



Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 20, 2022

The People of New Joy, Ministers
The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor
Glenn Hoffman, Music Minister

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 the 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.

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

Surely God Is My Salvation



1 Sure - ly God is my sal - va - tion,
2 Thus with joy you shall draw wa - ter
3 Tell the na - tions of God's glo - ry,



I will trust and shall not fear. God the Lord is
from sal - va - tion's wells and springs. Sing your thanks to
make this known in all the earth. Praise the Lord, the



strong and might - y, my sal - va - tion true.
God Al - might - y for these won - drous deeds.
God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.



Refrain
Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!



Shout a-loud and sing for joy, O daugh-ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

Opening Prayer

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of Jesus,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us to the cross.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,
we confess that we have wandered far from you:

**C: we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

P: Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Forgive us our sin and turn us again to you.

**C: Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and bless us to love our neighbor.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ,
the Living Word of God draws near to you,
and to all who cry out seeking healing, wholeness, and forgiveness.
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
Led by the Holy Spirit, go and sin no more.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Lenten Refrain

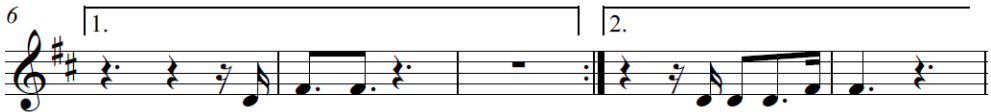
Once and for All Verse 1,2 Chorusx2



1. God, I give You what I can to - day, these scat-tered ash-es that I
2. From the cor-ners of my deep-est shame, the emp - ty plac-es where I've



hid a - way. I lay it all
worn Your name, show me the love



at Your feet.

I say I be - lieve.



— Help me to lay it down. O Lord, I lay it down.
O Lord, I lay it down. O Lord I lay it down.



O, let this be where I die, my Lord, with Thee



cru-ci - fied. Be lift-ed high as my king-doms fall



once and for all, once and for all.

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

R: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.

**C: Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

R: For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**C: So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

R: My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**C: when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

R: For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**C: My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

Psalm Prayer

R: Let us pray.

Creator of unfailing light, deep within our hearts we long for your presence.
Give us the light of your steadfast love, that our lives may proclaim your
goodness, our work give you honor, and our voices bless you forever;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Lord of Lords

Chorus 1

Now unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honour and praise
All of creation resounds with the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord (of lords)

Chorus 2

Now unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honour and praise
All of eternity echoes the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord of lords

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke:

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Acclamation

Chorus 3

Now unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Be glory and honour and praise
Call all the sinners to join in the song
Worship and praise Him
The Lord of lords

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Verse 1

O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.

Verse 2

My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.

O Living Bread From Heaven

*The **Assisting Minister** leads this portion of the service, where we 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 we share:

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.

Renunciations & Affirmations

AM: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

AM: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

AM: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

AM: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

Apostles' Creed

AM: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

AM: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 to the dead.
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.**

AM: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer petition concludes with, "Merciful God." The response is, "Receive our prayer."

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 & Offering

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray.
Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.

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.

Pastor continues with eucharistic prayer. The eucharistic prayer includes congregational responses.

"... as we proclaim the mystery of faith."

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

"... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love."

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

"... Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence."

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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.

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
Oh grant us peace,
Lamb of God.

Breathe

Verse

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

Chorus

And I I'm desperate for You
And I I'm lost without You

Ending

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Verse 1

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing
Fill our hearts with joy and peace
Let us each thy love possessing
Triumph in redeeming grace
O direct us and protect us
Travelling through this wilderness

Verse 2

Thanks we give and adoration
For thy gospel's joyful sound
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound
Ever faithful ever faithful
To your truth may we be found

Prayer after Communion

AM: Let us pray.
Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

C: Amen.

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 grant you peace.
In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit

C: Amen

Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

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.

The band members are Glenn Hoffman, Jim Gregory, Karen Archbold and Natalie Fiur

The Altar Guild members are Judy Moon, Kristi Kittilstved, Nancy Trullinger, Morgan Studer, and Shawna Harouff

The Livestream team is Jeff O'Neill, Luke Ledyard and Rich Kittilstved.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We give thanks to God for the flurry of faithful activity happening here at New Joy, after two years of disruptions and uncertainty. Please consider how you can join in the mission we share:

*Extend a radical welcome
Share a generous grace
Nurture transforming faith
Live God's promise*

BIBLE STUDY is every Wednesday at 1pm. We are now gathering in person for Bible Study to read the Scripture for the coming Sunday. Check the weekly Tuesday News to Know email for the readings we will explore together.

