

Sunday, January 22, 2023
Season after Epiphany (Ordinary Time)



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New Joy

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New Joy Lutheran Church & Preschool

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 worship God by toddling around, playing with toys, shaking tambourines, babbling and singing, and coming to the Lord’s Table.

If little ones get too noisy during spoken parts of the service – the reading of Scripture, the sermon, or prayers – please try to quiet them or take them into the hallway for a moment to calm down. Thank you!

Our **nursery** is also available most Sundays for **children aged 5 and under**.



Holy Communion: 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 Prayer



Opening Song

I Will Follow

(Intro, V1, C, Inter, V2, C, Inter, B, Cx2, E)

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow
Oh oh oh

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah



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: Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**



Christ, Our Peace



Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;



Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

WORD



Children's Message



Baptism of Mia Luna Miller

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.

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

P: Noelia and Derek, called by the Holy Spirit,
and trusting in the grace and love of God,
do you desire to have Mia Luna baptized into Christ?

R: *I do.*

P: As you bring Mia Luna to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Mia Luna 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 Mia Luna grow in the Christian faith and life?

R: *I do.*

The presiding minister addresses siblings:

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

R: *I do.*

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support Mia Luna and pray for her in her 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. Your siblings in Christ here at New Joy stand with you on behalf of all believers, the whole church. We are the church together. And so 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, the Great Lakes, and more.
For the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
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 Mia Luna 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: Mia Luna, 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 Mia Luna 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: Mia Luna, 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.

Mia Luna, 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, Mia Luna, 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 ♪



First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-18

A Reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

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

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ ‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.’

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for

people.’ ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from

there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called

them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Gospel Acclamation

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Sermon



Hymn of the Day

Here I am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The **Assisting Minister** leads this portion of the service, where we lift our prayers to God and share God's peace with one another.



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



Offering Prayer

AM: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.

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 eucharistic prayer, a broad prayer recalling God's mighty deeds of salvation from creation to the cross to this table.



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

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.

Lamb of God

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



We Labor Unto Glory

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

Verse 1

My God my God where e'er I go glory
Where I reap and where I sow glory
When my hands they grip the thorn glory
In the still and in the storm glory
Glory

Verse 2

The sun it shines and then goes down
glory
Rain it pours and beats the ground glory
Dust it blows and ends my days glory
Hearts they burn beneath
Your gaze glory
Glory

Verse 3

My heart my hands they're kingdom
bound glory
Where thorns no longer curse the ground
glory
Trim the wick ignite the flame glory
My work it will not be in vain glory
Glory

Chorus

Oh we labor unto glory
Till heaven and earth are one
Oh we labor unto glory
Until God's kingdom comes



Father Let Your Kingdom Come

(C, V1, C, V2, B, Cx2)

Chorus 1

Hallelu hallelujah

Father let Your kingdom come

Verse 1

May the works of my hands bring You joy

May the works of my hands bring You joy

May the works of my hands bring You joy

May the works of my hands bring You joy

Verse 2

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace

Bridge

You make all things new

You make all things new

In places we don't choose

You make all things new



Prayer after Communion

AM: Let us pray.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your grace.

Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your mercy
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

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

My Lighthouse

(V1, V2, C, V3, C, B, C)

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea
whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)
(REPEAT 3X)

Chorus 1

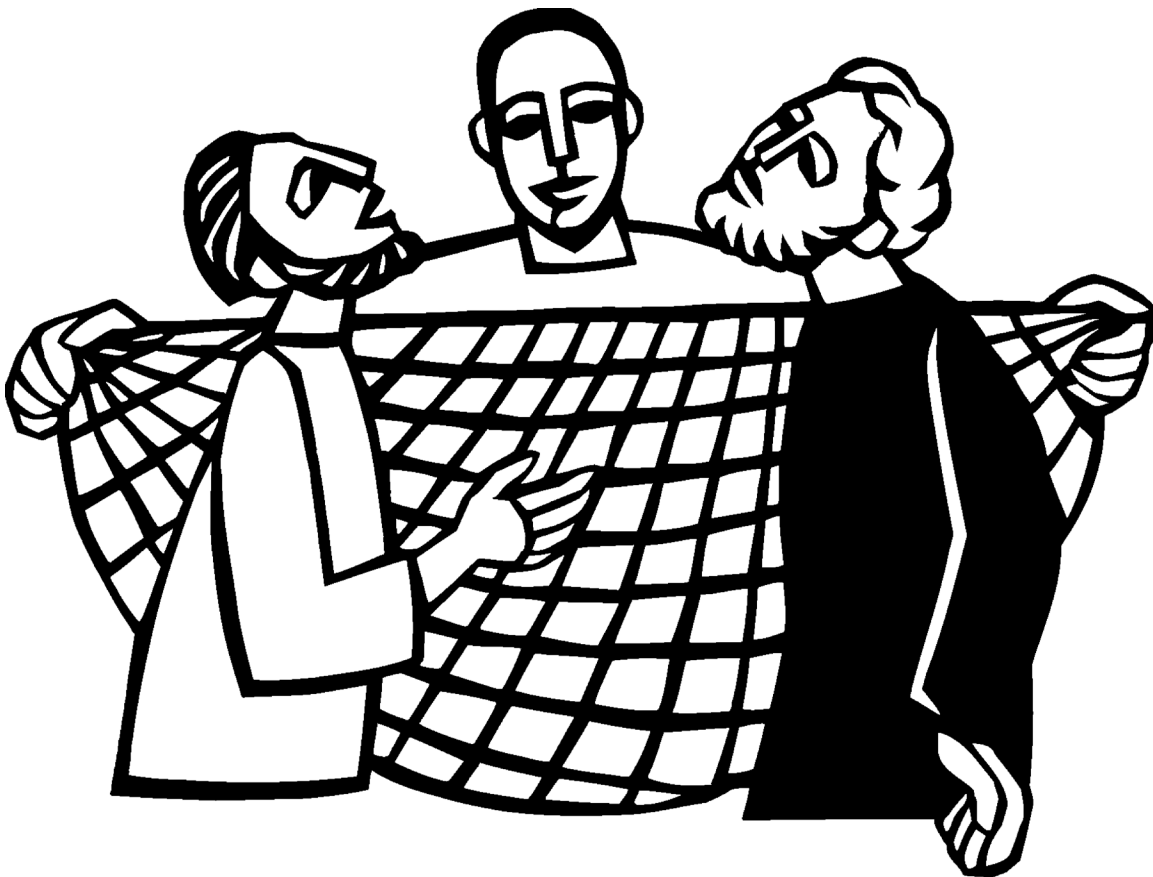
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

