

The Thirteenth Sunday before Christ the King

Sunday, August 21, 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: Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

C: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

P: For God satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

C: Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

Opening Song

10,000 Reasons (Blessed the Lord)

(C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, Cx2, E)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Ending

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

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 - ia.

6 Gm 1, 3. Dm C 2. Dm C Dm VERSE
-lu, al - le - lu - ia. lu, al - le - lu - ia. (Cantor intones.)

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Blessing of our Confirmation Ministry Students

Today our 7th and 8th graders begin a year of Confirmation Ministry classes. This year they will be diving deep into the Bible's story of grace and promise.

PRESENTATION

The students are presented and asked questions.

P: Will you be faithful in learning the way of Christ?

R: *I will, and I ask God to help me.*

P: People of God, will you help these people hear the gospel of Jesus Christ within this household of faith?

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

SIGN OF THE CROSS

P: Students, you heard the holy and saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now receive the sign of that gospel on your body and in your heart, that you may know the Lord and the power of his resurrection.

A sponsor for each person being welcomed traces a cross on the person's forehead as the presiding minister says:

P: Receive the ✝ sign of the cross, a sign of God's endless love and mercy for you.

R: **Praise to you, O Christ, the wisdom and power of God.**

- P: That you may hear the gospel of Christ, the word of life,
receive the † cross on your ears. **R**
- P: That you may see the light of Christ illumining your way,
receive the † cross on your eyes. **R**
- P: That you may sing the praise of Christ, the joy of the church,
receive the † cross on your lips. **R**
- P: That God may dwell within you by faith,
receive the † cross on your heart. **R**
- P: That you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ,
receive the † cross on your shoulders. **R**
- P: That God's mercy may be known in your work,
receive the † cross on your hands. **R**
- P: That you may follow in the way of Christ,
receive the † cross on your feet. **R**

L: This year you will hear God's word in worship and in class.
Hear God's word with us.
Learn and tell its stories.
Discover its mysteries.
Honor its commandments.
Rejoice in its good news.
May God's life-giving word
inspire you and make you wise.

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, again and again in ages past
you showed your mercy and grace to children.
You snatched the infant Moses from death
with the help of his mother and sister.
You called Samuel when he was yet a child,
and Hannah his mother sang for joy.
You raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead
and made a child an example of faith to your disciples.
As you blessed Mary and Joseph and the child Jesus,
bless also these youth and their families,
that they may grow in faith and public witness.

Make their household a temple of your blessings,
and a fond of your grace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

C: Amen.

Congregation welcomes our youth into their year of Confirmation Ministry with applause.

Lector Blessing

P: Let us pray.

Bless Carol, O Lord, as she reads to us the scriptures. As rain & 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:

Isaiah 58:9b-14

A Reading from Isaiah

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
 if you honor it, not going your own ways,
 serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
 and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
 I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
 for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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. Fine

Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke:

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

¹⁰Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years,

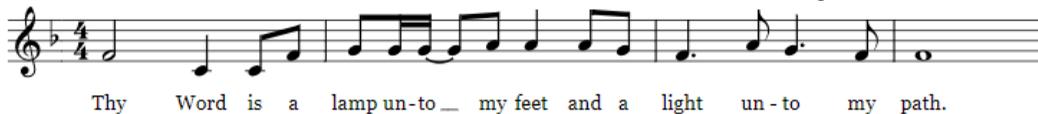
be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

How Firm A Foundation

(V1 & V3)



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

*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

Here is Bread Here is Wine

(V1, C, V2, C, V3, C)

Verse 1

Here is bread here is wine
Christ is with us He is with us
Break the bread drink the wine
Christ is with us here

Verse 3

Here we are joined in one
Christ is with us He is with us
We'll proclaim 'til He comes
Jesus crucified

Verse 2

Here is grace here is peace
Christ is with us He is with us
Know His grace find His peace
Feast on Jesus here

Chorus

In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

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

C: **Amen**

Sending Song

Verse 1

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

Chorus

You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh

King of My Heart

(V1, C, V2, C, Bx2, Cx2)

Verse 2

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

Bridge

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

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 :

Reader: Carol McCauley

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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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.

- **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! Complete the bulletin insert 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. Sign-up using the bulletin insert. Thank you!
- **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.

LGBTQ+ WELCOME & PROMISE – Tuesday, August 30, 7pm, all interested New Joy Partners in Ministry please gather at church for an organizing session around how New Joy can expand and express our Lord's welcome, honor, and promise for the LGBTQ+ community Special guest: Alisha Hunter, Central Indiana PFLAG.

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 12th Sunday before Christ the King: Proverbs 25:6-7; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

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

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK include prayers for the leaders of the Lutheran Church in Chile and the Lutheran Church in Indonesia. The Indiana-Kentucky Synod has a mission partner relationship with these two overseas Lutheran churches. Pastor Chris has been part of several delegations to nurture our relationship with Obispa Izani Bruch of the Iglesia Luterana Evangelica en Chile.

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.

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:

- July 2012 - Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering
- September 2012 - 2nd Annual Harvest Festival
- May 4, 2014 - Special Congregational Meeting to vote on calling Pastor Chris Duckworth as our next pastor
- June 1, 2014 - Chris Duckworth installed as our new pastor

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.