



**The Sixteenth Sunday before
Christ the King**

Sunday, July 31, 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 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 Sundays 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

Welcome & Call to Worship

P: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all you lands.

C: **Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.**

P: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

C: **For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations.**

Opening Song

God of Grace and God of Glory



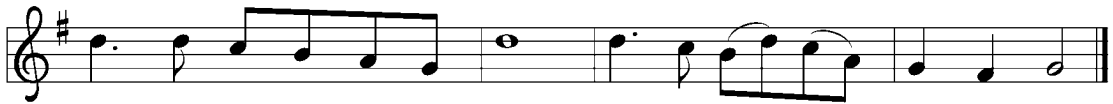
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo-ri-ous flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,
 be our glo-ry ev-er-more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,



for the fac-ing of this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour.
 for the liv-ing of these days, for the liv-ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.
 serv-ing you whom we a-dore, serv-ing you whom we a-dore.

Opening Prayer

Apostolic Greeting

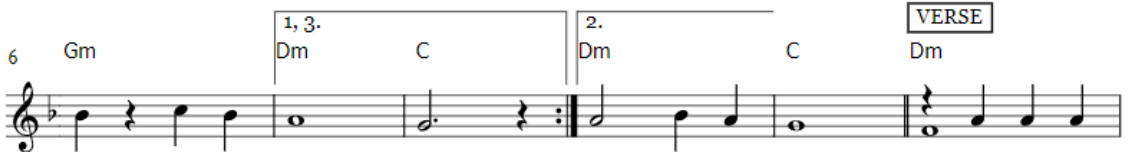
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -



-lu, al - le - lu - ia. lu, al - le - lu - ia. *(Cantor intones.)*

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.

Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Lector Blessing

P: Let us pray.
Bless Cana, O Lord, as she reads to us the scriptures.
As rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return until the earth is watered, let your word not return empty, but accomplish your purpose and succeed in that for which it was sent; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

First Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A Reading from Ecclesiastes

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from Colossians:

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Thy Word



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

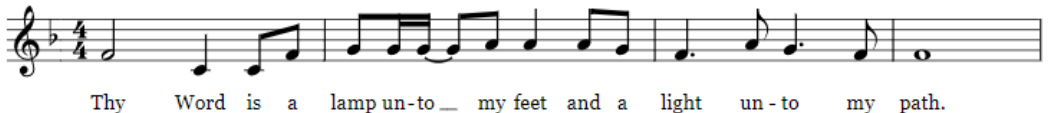
¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

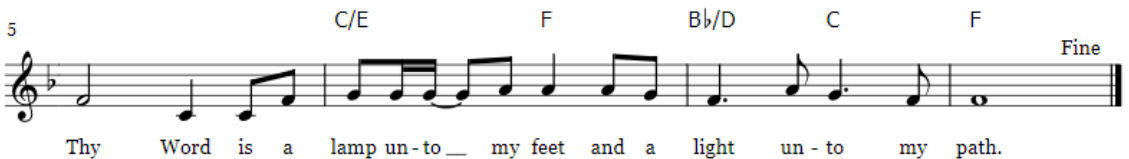
C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Acclamation

Thy Word



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.



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Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Take my life, that I may be

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 1

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*

Verse 2

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Refrain

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Refrain

Verse 4

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

*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.

Prayers of the Church

Each prayer petition concludes with, "Merciful God."

*The congregation's 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.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field,

and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,

in the name of Jesus.

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 leads the congregation in a Thanksgiving Prayer that recalls God's glory and grace for all the world.

P: We thank you for giving us life.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for giving us freedom.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for bringing us peace.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for Jesus, who shows us the way of life.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for Jesus who on the cross takes away the power of death.

C: We thank you!

P: Do this and remember me.

C: The body of Christ! Amen

P: Do this and remember me.

