



**The Fifteenth Sunday before  
Christ the King**

Sunday, August 7, 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: Rejoice in the Lord always. Say it again: Rejoice! Let gentleness be evident to all, for the Lord is near.

**C: Let us not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition our requests to God.**

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**C: Let gentleness be evident to all, for the Lord is near.**

## Opening Song

### Verse 1

All this pain  
I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life could really change  
At all

### Verse 2

All this earth  
Could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up from this  
ground  
At all

## Beautiful Things

### Chorus

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the  
dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us

### Verse 3

All around  
Hope is springing up from this old  
ground  
Out of chaos life is being found  
In You

## 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

Musical notation for the Alleluia. The first line shows the melody in 4/4 time, starting with a repeat sign. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. Below the notes are the lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - .

The second line shows the guitar accompaniment. It starts with a 6th fret barre (6) and a Gm chord. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5. Above the staff are three boxes: the first contains '1, 3.' and 'Dm C', the second contains '2.' and 'Dm C', and the third contains 'VERSE' and 'Dm'. The notes continue: G4, A4, B4, C5. Below the notes are the lyrics: -lu, al - le - lu - ia. lu, al - le - lu - ia. (Cantor intones .

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

# WORD

## Children's Message

### Lector Blessing

P: Let us pray.

God Almighty, we ask your blessing upon Carol as she reads to us the scriptures. May the words her mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

C: **Amen**

## First Reading:

## Genesis 15:1-6

A Reading from Genesis

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better

country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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.



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## Gospel

## Luke 12:32-40

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke:

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

Jesus said:<sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

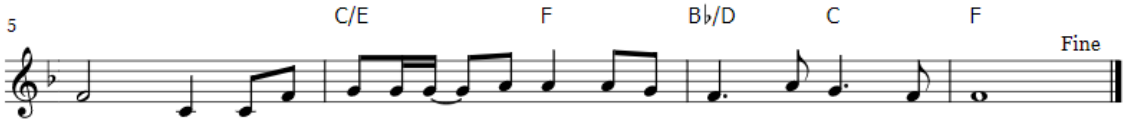
C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

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## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

#### Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here rearranging destinies  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working miracles  
I worship You I worship You

#### Chorus 1

Way maker miracle worker  
Promise keeper light in darkness  
That is who You are  
Way maker miracle worker  
Promise keeper light in darkness  
That is who You are

### Way Maker

#### Verse 2

You are here touching every heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing every life  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending every heart  
I worship You I worship You

*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

## **Children of the Heavenly Father**

Verse 1

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given

Verse 2

God His own doth tend and nourish  
In His holy courts they flourish  
From all evil things He spares them  
In His mighty arms He bears them

Verse 3

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever  
Unto them His grace He showeth  
And their sorrows All He knoweth

Verse 4

Though He giveth or He taketh  
God His children ne'er forsaketh  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy

## 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

## You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)

### 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 part 1

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

### Chorus part 2

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

## **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 : Tali Duckworth

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.**

- **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christ the King: **Jeremiah 23:23-29; Hebrews 11:29—12:2 Luke 12:49-56.**

**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.

## 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:

- March 2012 – Call Committee formed to call new Pastor
- December 2012 – Celebrated “Ten Years of Joy” with a special dinner
- January 2013- A group of New Joy women & girls sewed dresses & shourts for an orphanage in Ghana
- July 7, 2012 – Hosted the ordination service of Brian Gegel, former Partner

**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.*