

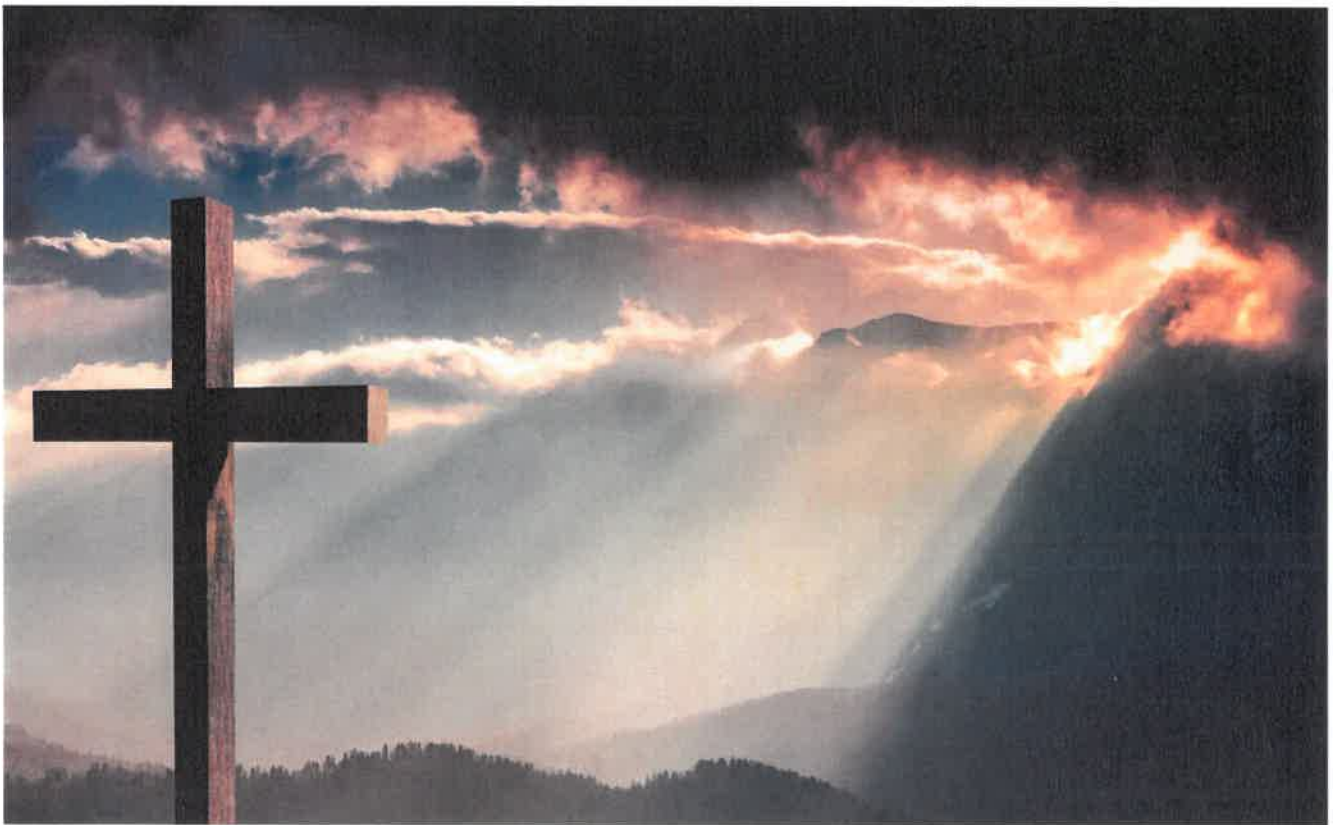


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A Congregation of Welcome, Grace, Faith and Promise

May 9, 2021



Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

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.

Ministry Survey

Please complete the congregational ministry survey that you received about 10 days ago. Our Ministry Board is trying to discern the next steps for our COVID safety measures at church. This survey is intended for all members of New Joy households whoa re of high school age and older. We would like this survey completed by tomorrow, May 10. Thank you!



