



**Sunday, January 2, 2022**  
**The Second Sunday of Christmas**

**A service of**  
**Christmas Season Lessons & Carols**

**The People of New Joy, Ministers**  
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*Welcome to worship at New Joy Lutheran Church. We are blessed by your presence among us today. This bulletin contains the outline and words for worship this morning.*

*Little children are always welcome – even and especially when they’re a little noisy! We welcome children to toddle around, play with toys, shake tambourines, and come to the Lord’s Table.*

*At our Lord’s Table Jesus gives his own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and intimacy of his promised presence with us. All who desire to receive our Lord are welcome. Communion is shared with bread (a wafer) and cup (grape juice). If you’re uncertain about receiving or how to receive, don’t hesitate to ask pastor when you come forward. You are welcome to receive a blessing or to receive the sacrament, as you feel led by the Spirit.*

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***Today’s Service** is a different kind of Lessons and Carols service. The church sets aside several days in the Christmas season to remember saints and martyrs, and to mark the New Year. Why saints and martyrs? Jesus was born among us to proclaim a word of humility that for him and for many leads to suffering. Thus, through the suffering of the Holy Innocents and of Saint Stephen, today’s service takes us not to the suffering of Jesus directly, but to the suffering of his followers and of the world. The readings for Saint John echo the themes of Christ as the light that enters the darkness. The readings for the New Year invite us to consider the passage of time, and to look with hope to God’s promised future.*

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## **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

## Opening Song

## O Come All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

### *Refrain*



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST, DECEMBER 27

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Merciful God, through John the apostle and evangelist you have revealed the mysteries of your Word made flesh. Let the brightness of your light shine on your church, so that all your people, instructed in the holy gospel, may walk in the light of your truth and attain eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **Lesson 1**

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

A Reading from John:

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the

righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Jesus, the Light of the World**

- 1 Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
"Glory to the newborn king," Jesus, the Light of the world.

### *Refrain*

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,  
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

- 2 Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the Light of the world;  
join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*
- 3 Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus, the Light of the world. *Refrain*

## **THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS, DECEMBER 28**

### **Prayer of the Day**

R: We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the innocent children of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims. By your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Lesson 2

Jeremiah 31:15-17

A reading from Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children,  
because they are no more.

Thus says the LORD:

Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears;  
for there is a reward for your work,

says the LORD:

they shall come back from the land of the enemy;  
there is hope for your future,

says the LORD:

your children shall come back to their own country.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Lesson 3

Matthew 2:13-18

A Reading from Matthew.

Now after the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

### Hark the Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

## ST STEPHEN, DEACON & MARTYR, DECEMBER 29

### Prayer of the Day

R: We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen the first martyr, who looked to heaven and prayed for his persecutors. Grant that we also may pray for our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who hurt us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### Lesson 4

Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51-59

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen as it was called, Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to

say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" And Stephen replied:

"Brothers and fathers, listen to me.

"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,

2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,

3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

*Refrain*  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.

asked . . . . my Lord if all was mine.

chills the bod - y but not the soul.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 30

### Prayer of the Day

R: Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Lesson 5

## Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

# Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

## Verses 1 & 3



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

## Lesson 6

## Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

# Jerusalem, My Happy Home

## Verse 1, 2 & 5



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
- 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
- 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
- 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
- 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.  
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.  
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.  
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

*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.**

### Prayers

*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, "Hear us, O God" and the congregation responds, "Your mercy is great."*

*Having heard the Word and lifted our prayers, we now share the peace of Christ with those around us as prepare to receive our Lord's promised presence in Holy Communion.*

## **Sharing the Peace**

AM: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

AM: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us.

