



## From the Grave to the Fire

THE SEASON OF EASTER

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 22, 2022

*Celebrating Dominic, Naaman, Nayelli, Spencer, and Hannah  
as they affirm their baptisms,  
and giving thanks for the Holy Spirit stirring in their lives  
to renew the church and bless the world*

### **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** give praise to God in their own glorious way! We welcome children to toddle around, play with toys, shake tambourines, and come to the Lord's Table. On some somedays we have a volunteer caring for children 5 and under in the nursery.

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.

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Easter Declaration

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Song

#### Verse 1

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)

### The Way

#### Verse 2

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)

## **Easter Declaration**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## **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.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **Rite of Affirmation of Baptism**

### *Presentation*

AM: I present Dominic, Naaman, Nayelli, Spencer, and Hannah, who desire to make public profession of faith in and with this congregation, to commit to a continued life of Christian discipleship, and to receive the laying on of hands.

### *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

P: Let us pray:

Merciful God, we thank you for Dominic, Naaman, Nayelli, Spencer, and Hannah, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in Baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold these your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. we ask this in the name of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: Today we celebrate God's work in your lives.

AM: You have faithfully attended worship and class.

P: You have endured the weirdness of COVID and online church.

AM: You have asked honest questions.  
P: You have given faithful responses.  
AM: You have expressed faithful doubts.  
P: You have wrestled with faith and with God and with each other.  
AM: That is what the Christian life is about.  
P: Christian living is not about being perfect or completely confident.  
AM: It is not about knowing all the right answers all the time.  
P: Christian faith is about coming together with others  
AM: Asking big questions  
P: Seeking God's blessings  
AM: And trusting, hoping, expecting that in worship and prayer,  
P: In community and grace,  
AM: We'll meet God, be comforted in faith, and see God's promises revealed in unexpected, upside down, cross-shaped ways.

### *Invitation to the Christian Life*

P: Today you re-affirm your baptism by speaking promises to continue in the life of the church, to keep asking good questions, and to continue seeking sacred truth for you and for this world God so loves. This isn't the end of your learning and growing and forming in faith. It is a new beginning.

P: And so I ask you:  
Do you intend to *continue* living in the covenant of baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

You won't do these things perfectly. None of us do.  
But do you intend to strive for these things, to the best of your ability,  
and to join with us, the people of New Joy, in such striving?  
If so, say, "I do, and I ask God to help me."

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

P: People of God, these are your siblings in Christ, co-workers in the kingdom.  
Today they recommit themselves to the sometimes messy,

often beautiful, promise-filled life and faith of the church.

Do you promise, to the best of your ability,  
to support these siblings in their faithful living,  
their questions and their struggles,  
their service and their passion,  
their hearing and receiving the and sharing of the Good News of God?  
If so, say, “We do, and we ask God to help us.”

C: **We do, and we ask God to help us.**

*Invitation to Renounce Sin and Profess the Faith*

AM: Dominic, Naaman, Nayelli, Spencer, and Hannah:

As we’ve done several times in class, I will ask each of you, one by one,  
To turn from sin and turn to Christ.

This time, however, you are doing so surrounded by the household of Christ,  
with their words and faith holding you.

And so I ask you:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God, and  
the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I renounce them.

AM: Beloved of God gathered here today,  
please join these siblings in confessing our common Christian faith,  
using the ancient words of the Apostles’ Creed.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

AM: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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?

**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.**

*Giving of Confirmation Verses*

*Prayer for the Stirring of God's Spirit*

P: Divine Parent,  
stir up in *Dominic, Naaman, Nayelli, Spencer, Hannah*  
the gift of your Holy Spirit:  
the spirit of wisdom  
and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge  
and the fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Honoring Our Confirmands*

AM: Let us rejoice with *Dominic, Naaman, Nayelli, Spencer, and Hannah*, our siblings in Christ.

**C: We honor your faith and give thanks for your life in Christ.**

AM: Praise be to God for these Beloved of God,  
and for our partnership in the Gospel!

**C: Together let us proclaim God's love in word and deed to all the world. Amen!**

# WORD

## Children's Message

### First Reading:

**Exodus 40:1, 33b-38**

A reading from Exodus:

The LORD spoke to Moses: On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

[After receiving the instructions,] Moses did everything just as the LORD had commanded him.

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled upon it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, the Israelites would set out on each stage of their journey; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, before the eyes of all the house of Israel at each stage of their journey.

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsive Psalm

**Psalm 67**

R: May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**C: Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

R: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

R: May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

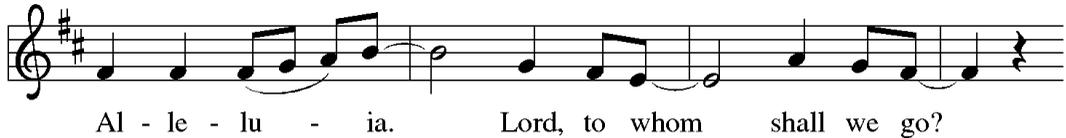
## Psalm Prayer

R: Let us pray.

God of wisdom, through your power the earth has brought forth its noblest fruit, the tree of the cross. Unite all people in its embrace, and feed us with its fruit, everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel

**John 14:22-29**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Jesus, “Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?” Jesus answered Judas, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

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

### Holy Spirit

#### Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare You're our living hope  
Your Presence

#### Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

#### Chorus 1

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

*The **Assisting Minister** leads this portion of the service, where we renew our shared mission, lift our prayers to God, and extend Christ's peace with one another.*

## Easter Declaration

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## **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.**

## **Prayers of the Church**

*Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer petition concludes with, "God, in your mercy." The response is, "Hear 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  
Hosannah in the highest  
Hosannah in the highest  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord  
Hosannah in the highest  
Hosannah in the highest.

