



From the Grave to the Fire

THE SEASON OF EASTER

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ASCENSION SUNDAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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!**

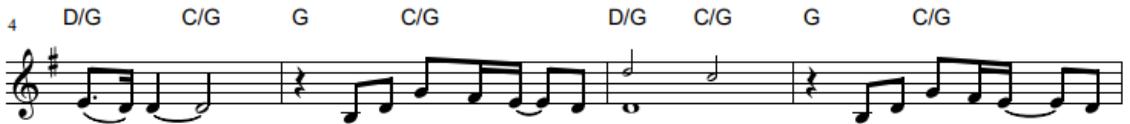
Opening Song

Lord I Lift Your Name on High



Lord, I lift Your name _ on high;

Lord, I love to sing _ Your

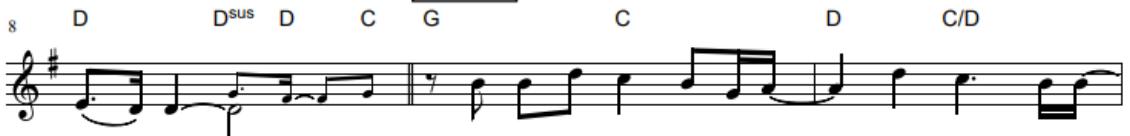


prais - es. _

I'm so glad You're in _ my life;

I'm so glad You came _ to

CHORUS

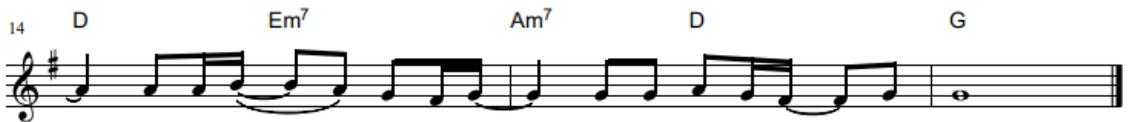


save _ us. _

You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, .



_ from the earth _ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _ From the cross _ to the grave, .



_ from the grave _ to the sky; _ Lord, I lift Your name _ on high.

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.

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.

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading:

2 Kings 2:1-14

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm

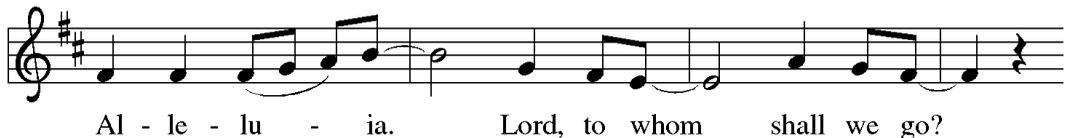
Psalm 93

- R: The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.
- C: **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**
- R: The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- C: **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**
- R: Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Psalm Prayer

- R: Let us pray.
Lord God, in raising Jesus from the grave you established a dominion that can never be shaken or destroyed by death. May your will be done on earth as in heaven, and make firm our faith in the certainty of your promises; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

**Luke 24:44-53,
Acts 1:4-11**

Luke is the author of both the Gospel of Luke and of the Book of Acts. At the conclusion of his Gospel, and at the beginning of Acts, Luke recounts the Ascension of our Lord. Today's Gospel includes elements from each report.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Jesus ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

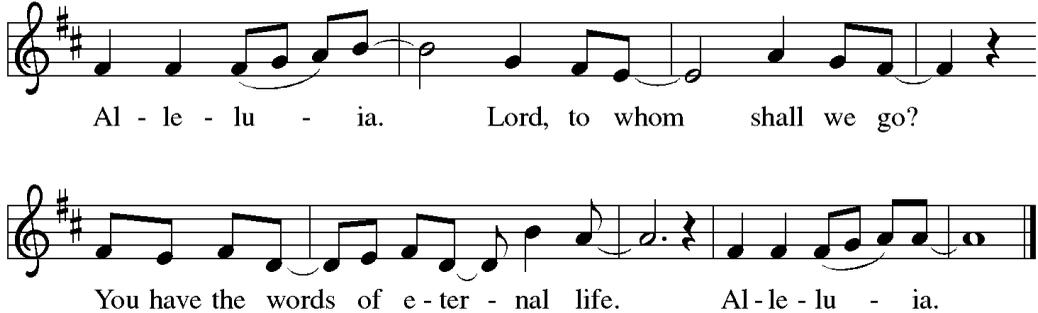
When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Verse 1

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world
shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

Verse 3

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
To whom the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior!" thus they say,
"this is his glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 5

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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, "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 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.
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.
Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;

C: Come Holy Spirit.

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

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.

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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 They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

Verse

You are holy (You are holy)
You are mighty (You are mighty)
You are worthy (You are worthy)
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)
I will follow (I will follow)
I will listen (I will listen)
I will love You (I will love You)
All of my days (all of my days)

Chorus 1

I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
And I will sing to and worship
The King who is worthy
And I will love and adore Him
And I will bow down before Him
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

Chorus 2

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb
You're the living God You're my saving grace
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

Ending

You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for You

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 :	Chris Studer
Reader:	Carol McCauley
Communion Server:	Kristi Kittilstved
Ushers:	
Acolyte	Colin Studer
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.

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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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Registration is OPEN!! VBS is scheduled for June 26-30, Sunday – Thursday evening. Registration link is available on our homepage, www.NewJoy.org, and also has been sent out in recent News to Know emails. Interested in serving alongside our kiddos? A volunteer sign-up is available at www.NewJoy.org/partners, password *WelcomeGrace156*.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER MEETING will be on June 5, following worship. Everyone interested in, or already signed up for serving on our VBS team should attend.

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK For the week starting June 5 New Joy is responsible for providing hot meals and groceries for one family in temporary hotel shelter. *We are not hosting this family in our church building.* A sign-up was included in a special Family Promise email sent on May 25, and is available at www.NewJoy.org/partners, password *WelcomeGrace156*.

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!

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

RECURRING EVENTS

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 Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-35; Romans 8:6-17; John 20:19-23.

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 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.

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.