## **Announcements & Invitation to Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

AM: Gracious God,  
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.  
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,  
prepare us to receive the grace and truth  
you offer at this table  
and renew in us the song of your salvation,  
in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*As we prepare to receive the gift of Holy Communion, we pray a table grace patterned after the great Old Testament and early church prayers that recount God's goodness and ask that such goodness would extend to us and through us now and until our Lord's promised return.*

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 our thanks and praise.**

## Angels We Have Heard On High

### Gloria Refrain

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joy - ous strains.      Glo - - - - -  
heav'n - ly song?  
new - born King.  
love we raise.

- ri - a,      in ex - cel - sis De - o;      De - o.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature. It contains a melodic line with a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a repeat sign and a fermata over the final note. The lyrics are written below the staff.

*The words around the communion table conclude with the prayer Jesus taught us.*

**C:    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 are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to*

receive a blessing, or remain in their seats in prayer. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.

## Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

## Child of Light

A spark ig-nites, a can-dle glows a heart de-lights in the pleas-ure it knows  
 5 D/F $\emptyset$  G D/F $\emptyset$  G D/F $\emptyset$  G A( " 4) A  
 Light comes so close cre-a tion knows flame reach-es high-er and warm-er it grows  
 9 D/F $\emptyset$  G E $\circ$ 9 D D/F $\emptyset$  E A( " 4) A  
 Like the wreath a cir-cle of light love all a-round us flows Re-  
 13 D A $\circ$ 7 C $\circ$  G  
 joice! Re- joice! we see your light and lift our voice and re-  
 17 D A $\circ$ 7 C $\circ$  G  
 joice! Re- joice! come Child so bright Oh hear our joy Re -  
 21 D( $\circ$ , $\sim$ 2)  
 joice!

## SENDING

### Benediction

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
 In the name of the Father,  
 + Son,  
 and Holy Spirit
- C: **Amen**

## Sending Song

## It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Verses 1 & 4



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is born!

C: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

# WORSHIP LEADERS

*We give thanks for all who give of themselves for service to God and to this community.*

*We give thanks to the musicians, writers, and church ministries who create and publish much of music, prayers, and words we use in worship.*

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- **It Came Upon The Midnight Clear** - Text: Edmund H. Sears Music: Richard S. Willis

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Members Class** for anyone interested in joining New Joy will begin on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> following worship. Classes are held weekly, and new members will join on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Contact the church office or Pastor Chris.

**Bible Study** is every Wednesday at 1pm we gather online for Bible Study to read the Scripture for the coming Sunday.

**Seasoned Believers** meets every Tuesday, 9am, at the Titus Bakery.

**Troops 1910/1920** meet at the church every Monday night at 7 pm.

**New Joy on Facebook** Are you on Facebook? If so, follow our church page at [facebook.com/newjoy](https://facebook.com/newjoy), and join our New Joy Partners group at [facebook.com/groups/NewJoyPartners](https://facebook.com/groups/NewJoyPartners). We'll see you online!





**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 a Radical Welcome** We are a spirited community that strives to welcome, value, accept, and nurture all people wherever they are in their relationship with God.

**Share a Generous Grace** We are a spirited community which boldly proclaims that forgiveness, mercy, love, and salvation are free gifts of God's grace.

**Nurture Transforming Faith** We are a spirited community that receives faith as a gift of God that transforms us and the world.

**Live God's Promise** We are a spirited community that boldly lives in our Lord's promise of renewed and everlasting life.

*The truth is that we don't always believe confidently, or pray wholeheartedly, or serve selflessly on our own. Yet when we come together in community we draw out the best in each other and in ourselves, lean on the faith of those around us, and seek the goodness of God for ourselves and for the world that God so loves.*

*Full of belief or doubt, confidence or questions? There is a place for you at New Joy. The people of New Joy are newcomers to Christianity and interfaith families, lifelong active church goers and people who have spent decades away from the church before finding their way to New Joy. There is a place for you at New Joy, too.*

*New Joy was established just in 2002. As a congregation we're still growing up. You might say we're in our awkward adolescence. We haven't figured everything out. We're having fun as we grow and as we see what God is putting before us. We hope you'll be part of our future.*