The Church Still Gathers

Prelude

Welcome

P: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge: I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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 God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

Psalm

Psalm 98

¹Sing to the LORD a new song
because he has done wonderful things!
His own strong hand and his own holy arm
have won the victory!
²The LORD has made his salvation widely known;
he has revealed his righteousness
in the eyes of all the nations.

- ³ God has remembered his loyal love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
every corner of the earth has seen our God's salvation.
- ⁴ Shout triumphantly to the LORD, all the earth!
Be happy!
Rejoice out loud!
Sing your praises!
- ⁵ Sing your praises to the LORD with the lyre—
with the lyre and the sound of music.
- ⁶ With trumpets and a horn blast,
shout triumphantly before the LORD, the king!
- ⁷ Let the sea and everything in it roar;
the world and all its inhabitants too.
- ⁸ Let all the rivers clap their hands;
let the mountains rejoice out loud altogether ⁹ before the LORD
because he is coming to establish justice on the earth!
He will establish justice in the world rightly;
he will establish justice among all people fairly.

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 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

⁹“As the Father loved me, I too have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy will be in you and your joy will be complete. ¹²This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than to give up one's

life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because everything I heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last. As a result, whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. ¹⁷ I give you these commandments so that you can love each other.

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

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Sermon

Jesu, Jesu (ELW 708)

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu,
fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,
varied in color and race,
neighbors are near us and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we will serve,
these are the ones we will love;
all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet:
this is the way we will live with you. *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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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.

Abide With Me

I have a home eternal home
But for now I walk this broken world
You walked it first You know our pain
But You show hope can rise
Again up from the grave *(Repeat)*

Chorus: Abide with me abide with me
Don't let me fall and don't let go
Walk with me and never leave
Ever close God abide with me

There in the night Gethsemane
Before the cross before the nails
Overwhelmed alone You prayed
You met us in our suffering
And bore our shame. *(Repeat)*

Chorus

Bridge: Oh love that will not ever let me go
Love that will not ever let me go
You never let me go
Love that will not ever let me go *(Repeat)*

Interlude: Well You never let us go

Ending: And up ahead eternity
We'll weep no more we'll sing for joy
Abide with 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!

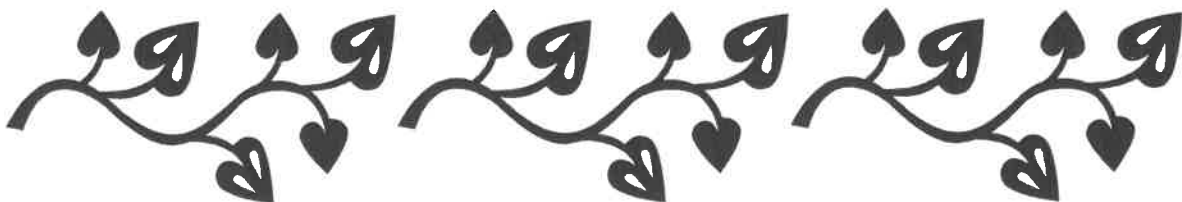
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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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

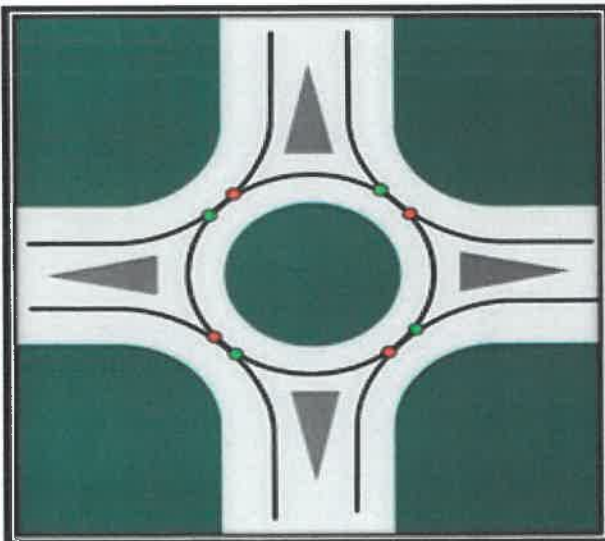
New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community that freely proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

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.

