



Sunday, April 24, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

The People of New Joy, Ministers
The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor
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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 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

Easter Declaration

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Opening Song

Verse

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down yeah

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

Bridge

Oh I feel like dancing
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're
dancing now

Opening Prayer

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.**

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia.x2

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia.

Refrain

Easter Declaration

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy and strengthen us to be the body of 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.**

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading:

Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from Exodus:

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 150

R: Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

C: **Praise God for mighty acts; praise God for exceeding greatness.**

R: Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lyre and harp.

C: **Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe.**

R: Praise God with resounding cymbals; praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

C: **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

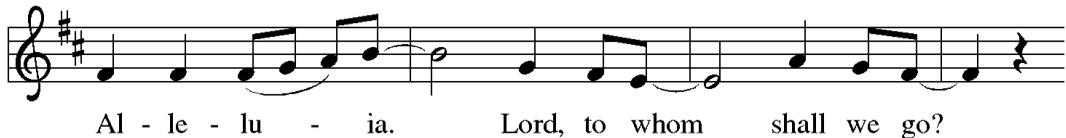
Psalm Prayer

R: Let us pray.

Great and glorious God, unite our praise with the praise of all creation: singing your mighty acts with every breath, playing music to your name with all our instruments, joining the dance of stars and planets with our whole bodies; for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High—Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

C: **Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas who was called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Sermon



Hymn of the Day

I Love to Tell the Story

Chorus

I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and His love

Verse 1

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and His glory
Of Jesus and His love
I love to tell the story
Because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do

Verse 2

I love to tell the story
More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
Of all our golden dreams
I love to tell the story
It did so much for me
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee

Verse 3

I love to tell the story
'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it
More wonderfully sweet
I love to tell the story
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word

Verse 4

I love to tell the story
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new new song
'Twill be the old old story
That I have loved so long

Easter Declaration

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*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.

The Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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.

Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together

in your peaceable reign,

and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal,

and show us your wounded and risen body,

that we may be nourished and believe

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 the proper preface, an opening to the eucharistic prayer. We then continue by singing "Holy, Holy, Holy" with the angels of Isaiah 6:1-5.

Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy Holy Holy Lord
Lord God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full
full of your glory
Hosanah in the highest
Hosanah in the highest
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord
Hosanah in the highest
Hosanah in the highest.

Pastor continues with eucharistic prayer (this prayer has ancient roots dating back to somewhere between the 2nd-4th centuries). The prayer has been adapted to include congregational responses. At the words "... to crush hell underfoot" she is invited to stomp their feet.

P: We give you thanks, Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.
He is your Word.

C: He is your Word,

P: inseparable from you,
through whom you created all things,
and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word,

C: He is your Word,

P: sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He there took on our nature and our lot
and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He is your Word,

C: He is your Word,

P: who fulfilled for you all your will
and won for you a holy people;
He is your Word,

C: He is your Word,

P: the One who stretched out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

P: He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot, *[stomping feet]*
to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant,
and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:
Take and eat; Take and eat
this is my body, given for you.

C: Given for me. Given for you. Given for all.

P: Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

C: Shed for me. Shed for you. Shed for all.

P: Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,
we take this bread and cup,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

P: Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;

C: Come Holy Spirit.

P: gather into one all who share this bread and wine;

C: Come Holy Spirit.

P: fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,

C: Come Holy Spirit.

P: that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy
Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.

Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer after Communion

AM: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: **Amen.**

Easter Declaration

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C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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**

Sending Song

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Dismissal

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

AM: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Forever

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Assisting Minister : Norm Springer
Reader: Sylvia Lux
Communion Server: Kristi Kittilstved
Ushers:
Acolyte Lily Havlik

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 Luke Ledyard and Phil Havlik.

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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.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP All Summer Mission Trip participants will gather at 6:30pm on Sunday, May 1, at the Blocksom's house for barbeque and volleyball. All Summer Mission Trip households please check your email. Questions? Speak with Stephanie Blocksom, Alexa Helm, Pastor Chris, or Glenn Hoffman.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is scheduled for June 26-30, Sunday – Thursday evening. Save the date! Registration will open in early May. Interested in serving alongside our kiddos? Contact Jessicah Duckworth.

BIBLE STUDY is every Wednesday at 1pm. We are now gathering in person for Bible Study to read the Scripture for the coming Sunday. This Wednesday we will read texts for the Third Sunday of Easter: Exodus 16:1-15, Psalm 30, and John 21:1-19.

MEN'S GROUP meets every other Saturday at 8am for Bible Study and Breakfast. Our next gathering is scheduled for Saturday, May 7. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

JOYFUL GIRLS gathers each month for fellowship and dinner. Questions? Contact Becky Suchomel or Lyn Nore.

SEASONED BELIEVERS meets every Tuesday, 9am, at the Chik-Fil-A 32 763 E. Tournament Trail

SCOUT 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, and join our New Joy Partners group at facebook.com/groups/NewJoyPartners. The main New Joy page has woken from its dormancy! 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.



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.