✠ Dismissal

AM: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

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: Laura Cupp
Acolyte: Jane Abbey
Altar Guild: Kristi Kittilstved & Judy Moon

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 MIA LUNA MILLER into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Mia's parents are Derek and Noelia, and her big brother is Gabriel. May God continue to bless Mia with the gifts of faith and the promise of salvation.

TODAY'S BAPTISM is set near the start of our worship service. This reminds us that the Christian life starts with baptism. Before we read Scripture, before Pastor Chris preaches his sermon, before we share the gift of Holy Communion, we welcome God's beloved Mia Luna into the Body of Christ.

WE ARE IN A SEASON OF "ORDINARY TIME" This time between Epiphany and Lent is the first of two seasons in the church year we sometimes call "ordinary time," in which we use the color green and during which we read the Gospel sequentially. Lent (purple), Easter (white), Advent (blue), and Christmas (white) use different colors and have specific themes that dictate the selection of scripture.

But why is this time called "ordinary"? These days outside of the larger Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter cycles are ordered such that they lead us through the Gospel toward the end of the church year, on Christ the King Sunday. "Ordinary time" does not mean *common* or *plain*, but instead comes from the "ordinal numbers" used for counting the Sundays to the end of the church year.

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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER CLASSES will begin on Sunday, February 5. Please fill out a visitor card and mark “interested in membership,” or contact the church office, if you’re interested in joining.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for today Sunday, January 23, following worship. Printed copies of the Annual Report are available in the narthex, and online at www.NewJoy.org/partners.

MEIJER AND OPEN DOORS are partnering up between now and March 31. When you scan one of their \$10 donation cards (located near each checkout) Meijer will match your donation. And on March 4th and 25th Meijer will double their match!

COFFEE HOUR is offered most Sundays, but we need a few more helpers to make it happen or we will have to cancel coffee hour some Sundays. Please check with Kristi Kittilstved to learn what’s involved and to sign-up.

LGBTQ STATEHOUSE DAY is on Monday, January 30. This is an opportunity to stand with the LGBTQ community and communicate our commitment to LGBTQ rights at the State House. We can meet up at church and drive down together. Questions? Contact Jane Montgomery, montgomery.jane@gmail.com.

NEW JOY IS ON FACEBOOK both with a public page and a private group. Search for “New Joy Lutheran Church” to like our page, and for “New Joy Partners” to join our group.

FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING GROUPS

Extend a radical welcome ... Nurture transforming faith

CONFIRMATION CLASS meets in two annual sessions – one in the fall and one in the winter - for 7th and 8th grade faith formation and fellowship. Classes currently meet on Sunday afternoons at 4pm through March 19.

SEASONED BELIEVERS, our seniors fellowship group, meets on Tuesdays at 9am at Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield.

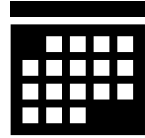
BIBLE STUDIES meet at New Joy on Tuesday evenings, 7pm, and on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm. The Tuesday evening group uses the *Adult Bible Studies* curriculum by Cokesbury. The Wednesday midday group reads the Scripture for the next Sunday. Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to learn more.

NEW JOY'S MUSIC MINISTRY rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. Interested in singing or playing with the band? Please speak with our Music Minister, Glenn Hoffman, after worship, or via email at music@newjoy.org.

MEN'S GROUP hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month On Saturdays at 8am. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

JOYFUL GIRLS gathers each month for fellowship and dinner. Contact Becky Suchomel or Lyn Nore if you have any questions.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, January 22

- Service of Holy Communion & Baptism, 9:30am.
Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under.
- Annual Congregational Meeting, 10:30am
- BSA Troops 1910 & 1920 return from camping trip, ~10am
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

Monday, January 23

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- BSA Scout Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, January 24

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- New Bible Study, 7pm. Lesson #8, "Controlled by Peace," dated January 22

Wednesday, January 25

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Wednesday Bible Study, 1pm.
Texts: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, January 26

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am

Friday, January 27

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am

Sunday, January 29

- Worship, 9:30am Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under.
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

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 is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