C: The blood of Christ! 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 sins of the world
Miserere nobis *Repeat*

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Dona nobis pacem
Dona nobis pacem

Take My Life

Verse 1

Holiness holiness
Is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness holiness
Is what You want from me

Verse 2

Faithfulness faithfulness
Is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness faithfulness
Is what You want from me

Verse 3

Righteousness righteousness
Is what I long for
Righteousness is what I need
Righteousness righteousness
Is what You want from me *Chorus*

Verse 4

Brokenness, brokenness
Is what I long for
Brokenness is what I need
Brokenness, brokenness
Is what You want from me *Chorus*

Chorus 1

So take my heart and form it
Take my mind transform it
Take my will conform it
To Yours to Yours oh Lord

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Prayer after Communion

AM: Let us pray.

Life-giving God,

through this meal you have bandaged our wounds

and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

P: The God of peace,
Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C: Amen

Sending Song

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

Your Grace is Enough

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Assisting Minister : Norm Springer
Reader: Cana Duckworth
Communion Server:

Acolyte

Altar Guild:

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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NEW JOY HISTORY

As part of our **Indescribable Joy - 20 Years of New Joy** celebration, each week we will share a few history notes from the past 20 years. Here are this week's entries:

- October 2010 - 99 New Joy participants walk in the Hamilton County CROP Hunger Walk
- Summer 2011 - Youth Mission Trip to South Dakota
- October 2011 - First Harvest Festival
- February 2012 - Pastor Connie Thomson's last Sunday at New Joy; she accepts a call to serve a congregation in Northern Virginia

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.

- **Confirmation Ministry, August 21** - 7th & 8th graders will kick off Confirmation Ministry on Sunday, August 21, with a blessing in worship and an extended, kick-off class session that afternoon from 3pm-6pm. Questions? Reach out to Pastors Jessicah or Chris.
- **Congregational Cookout, August 28** - Come gather on Sunday evening, August 28, to chalk the sidewalks for the New Joy Preschool, and to enjoy food & fellowship as we celebrate the return to school for children of all ages.
- **New Adult Bible Study, week of September 4** - A new adult Bible Study series begins the week of Labor Day. Read at home, come in person - or online - to learn and share together. See materials in entranceway for more information.
- **Bible Presentations for 3 year-olds and 3rd graders, September 11** - Recognizing that we've missed some kids over recent years, 4 & 5 year-olds and 4th & 5th graders who don't have a Bible are also welcome! Contact Kim in the church office if you would like your child to receive a Bible.
- **(First) Holy Communion Classes, September 18** - all children are invited to learn about Holy Communion. Whether a child has started receiving communion or not, this is a great time to learn more about our Lord's promises given in the Sacrament. Classes meet September 18, 25, October 9;

First Holy Communion Celebration in worship on October 30. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris.

- **20th Anniversary Weekend, October 1-2** - Founding Pastor Connie Thomson returns to New Joy to help us celebrate 20 years of faithful ministry. Saturday Brunch for all who were members when Pastor Connie was here. Celebratory Worship & Picnic Luncheon on Sunday.

RECURRING EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesdays at 1pm, in person at church or, weather permitting, at Quaker Park. We typically read the Scripture for the coming Sunday. This Wednesday we will read texts for the 15th Sunday before Christ the King: **Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.**

MEN'S GROUP gatherings will resume in September with our twice-monthly Saturday breakfasts and Bible Study - a book/video study of Revelation. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

JOYFUL GIRLS gathers each month for fellowship and dinner. Contact Becky Suchomel or Lyn Nore if you have any questions.

SEASONED BELIEVERS meets every Tuesday, 9am, at the Chick-Fil-A on SR32 in Westfield.

OUR SCOUT TROOPS 1910/1920 meet at the church Monday nights at 7pm.

WORSHIP NOTES

SEVERAL OF OUR PRAYERS – including the Lector Blessing, Call to Worship, and our Eucharistic Prayer – come from *This Far by Faith*, a Lutheran worship book designed by and for the African American Lutheran Church (published 1999).

OUR SCRIPTURE READINGS EACH WEEK are designated by the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of readings used by many Christian denominations.

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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.