CONFIRMATION CLASS meets this afternoon at 4pm.

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MEN'S GROUP meets every other Saturday at 8am for Bible Study and Breakfast. **The next Men's Group is this Saturday, March 26 at 8 am.** If you would like the book for our current series on the Ten Commandments, contact Pastor Chris. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger, Wes Harouff, or Glenn Hoffman.

JOYFUL GIRLS gathers each month for fellowship and dinner. The next gathering is **Tuesday, 7 April at 6pm.** At Firebird Wood Fired Grill, 9611 N Meridian St IN. Questions? Contact Becky Suchomel or Lyn Nore.

SEASONED BELIEVERS meets every Tuesday, 9am, at the Chik-Fil-A on Greyhound Pass.

SCOUT TROOPS 1910/1920 meet at the church every Monday night at 7 pm.

Lenten Services & Sermon on the Mount Explore the **Sermon on the Mount** this Lent with a wonderful video/book series. Join Professor Amy-Jill Levine, me, and friends from New Joy in a faithful dive into Jesus' "Greatest Hits." A few books are still available!

Wednesdays in Lent

6:15pm Sermon on the Mount book & Bible discussion
7:00pm Lenten Prayer with Scripture from Sermon on the Mount
Evening a weekly post in the New Joy Partners Group exploring the reading designated for that night, inviting conversation and reflection online

March 9 Chapters 1 & 2, Beatitudes & Extensions

March 16 Chapter 3, Practicing Piety

March 23 Chapter 4, Our Father

March 30 Chapter 5, Finding Your Treasure

April 6 Chapter 6, Living into the Kingdom

Due to COVID uncertainty we did not plan for any Lenten Soup Suppers. But with the improvement in COVID conditions, **we will hold a Soup Supper on Wednesday, March 30.** Please sign-up to bring a soup in the church entranceway.

Videos for this series and many more are available online at New Joy's Amplify Media site.

To set up your Amplify Media account, follow these instructions:

1. Visit: www.newjoy.org/amplify
2. Press blue button "Click Here to Enter Your Code"
3. Type RDFPSJ into the field, click "Verify" button (this is our unique congregational code attaching your account to New Joy's subscription)
4. Continue setting up your account and click "Start a Free Membership"
5. You will arrive at the New Joy landing page on Amplify Media. You should see a variety of headings, resources, etc. You will see the Lenten Study, *Sermon on the Mount*, and the current Men's Group Study, *Words of Life*, and
6. After you're on our page, bookmark the link so you can return to it easily

NEW JOY ON FACEBOOK Are you on Facebook? If so, follow our church page at facebook.com/newjoy, and join our New Joy Partners group at facebook.com/groups/NewJoyPartners. The main New Joy page has been inactive for a while ... if you have an interest in contributing to New Joy's social media presence, please talk with Pastor Chris.

WEBSITE MANAGER NEEDED Do you design or maintain websites at work, for fun, or for school? New Joy needs someone who can maintain and manage our website. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris.

Family Promise at New Joy From April 3-10 New Joy will be hosting families experiencing homelessness in our church building. [Please sign-up](#) to provide meals, set-up or break-down support, to drive families from the church to the day center in Noblesville in the Family Promise van(contact Kim if interested in driving) , and more.

There is a better-than-even chance that we will not actually need to welcome any families into our church building. The landscape of homelessness and care for families at risk of homelessness in Hamilton County has changed quite a bit over the past two years. Still, we need to be ready to host in case there's one or more families who need temporary shelter.

This is one of those opportunities where we are called to be ready for a family in crisis, yet we hope and pray that the support we can offer - temporary shelter - is not needed.

Questions? Please speak with Silke Barrett, Lisa Simmons, or Pastor Chris. Thank you!

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 that awkward late teen /early twenties stage when we don't yet feel like an adult, but we're no longer a kid. We certainly haven't figured everything out, but we are having fun as we grow and as we see what God is putting before us. We hope you'll be part of our future.