest in grassy meadows;

he leads me to restful waters;

³ he keeps me alive.

He guides me in proper paths

for the sake of his good name.

⁴Even when I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no danger because you are with me.

Your rod and your staff—

they protect me.

⁵You set a table for me

right in front of my enemies.

You bathe my head in oil;

my cup is so full it spills over!

⁶Yes, goodness and faithful love

will pursue me all the days of my life,

and I will live in the LORD's house

as long as I live.

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 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²When the hired hand sees the wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away. That’s because he isn’t the shepherd; the sheep aren’t really his. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. ¹³He’s only a hired hand and the sheep don’t matter to him.

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and they know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I give up my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that don’t belong to this sheep pen. I must lead them too. They will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, with one shepherd.

¹⁷“This is why the Father loves me: I give up my life so that I can take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I give it up because I want to. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father.”

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia

Sermon

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

Chorus: I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now. *Chorus*

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine. *Chorus*

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.

Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)

Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees.
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

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!

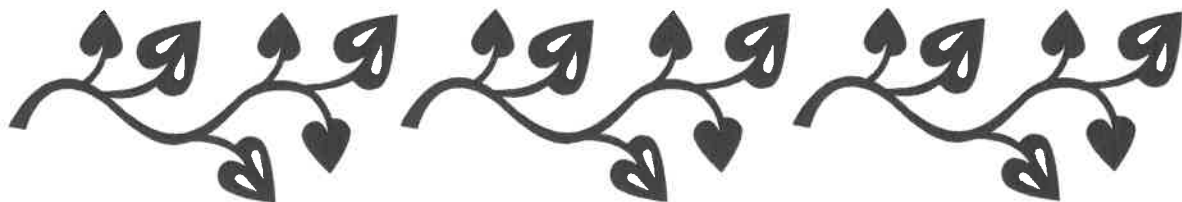
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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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

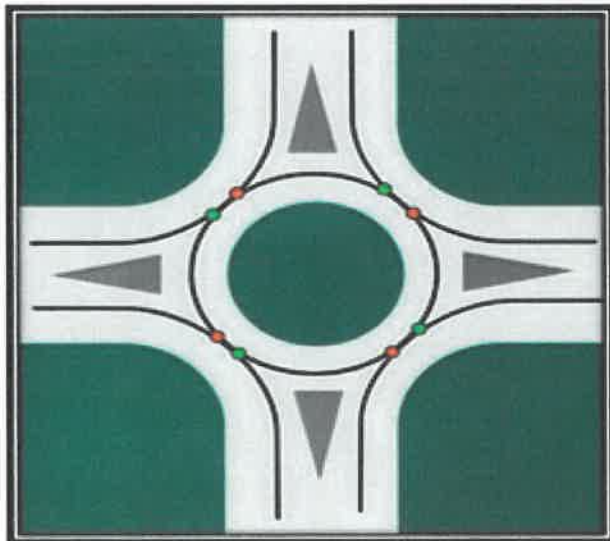
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