*Pastor continues with eucharistic prayer (this prayer is one we often used as we shared communion at the conclusion of each Confirmation Class).*

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you made the heavens and the earth,  
You created people in your image,  
Gave us the breath of life,  
And left your fingerprints everywhere.

You led your chosen people from slavery into freedom,  
established with them an eternal covenant,  
and raised up prophets to proclaim your Word.

In the fullness of time you sent to us your Son, Jesus,  
to heal the sick and suffering,  
to bring good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim the favor of the Lord.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Father in Heaven, pour out your Holy Spirit  
upon us and upon this bread and cup.  
Unite in faith and in life all who share this in meal,  
That in this life we may bear witness to your Son, and  
In the life to come feast in glory  
at your banquet table which knows no end.

To you, O God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all glory and honor,  
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. 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. 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!*

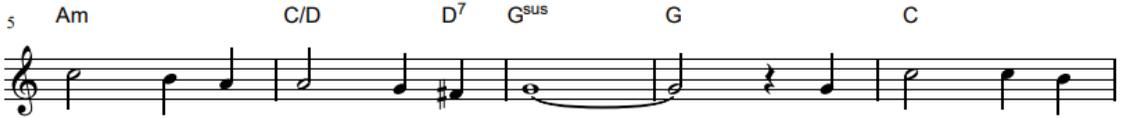
### **Lamb of God**

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.

# When Peace Like a River



1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2. Tho' Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, let  
 3. My sin - O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous tho't - my  
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith - shall be sight, the

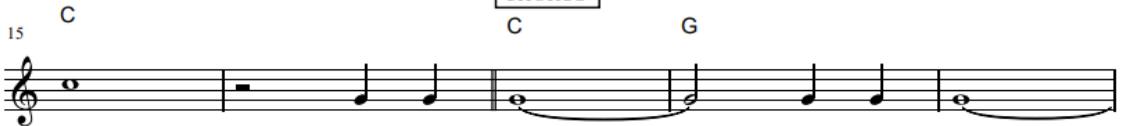


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; \_\_\_\_\_ What - ev - er my  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol; \_\_\_\_\_ That Christ hath re -  
 sin - not in part, but the whole; \_\_\_\_\_ Is nailed to the  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; \_\_\_\_\_ The trump shall re -



lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my  
 -gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed His own blood for my  
 cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my  
 -sound and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven so" - it is well with my

## CHORUS



soul." It is well \_\_\_\_\_ with my soul, \_\_\_\_\_  
 soul.  
 soul!  
 soul.



— it is well, it is well with my soul.

## 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

AM: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation  
I catch the sweet though far off hymn  
That hails a new creation

### Verse 2

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear that music ringing  
It finds an echo in my soul  
How can I keep from singing

## How Can I Keep from Singing

### Verse 3

What though the joys and comforts  
die  
The Lord my Saviour liveth  
What though the darkness  
Round me close  
Songs in the night He giveth

### Verse 4

The peace of Christ  
Makes fresh my heart  
A fountain ever springing  
All things are mine since I am His  
How can I keep from singing

### Chorus

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that rock I'm clinging  
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing

## 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.**

# WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Assisting Minister : Shawna Harouff & Jessicah Duckworth  
Reader: Norm Springer  
Communion Server: Norm Springer  
Ushers:  
Acolyte  
Altar Guild: Shawna Harouff & Kristi Kittilstved

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

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.

The audio is run by Steve Castle.

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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.**

**WE CELEBRATE WITH JOY OUR NEW CONFIRMANDS!** God has and will continue to richly bless Dominic Abbey, Naaman Duckworth, Nayelli Gelfo, Spencer Shea, and Hannah Yoder. Let us rejoice at the life in Christ God has set before them, and the ways in which the Spirit will guide them in faith, hope, and love.

**A BIG THANK-YOU** to Pastor Jessicah Duckworth for coordinating and teaching our Confirmation Ministry this year. Your care for the faith of our young people is truly a gift and a reflection of our Savior's care for the church. Thank you.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** Registration is OPEN!! A link to our registration page is available at [www.NewJoy.org](http://www.NewJoy.org). VBS is scheduled for June 26-30, Sunday – Thursday evening. Interested in serving alongside our kiddos? Contact Jessicah Duckworth or Morgan Studer.

**CAP COLLECTING** did you know that New Joy is a collection site for your used plastic caps and lids? The Helm family will take them over to Guerin Catholic High School where their Arts Department has them recycled. Any questions, please reach out to the Helms, thanks!

**MASKING PRECAUTIONS FOR COVID EXPOSURE** COVID cases are on the rise, yet thanks to vaccinations we're not seeing a spike in hospitalizations and severe illness. IF YOU ARE EXPOSED TO A POSITIVE COVID CASE, please take the proper precautions – especially when you're at church. For the fully vaccinated that means wearing a tight-fitting mask when at church, for 10 days after exposure. For full details on appropriate responses to COVID exposure based on vaccination, health, etc., google "CDC guidelines for quarantine" to find the COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation page on the CDC website.

# RECURRING EVENTS

**BIBLE STUDY** meets every Wednesday at 1pm in the church kitchen. This Wednesday we will read texts for Ascension Sunday: 2 Kings 2:1-14; Psalm 93; Luke 24:44-53.

**MEN'S GROUP** Saturday breakfast bible studies are on hiatus until the fall, but they will schedule a few cookouts over the summer. 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 on Route 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](https://facebook.com/newjoy), and join our New Joy Partners group at [facebook.com/groups/NewJoyPartners](https://facebook.com/groups/NewJoyPartners). The main New Joy page has woken from its dormancy and is now posting a few times per week. Please give us a follow and ask to join the Partners group!

**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.*