



**The Twelfth Sunday before
Christ the King**

Sunday, August 28, 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: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!

C: **Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song!**

P: For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

C: **In his hand are the depths of the earth; and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

P: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

C: **Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker!**

P: For he is God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the flock under his care.

C: **Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!**

Opening Song

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe

We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name

Jesus the only one who could ever save

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever

Build My Life

(V1, V2, C, V1, V2, Cx2, Bx2, Cx2, Bx3)

breathe

We live for You

We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You

There is none beside You

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are

And fill me with Your heart

And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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 -

6 Gm | 1, 3. Dm C | 2. Dm C | VERSE Dm

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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.
O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble.
Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Lector Blessing

First Reading:

Proverbs 25:6-7

A Reading from Proverbs

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A Reading from Hebrews

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Thy Word

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

5 C/E F B♭/D C F Fine

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics 'Thy Word is a lamp un-to__ my feet and a light un-to my path.' are written below the staff. The second staff begins with a measure rest (marked '5') followed by the same melody. Above the staff are the chords: C/E, F, Bb/D, C, F. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke:

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

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the suffering, and the marginalized. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

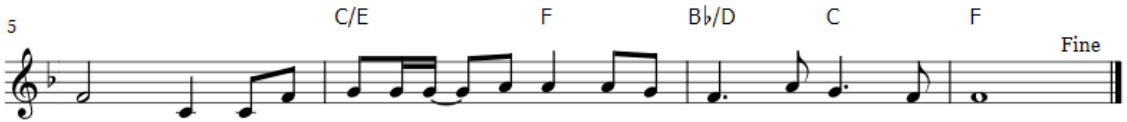
C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Gospel Acclamation

Thy Word



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



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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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

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

Take My Life (Holiness)

(V1, V2, C, V3, C, V4, C)

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

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

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.

Preschool Blessing

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

We Fall Down

(V, C, V, C)

Verse

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy
And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

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

I Will Follow

(Intro, V,1, C, Interlude, V2, C, Interlude, B, Cx2,

E)

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow
Oh oh oh

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah

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 : Cana Duckworth

Reader: Gail Castle

Communion Server: Kristi Kittilstved

Acolyte Jane & Anthony Abbey

Altar Guild: Kristi Kittilstved & Judy Moon

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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WORSHIP NOTES

THE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS in Holy Communion, Martin Luther tells us, are “for you.” The Body of Christ is given, the Blood of Christ is shed, for you. Remember that promise. Jesus gives himself to you and to this world that God so loves.

THE SHAPE OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICE follows the pattern of the traditional liturgy of the Western church, one shared by Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and other churches. At New Joy we seek to inhabit these traditions with an informality and warmth that reflects the welcome and grace of the Gospel.

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 traditional “main line” 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:

- April 2017 – Mission Trip to Chambrun, Haiti with Nehemiah Vision Ministries (8 youth, 9 adults)
- May 2018 – Pastor Chris notifies congregation of his up-coming deployment in 2019
- September 2018 – Will Bevins becomes our Intern/Interim Pastor for the time Pastor Chris is deployed
- January 20, 2019 – Send-off services for Pastor Chris’s deployment

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, tonight - 5pm-7pm, we'll chalk the sidewalks for the start of the New Joy Preschool school year, and enjoy food & fellowship as we celebrate the return to school for children of all ages.

Confirmation Class, this afternoon – Today's Confirmation Class (7th and 8th graders) will be a lesson on Exodus – *the defining experience of God's blessing & promise in the Hebrew Bible*. Class meets in sanctuary, 4pm-5:30pm.

LGBTQ+ Welcome & Promise – This **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 GLSEN (formerly the *Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network*).

Westfield Interfaith – Pastor Chris is gathering on Wednesday with a small group of Westfield neighbors to consider how we can learn from and support one another across religious differences. Are you interested, or do you know someone of another faith who may be? Contact Pastor Chris, and/or join us at RIVET Coffee on Jersey Street, Wednesday, 10am.

New Adult Bible Study, Starting in September - A new adult Bible Study series begins next month. 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 - We've missed some kids over recent years, so our 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.

RECURRING EVENTS

BIBLE STUDY meets on Wednesdays at 1pm, in person at church. We typically read the Scripture for the coming Sunday. This Wednesday we will read texts for the 11th Sunday before Christ the King: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33.

MEN'S GROUP Saturday breakfasts and Bible Study gatherings will resume in on **September 10th and 24th** with 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 BSA SCOUT TROOPS 1910/1920 meet at the church on Monday nights at 7pm.

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.