



**The 2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 4, 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

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Prepare ye, the way of the Lord
Prepare ye, the way of the Lord
Prepare ye, the way of the Lord

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 Gail Castle 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 11:1-10.

R: A Reading from Isaiah:

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 3:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up

children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

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Baptism of Gavin Ritter Johnson

P: The kingdom of heaven has come near!

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are born children of a fallen humanity;

yet by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God

and made members of the church, the body of Christ.

Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

P: Who presents this child for baptism?

S: *We present Gavin Ritter Johnson for baptism.*

The presiding minister addresses parents who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P: Jennifer and Luke, called by the Holy Spirit,
and trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have Gavin Ritter baptized into Christ?

R: *I do.*

P: As you bring Gavin Ritter to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted
with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Gavin Ritter may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Gavin Ritter grow in the Christian faith and life?

R: *I do.*

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

P: Erin, Sarah, you are Gavin Ritter's Baptismal Sponsors. Do you promise to
nurture him in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and
to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the
church?

R: *I do.*

The presiding minister addresses siblings:

P: Logan, Julia, do you promise to bring your brother to church, to help him
play and dance, to come up for the children's sermon, and learn that Jesus
loves him very, very much?

R: *I do.*

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Gavin Ritter and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: *I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: *I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: *I renounce them.*

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P: You do not profess the Christian faith alone. Together with your siblings in Christ here at New Joy, standing with you on behalf of all believers, I ask you: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

C: Thanksgiving at the Font

P: Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
Cool Creek, the White River, ponds and streams everywhere,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for our sacred stories of water —
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the engulfing sea that defeated the enemy,
a river that healed a foreigner and enemy who suffered with leprosy.
We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.
We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for this font.
Through this washing
bring Gavin Ritter to birth in the family of Christ,
bathed in mercy and alive in the Spirit.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

P: O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O God,
blessed and Holy Trinity,
You who were, who are, and who will be always and forever.

C: Amen.

Baptism

Water is poured on the candidate's head.

P: Gavin Ritter, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

P: and of the Son,

Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

P: and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Acclamation: ♪ Halle, Halle, Halle ♪

Laying on of Hands

P: Let us pray.

P: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

P: Sustain Gavin Ritter with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized with oil.
As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

P: Gavin Ritter, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

AM: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.
Gavin Ritter, let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.

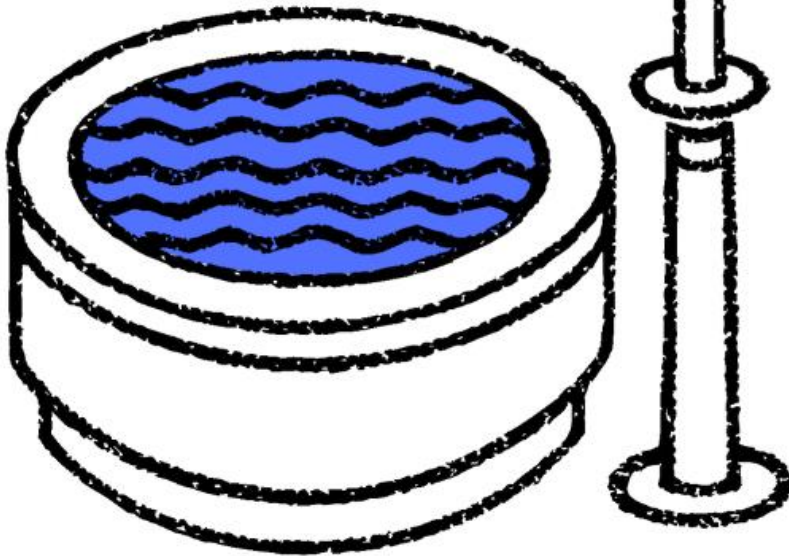
C: Amen.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you, Gavin Ritter, into the body of Christ
and into the mission we share:
to extend a radical welcome,
share a generous grace,
nurture transforming faith,
and live God's promise.**
[hoots and hollers and woo-hoos]

Acclamation: ♪ Halle, Halle, Halle ♪

Homily



Hymn of the Day

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door



Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door; some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door;



O sin-ner, why don't you an-swer? Some-bod-y's knock-in' at your door.



1 Knocks like Je - sus.
2 Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock-in' at your door.
3 Je - sus calls you.
4 Can't you trust him?



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Je - sus calls you.
Can't you trust him?



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*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.*

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.

Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming



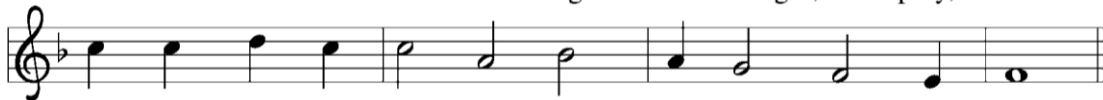
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

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

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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 : Naaman Duckworth
Reader: Gail Castle
Acolyte Colin Studer
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

WE WELCOME GAVIN RITTER JOHNSON into the Body of Christ today through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Gavin is surrounded today by his parents, Luke and Jen, his siblings Logan and Julia, and his Baptismal Sponsors, Aunt Erin Blacketer and Aunt Sarah Wilcoxen. God's richest blessings to Gavin Ritter, to the whole Johnson family, and to our congregation on this special day!

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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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

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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SINGALONG Join us today and next Sunday following worship for our children to learn some Christmas songs to proclaim along with the Bible's story in worship on Sunday, December 18.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE Christmas Eve Worship services are scheduled for 5pm and 7:30pm. Both are "candlelight" services (FYI, sun sets at 5:26pm, so it won't be entirely dark outside by the end of 5pm service). 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.

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.

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: THIS WEEK! 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 tomorrow, Monday, December 5th, so we can plan on a head count for the evening. Light snacks will be provided for our time together.

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 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 #1, dated December 4, "Reign Over Us."

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.


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.