



# Ready

Advent & Christmas  
New Joy  
Lutheran Church

**Nativity of our Lord: Christmas Eve**  
**Saturday, December 24, 2022, 5:00 pm**

**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 evening.*

*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

### Christmas Call to Worship

P: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Christ our Savior is born!

**C: Glory to God in the highest!**

P: Jesus, the child, has come among us.

**C: Glory to God in the highest!**

P: The God of the heavens and earth, of all creation,  
comes to us in this way,

so small, so entirely dependent on his Mother, Mary and on her betrothed,  
Joseph.

**C: Peace to God’s people on earth!**

P: Christ our King comes to us, in our arms, to be our peace.

**C: Peace to God’s people on earth!**

P: Christ is born! Merry Christmas!

**C: Merry Christmas! Christ is born!**

## Opening Song

## O Come All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

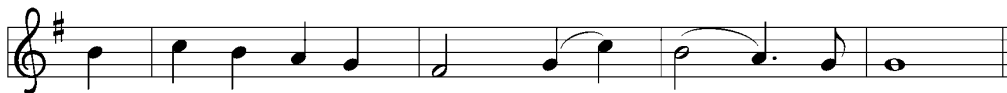


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## Opening Prayer

## Words of Welcome

## Hark The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



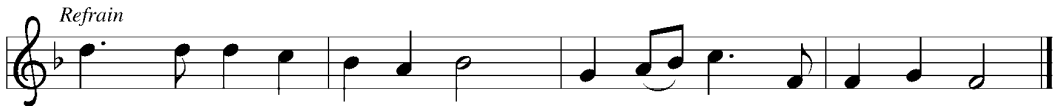
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

## **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.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# WORD

## First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.  
<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.  
<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
<sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

## Away In A Manger



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a 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 Thee to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky — looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, 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 'til morn - ing is nigh.  
Thy ten - der care; And fit us for heav - en, to live with Thee there.

## Children's Message



## Gospel

## Luke 2:1-20

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke:

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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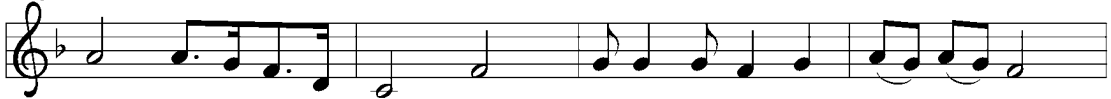
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down from the sky; And stay by my cra - dle 'til morn - ing is night.  
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## Homily

## Hymn of the Day

## Go Tell It On A Mountain

*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.

*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.**

## **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, " Merciful God" The 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**

## It Came Upon The Midnight Clear



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## Offering Prayer

AM: Gracious God,  
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.  
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,  
prepare us to receive the grace and truth  
you offer at this table  
and renew in us the song of your salvation,  
in Jesus 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.**

## Angels We Have Heard On High

### *Gloria Refrain*

8 joy - ous strains. Glo  
heav'n - ly song?  
new - born King.  
love we raise.

12 C F B $\flat$  1. F/C C 2. F/C C F  
- ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o; De - o.

*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.*

## Angels We Have Heard On High



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see, Christ whose birth the  
 4. See Him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of

4 C F F Am B $\flat$ /D C/E F



o'er the plains; And the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their  
 strains pro-long? What the glad - some ti - dings be; Which in - spire your  
 an - gels sing; Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee, Christ, the Lord, the  
 an - gels praise; Mar - y, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in

### CHORUS

8 C F F Dm Gm $^7$  C Fmaj $^7$  B $\flat$



joy - ous strains. Glo - - - -  
 heav'n - ly song? Glo - - - -  
 new - born King. Glo - - - -  
 love we raise. Glo - - - -

12 C F B $\flat$  1.  
F/C C 2.  
F/C C F



- ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o; De - o.

## Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
2 Flocks were sleep - ing, shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, tid - ings of a gos - pel true.



Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing, greet the mor - row:



Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

### Prayer after Communion

AM: Most High God,

you have come among us at this table.

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,

sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,

through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C: **Amen.**

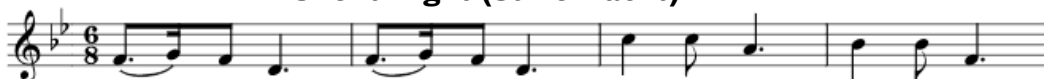
# SENDING

## Candlelighting

*As we light the candles for Silent Night, please do not dip a lit candle but instead dip the unlit candle into a lit candle. Glow sticks are available for younger children who may not be able to handle a lit candle.*

*Following the benediction and as the lights are turned on, you may extinguish your candles.*

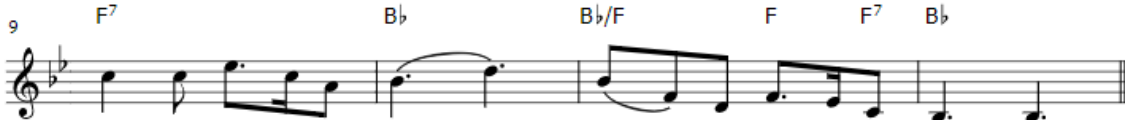
### Silent Night (Stille Nacht)



1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night; All is calm, all is bright.  
2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night; Shep - herds quake at the sight.  
3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night; Son of God, love's pure light.  
4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night; Won - drous star, lend thy light.



Round you vir - gin moth - er and Child. Ho - ly In - fant so ten - der and mild;  
Glo - ries stream \_ from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts \_ sing al - le - lu - ia;  
Ra - diant beams \_ from Thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace;  
With the an - gels let \_\_\_ us sing, al - le - lu - ia to \_\_\_ our King;



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, \_\_\_ sleep \_\_\_ in heav - en - ly peace. \_\_\_  
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! \_\_\_ Christ, \_ the Sav - ior, is born! \_\_\_  
Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, \_\_\_ Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth. \_\_\_  
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! \_\_\_ Christ, \_ the Sav - ior, is born! \_\_\_

## 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

## Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Christ is born!

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 : Gail Castle  
Reader: Gail Castle  
Acolyte Molly Havlik  
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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## 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.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING** is a tradition that developed in the Reformation Era, as the candlelighting practice of daily Night Prayer services (usually prayed in monasteries) were incorporated into the public Christmas Eve Mass. Several hundred years later, in 1818, the beloved Christmas carol Silent Night was written and first sung. Within a few decades it would become a Christmas favorite around the world.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **WE WELCOME ALL WHO ARE WORSHIPING WITH US THIS HOLY NIGHT**

Thank you so much for sharing part of your holiday with us. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to Pastor following worship. If you would like Pastor to be in touch with you, or if you would like to receive our weekly emails, kindly fill out a visitor card with your contact information. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE** 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 New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023.

**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

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** will resume each Wednesday at 1pm, in the New Year, starting on January 4.

**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. *Our next study will be on Tuesday, January 9.*

**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. Our next dinner is on Wednesday, January 4, at 6pm at Coopers Hawk Winery & Restaurant on 96<sup>th</sup> Street. 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.*