



**The 1st Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 27, 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

Chorus 1

I love to be in Your presence
With Your people singing praises
I love to stand and rejoice
Lift my hands and raise my voice

I Love to be in Your Presence

Verse 1

You set my feet to dancing
You fill my heart with song
You give me reason to rejoice rejoice

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.**

Advent Wreath Lighting Prayer Litany

We welcome **reader name** to lead us in lighting the Advent wreath this morning.

Jesus, the Light of the World

Verse 1

Hark! the herald angels sing, Jesus, the
Light of the world;
"Glory to the newborn king," Jesus, the
Light of the world.

Verse 2

Joyful, all you nations, rise; Jesus, the
Light of the world;
join the triumph of the skies; Jesus, the
Light of the world.

Refrain

We'll walk in the light, beautiful light,
come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright.
Shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus, the Light of the world

This Advent season we are reading Scripture that cast hope and expectation for the promised return of Christ. Today we read Isaiah 2:1-5.

R: A Reading from Isaiah:

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Advent Wreath Prayer

Jesus, the Light of the World

Verse 3

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Christ, the everlasting Lord! Jesus, the
Light of the world.

Verse 4

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!
Jesus, the Light of the world;
Hail the Sun of righteousness! Jesus,
the Light of the world.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6 G D(SUS4) D
You give Your Word to share with all. Al -

9 G Em
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You

13 G Am7 D D/F# G
speak Your Word, and for all that is heard, we sing Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

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

Jesus said to the disciples, ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Acclamation

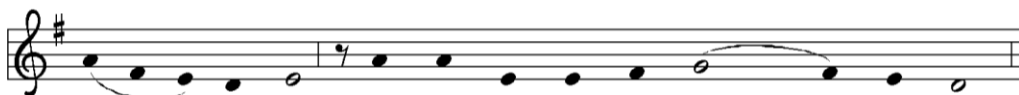
Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O Come O Come Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

*The **Assisting Minister** leads this portion of the service, where we proclaim our faith, 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.

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer petition concludes with, "God, in your mercy." 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 & Offering

Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray.

Eternal God,

you make the desert bloom

and send springs of water to thirsty ground.

Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,

and make us messengers of your mercy and love

for all in need of your healing and justice.

We ask this through Christ our Savior.

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.

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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 shaped by Advent themes. The proper preface leads us to sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy."



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor continues with the eucharistic prayer, a broad prayer recalling God's mighty deeds of salvation from creation to the cross to this table. During the prayer Pastor will sing the following refrain, which is then repeated by the entire congregation.

Acclamation



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a - gain.

The prayer concludes with a sung Amen.

Amen



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The words around the communion table conclude with the prayer Jesus taught us (please note the 'new' translation of the Lord's Prayer, in wide use since the 1970s).

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. 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 (New Joy)

Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us. X2
Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Freedom is Coming

[A leader may sing the words in parentheses]

Verse 1

(Oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.

(oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.

(oh, freedom.) Freedom is coming. Oh,
yes, I know.

(Oh, freedom,) Freedom is coming.

(oh, freedom.) Freedom is coming.

(oh, freedom.) Freedom is coming. Oh,
yes, I know.

(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.

(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.

(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.

Oh, yes, I know.

(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.

(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.

(Oh, yes, I know.) Oh, oh, yes, I know.

Oh, yes, I know.

Verse 2

Oh, Jesus.

Jesus is coming.

Oh, yes, I know.

Prayer after Communion

AM: Let us pray.

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and 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

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 2 (Low Voices)

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

*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 1 (High Voices)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.
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 : Alexa & Austin Helm

Reader: Shawna Harouff

Ushers:

Acolyte Makinzi Jones

Altar Guild: Judy Moon & Morgan Studer

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 operator are Phil Havlik and Rich Kittilstved.

The audio is run by Steve Castle.

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- None this week

WORSHIP NOTES

ABOUT ADVENT. According to the Christian worldview, humans need God to bring us life and salvation, and Christmas celebrates this coming of God in the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Christians affirm that Christ comes not only in a past event but also in our present life and the world's unfolding future. So it is that Advent is not about Mary's pregnancy but about the church's continual prayer that God will come (the root meaning of "advent") to us, bringing life to a dying world. Advent in the northern hemisphere is a time to meditate on the darkness in the universe, the social order, the lives of many people, and our own hearts, and to pray for God's salvation and wholeness for all. The holy communion celebrated each Sunday of

Advent brings to us the Christ who is ever present for us with mercy and joy.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT DEVOTIONS & CALENDARS are available in the narthex. Provided to us by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America World Hunger ministry, these materials will draw our hearts and actions closer to God's Beloved who are food insecure – at home and abroad. Please take a booklet and a calendar with you on your way out of worship today.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will begin in January. Interested? Reach out to Pastor Chris.

COFFEE HOUR has resumed! After a long hiatus we are thrilled to have coffee and donuts following worship. *This ministry of hospitality needs a few people each Sunday to pick up donuts, set up coffee and goodies, and clean up afterwards.* Please check with Kristi Kittilstved to learn what's involved and to sign-up.

RADICAL WELCOME TRAINING New Joy is continuing our journey of expanding & expressing the Lord's welcome, honor, and promise for the LGBTQIA+ community. To continue in our growth as a congregation, we will be hosting an LGBTQ+ 101 training led by Indiana Youth Group (IYG). This is an opportunity for us to learn together how to best ensure our church is a safe, welcoming space for people of all of God's Beloved in the LGBTQIA+ community & beyond.

When: Thursday, December 8th, 2022; 6:00-7:30 pm

Please sign up in the Narthex (or email Morgan Studer at mlhughes413@gmail.com) no later than Monday, December 5th, so we can plan on a head count for the evening. Light snacks will be provided for our time together.

CONSIDER JOINING TROOPS 1910 & 1920 Our BSA Scout troops would like to invite all youth ages 11-17 to come 'hang out'!

What: Climbing Overnight Lock-In

When: Friday, December 2nd – 8:45 pm

Where: Hoosier Heights, 9850 Mayflower Park Dr, Carmel

Cost: \$35

RSVP/questions to Seth Hamilton at thescoutinghamiltons@gmail.com

RECURRING EVENTS

We gather each Wednesday during Advent at 7pm for **ADVENT EVENING PRAYER**. This is a delightful sung prayer service that lasts about 25 minutes. Please join us for this prayerful pause each Wednesday during Advent.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY meets each Wednesday at 1pm, in person at church. We typically read the Scripture for the coming Sunday. This Wednesday we will read texts for the Second Sunday in Advent: **Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.**

NEW BIBLE STUDY meets for each Tuesday, 7pm, at church. Please read the final lesson in the Fall season learner books, Lesson #13, dated November 27. New materials for December-February will be available next Sunday for pick-up.

MEN'S GROUP Saturday breakfasts and Bible Study gatherings have resumed! Our next breakfast is on Saturday, December 3. In preparation, please read **chapters 9-10 of *Breaking the Code***, and watch the session 5 video. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff. Need a book? Pick one up in the church entranceway.

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.