



# *Indescribable Joy*

20 Years of Mission at New Joy

## **The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christ the King**

Sunday, September 18, 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 are always welcome – even and especially when they’re a little noisy! We welcome children to toddle around, play with toys, shake tambourines, and come to the Lord’s Table.*

*At our Lord’s Table Jesus gives his own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and intimacy of his promised presence with us. All who desire to receive our Lord are welcome. Communion is shared with bread (a wafer) and cup (grape juice). If you’re uncertain about receiving or how to receive, don’t hesitate to ask pastor when you come forward. You are welcome to receive a blessing or to receive the sacrament, as you feel led by the Spirit.*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

### Opening Song    Take my life, that I may be, Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad

(R, V1, R, V2, R, V3, R, V4, R)

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

### 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.**

## Texas Kyrie

### Refrain

L: Lord have mercy.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Christ have mercy.

**C: Christ have mercy.**

### Verse 1

L: We pray for peace from above.

We pray for our salvation.

### Verse 2

L: We pray for peace in the world,

We pray for wellness in Your church,

We pray for unity of all.

(R, V1, R, V2, R, V3, R, V4, R, E)

### Verse 3

L: We pray for this holy place.

We pray for for all who gather here.

### Verse 4

L: Oh Lord help us, save us.

Oh Lord comfort and defend us.

### End

L: Amen.

**C: Amen.**

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**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

- P: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

## WORD

## Children's Message

## **First Reading:**

**Amos 8:4-7**

A reading from Amos.

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
    and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over  
    so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
    so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
    and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
    and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
    and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

R:     The Word of the Lord.

C:     **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

## **1 Timothy 2:1-7**

A Reading from 1 Timothy.

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

<sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord to whom shall we go

You have the words of eternal life

Alleluia.

Glory to You, glory to You,

Glory to You oh Lord.

Glory to You, glory to You,

Glory to You oh Lord.

## Gospel

## Luke 16:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke:

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

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to You, Praise to You,  
Praise to You oh Christ.  
Praise to You, Praise to You,  
Praise to You oh Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Lord to whom shall we go  
You have the words of eternal life  
Alleluia.

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

#### Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

#### Chorus

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

#### Verse 2

*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.*

### Good Good Father

(V1, C, V2, Cx2, Bx2, V3, Cx2)

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for  
answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

#### Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to  
us

#### Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly  
think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

## **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**

*Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer petition concludes with, "God of grace." 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**

### **Words of Radical Welcome**

*Kristen Abbey*

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Prayer**

AM: Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**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. The proper preface leads us to sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy."*

**Holy, Holy, Holy**  
Holy Holy Holy Lord  
Lord God of pow'r and might.  
Heaven and earth are full  
full of your glory  
Hosanah in the highest  
Hosanah in the highest  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord  
Hosanah in the highest  
Hosanah in the highest.

*The words around the communion table conclude with the prayer Jesus taught us.*

- 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.

# **Guide My Feet**

## **Canticle for Departure**

Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,  
your word has been fulfilled.

My eyes have seen the salvation,  
you have prepared in sight of ev'ry one.

A light to reveal you to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel,

Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,  
your word has been fulfilled.

## **Prayer after Communion**

AM: God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us

### Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

## Build Your Kingdom Here

(V1, V2, C, V3, Cx2)

### Chorus 1

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

### Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

## Dismissal

AM: Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

# WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Assisting Minister :

Kristen Abbey

Reader:

Stephanie Blocksom

Communion Server:

Acolyte

Jane & Anthony Abbey

Altar Guild:

Morgan Studer & Nancy Trullinger

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.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Today's Liturgy** has become a New Joy favorite. Composed by Minneapolis singer-songwriter and Finnish American folk musician Jonathan Rundman, *Heartland Liturgy* takes the traditional texts of worship and puts them to a new beat. Musical influences in this liturgy include rock, blues, and country – "ancient words set to a new tune," as Pastor Chris likes to say.

**Words of Radical Welcome** In this season of our 20th Anniversary we are giving special attention to what is perhaps our most cherished value as a congregation – our radical welcome. We are glad to welcome Kristen Abbey today to share a few words on what Radical Welcome means to her.

**Sundays During Much of the Church Year** count down to Christ the King Sunday, sometimes also called “Reign of Christ Sunday,” which is the last Sunday of the church year. However, traditionally these Sundays are named by increasing numbers of Sundays *after* Pentecost. This year we are counting *down* to Christ the King, a small reminder that our Sundays are leading toward another remembrance of the cross and that the Advent Season – which starts immediately Christ the King Sunday – is just about 9 weeks away.

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- **Texas Kyrie, Alleluia, Glory to You Oh Lord, Praise to you oh Christ, The Great Thanksgiving, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lamb of God & Canticle of the Departure**

## 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 2021 – Chartered Scouts BSA Troops 1910 and 1920
- August 2021 – returned to in-person worship

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Confirmation Class this afternoon** –Class meets in the sanctuary 4pm-5:30pm. Our lesson will be on Babylonian captivity. Follow along the Bible's story at <https://newjoy.org/resources/bibleoutline>, The Exile.

**(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 for all New Joy Partners on Sunday. If you haven't RSVP'd, please check with Kristi Kittilstved, Shawna Harouff, or with Kim Desaulniers in the church office ASAP.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christ the King: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.

**MEN'S GROUP** Saturday breakfasts and Bible Study gatherings resumed yesterday! We will start our book study on Revelation at our next gathering on September 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.

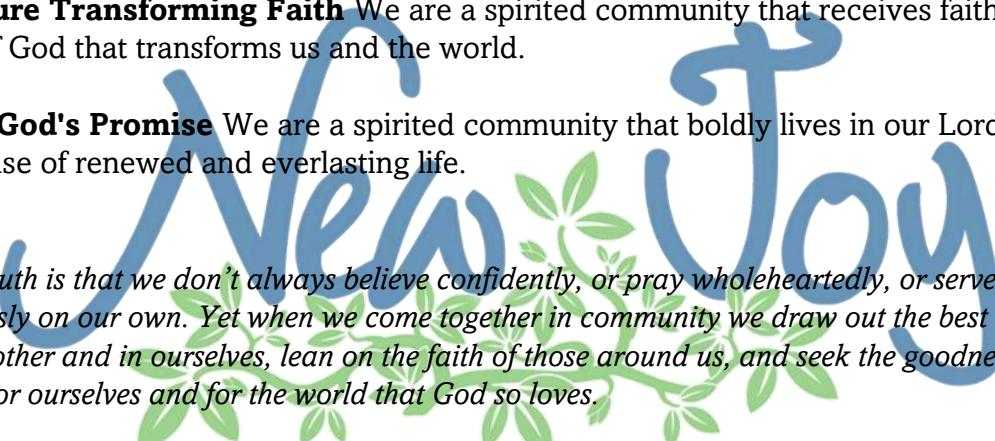
**New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture a transforming faith, and live God's promise.**

**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. Since our founding in 2002, New Joy has been committed to welcoming people of all races, incomes, and expressions of the LGBTQIA+ community.

**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.*