

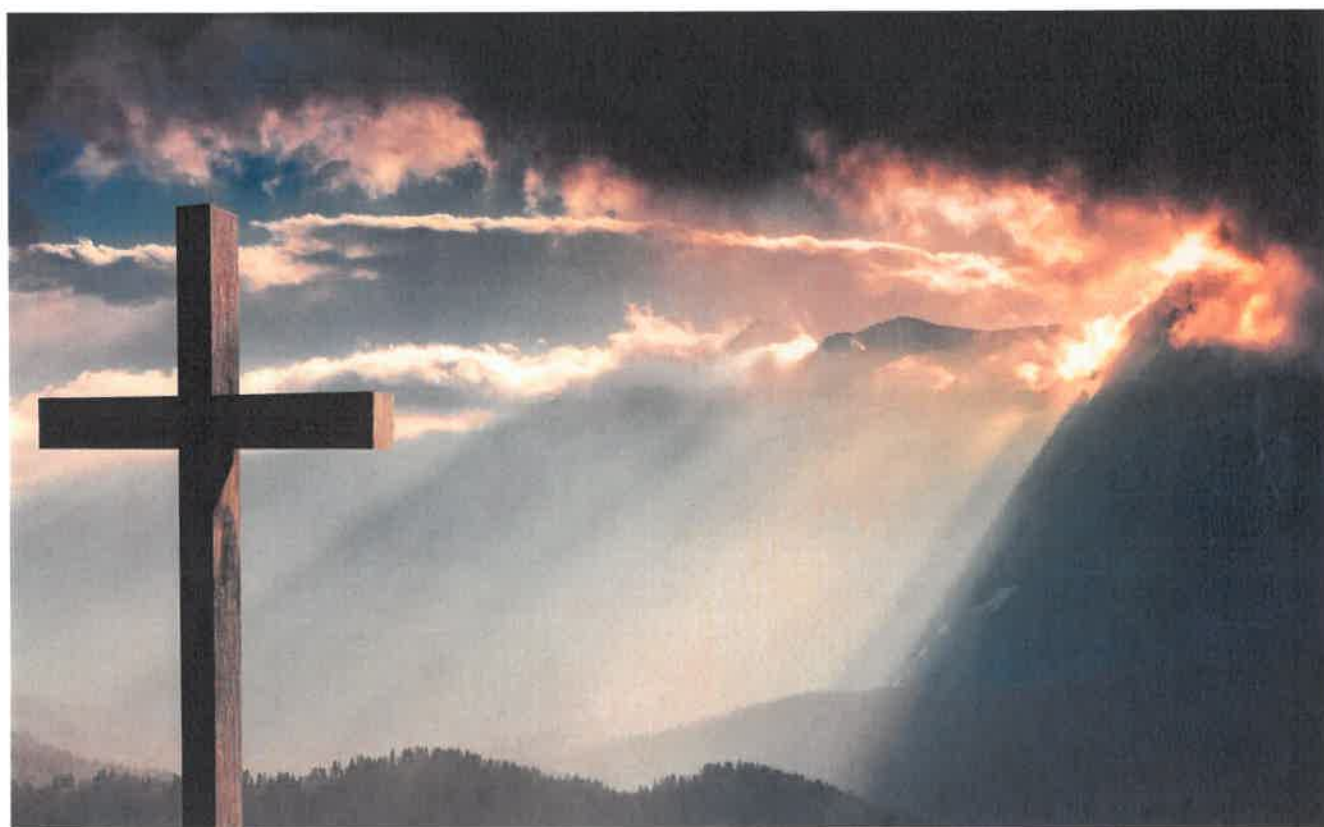


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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

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Seventh 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.

Fun and Different Services to be Held This Summer!

This summer we will be holding a "Christmas in July" service (July 25) and an "Easter in August" service (August 8)! We did not have a chance to celebrate together this past year, so we want to do so this summer! We will need help in planning these two services. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Chris, or let the church office know. Won't you help us make these services special!



The Church Still Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

P: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Way

Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my fortress
Oh You are my portion
You are my hiding place
Oh I believe You are

Chorus: The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe (You are)

Through every blessing
Through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe that You are provider
You are protector
You are the One I love
I believe You are

Bridge: It's a new horizon
And I'm set on You
And You meet me here today
With mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long

(When I'm here with You)
(When I believe You are)

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: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own,
and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By
your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may
find our joy in 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

- ¹ The truly happy person
 doesn't follow wicked advice,
 doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
 and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.
- ² Instead of doing those things,
 these persons love the LORD's Instruction,
 and they recite God's Instruction day and night!
- ³ They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
 which bears fruit at just the right time
 and whose leaves don't fade.
 Whatever they do succeeds.
- ⁴ That's not true for the wicked!
 They are like dust that the wind blows away.
- ⁵ And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—
 neither will sinners
 in the assembly of the righteous.
- ⁶ The LORD is intimately acquainted
 with the way of the righteous,
 but the way of the wicked is destroyed.

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 17:6-19

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

⁶“I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

⁹“I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. ¹¹I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. ¹²When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. ¹⁴I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. ¹⁵I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. ¹⁷Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

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

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Sermon

How Great is Our God
The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge: Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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.

One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

Lord, Be Glorified (ELW 744)

In my life Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In my life Lord
Be glorified today

In my song Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In my song Lord
Be glorified today

In Your church Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In Your church Lord
Be glorified today

In our home Lord
Be glorified be glorified
In our home Lord
Be glorified today

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.

