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Advent & Christmas
New Joy
Lutheran Church

The 4th Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 18, 2022

The People of New Joy, Ministers
The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor
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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

Canticle of the Turning

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

Chorus

My Heart shall sing of the day You bring.
Let the fires of Your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

Verse 1

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous
things that
You bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on Your servants'
plight,
And my weakness You did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be
blessed.
Could the world be about to turn.

Verse 2

Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And Your mercy will last from the
depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to
shame,
And to those who would for You yearn,
You will show Your might,
Put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn.

Opening Prayer

Verse 3

From the halls of power to the fortress
tower,
Not a stone will be left on stone. Let the
king beware,
For Your justice tears every tyrant from
his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
For the food they can never earn.
There are tables spread,
Every mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn.

Verse 4

Though the nations rage from age to
age,
We remember who holds us fast; God's
mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears
heard,
Is the promise which holds us bound,
'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by
God,
Who is turning the world around.

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 Kristi Kittilstved 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 Micah 5:2-5a.

R: A Reading from Micah:

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth,

⁵and he shall be the one of peace.

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. With your abundant grace and
might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive
your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

Children's Christmas Singalong

The Birth of Jesus

A Reading from Luke 2, Spark Story Bible

Away in a Manger (vs1, children; vs 2-3, all)



- 1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
- 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
- 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

The Shepherds and Angels

A Reading from Luke 2, Spark Story Bible

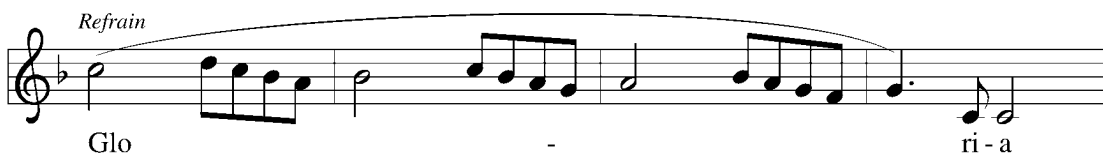
Angels We Have Heard on High (vs 1 children; vs 2-3 all)



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a



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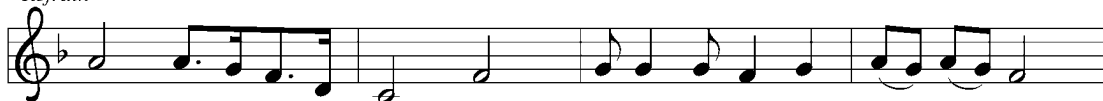
Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

The Shepherds Visit Baby Jesus

A Reading from Luke 2, Spark Story Bible

Go, Tell it on the Mountain (vs 1 children; vs 2-3 all)

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



- 1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
- 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
- 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.

Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

Homily

Hymn of the Day

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(V1, C, V2, C, B, C, E)



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

*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 join 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.

Apostles' Creed

AM: With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the ancient words of the Apostles' Creed

**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 our pledges of financial support for the year to come,
together with our weekly offerings of bread, drink, 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.

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.



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.

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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

Verse 1

If faith can move the mountains
Let the mountains move
We come with expectation
Waiting here for You
Waiting here for You

Verse 2

You're the Lord of all creation
And still You know my heart
The Author of salvation
You've loved us from the start

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Waiting Here for You

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

Chorus 1

Waiting here for You with our hands
Lifted high in praise
And it's You we adore
Singing alleluia

Verse 3

You are ev'rything You've promised
Your faithfulness is true
We're desp'rate for Your presence
All we need is You

Bridge

Singing alleluia alleluia (2X)

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Assisting Minister : Naaman Duckworth
Reader: Kristi Kittilstved
Acolyte Anthony Abbey
Altar Guild: Nancy Trullinger & Shawna Harouff
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.

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- None this week

WORSHIP NOTES

LIVESTREAM OPERATORS Would you be willing to learn how our livestream technology works? Check in with Phil and Rich any Sunday following worship to see how you can become part of the livestream team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE Christmas Eve Worship services are scheduled for 5pm and 7:30pm. Both are “candlelight” services. The 5pm service is more oriented toward wiggly children and their families. On Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, we will worship at 9:30am in person. Come in your pajamas! We will have *online-only* worship on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE (MOSTLY) CLOSED between Christmas and New Year’s. Pastor Chris will be on vacation out of the country, but reachable for emergencies via text and email.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, following worship. We will hold a budget hearing following worship on Sunday, January 8. Please mark your calendars to be part of our discernment and collaboration as a community of Christ.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will begin in January. 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.

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 this Wednesday for our final Advent Evening Prayer service.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY is taking a pause during Advent, and will resume each Wednesday at 1pm, in the New Year.

NEW BIBLE STUDY meets each Tuesday, 7pm, at church. **New books for the December-February season of our curriculum have arrived** and are available in the narthex. This week's lesson is Lesson #3, dated December 18, "To Whom Do We Pay Homage?"

MEN'S GROUP Saturday breakfasts and Bible Study gatherings will continue after the New Year. Our next breakfast is on Saturday, January 7. In preparation, please read **chapters 11-12 of *Breaking the Code***, and watch the session 6 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.

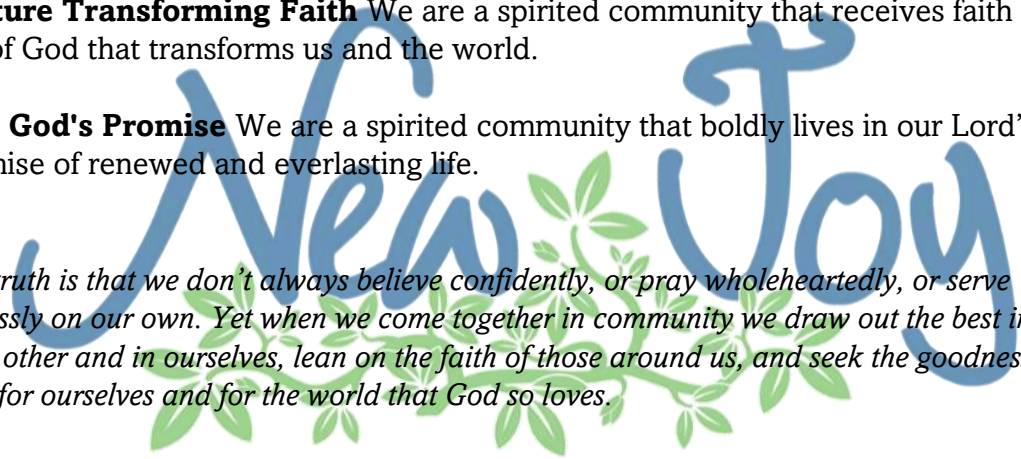
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Extend a Radical Welcome We are a spirited community that strives to welcome, value, accept, and nurture all people wherever they are in their relationship with God. Since our founding in 2002, New Joy has been committed to welcoming people of all 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.