

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**



**The People of New Joy, Ministers**

The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor | Glenn Hoffman, Music Minister

The Rev. Dr. Jessicah Duckworth, Preaching & Presiding Today



**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

### Verse 1

Light of the world  
 You stepped down into darkness  
 Opened my eyes let me see  
 Beauty that made  
 This heart adore You  
 Hope of a life spent with You

### Chorus

So here I am to worship  
 Here I am to bow down  
 Here I am to say that You're my God  
 And You're altogether lovely  
 Altogether worthy  
 Altogether wonderful to me



## 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.**



## Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## Here I am to Worship

*(V1, C, V2, B, C)*

### Verse 2

King of all days  
 Oh so highly exalted  
 Glorious in heaven above  
 Humbly You came  
 To the earth You created  
 All for love's sake became poor

### Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost  
 To see my sin upon that cross  
 And I'll never know how much it cost  
 To see my sin upon that cross



## 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



### First Reading

**Micah 6:1-8**

A reading from Micah.

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,

and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

A Reading from Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation

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

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## Gospel

## Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Gospel Acclamation



## Sermon



## Hymn of the Day

### Verse 1

Through every battle  
Through every heartbreak  
Through every circumstance  
I believe that You are my fortress  
Oh You are my portion  
You are my hiding place  
Oh I believe You are

### Chorus 1

The Way the Truth the Life  
I believe You are  
The Way the Truth the Life  
I believe (You are)

### Verse 2

Through every blessing  
Through every promise  
Through every breath I take  
I believe that You are provider  
You are protector  
You are the One I love  
I believe You are

### Bridge

It's a new horizon  
And I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today  
With mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay long  
(When I'm here with You)  
(When I believe You are)

## The Way

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



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.**



## 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.

Liberating God,

you break the bonds of injustice

and let the oppressed go free.

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving

for all your works of merciful power,

and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus 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 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.**

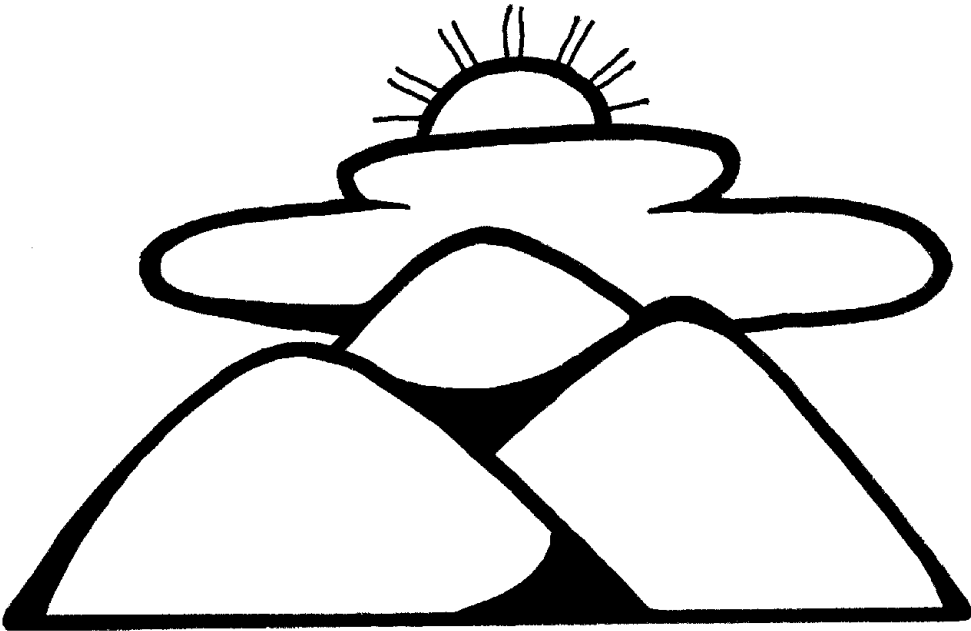


## **Lord's Supper** *(please be seated)*

*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 (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.





# Seek Ye First



1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
 2. Man shall not live by bread alone,  
 3. Ask and it shall be given unto you,

5 F C Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C C<sup>sus</sup>



and His righteous - ness, and all these  
 but by ev - 'ry word that pro -  
 seek and ye shall find, knock and the

10 Em Em<sup>7</sup> F C



things shall be add - ed un - to you -  
 -ceeds from the mouth of God -  
 door shall be o - pened un - to you -

13 F C F/C C G<sup>7sus</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!



## **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.  
Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.

**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

## Build Your Kingdom Here

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

### Verse 1

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your pow'r in us

### Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captives' hearts released  
The hurt the sick the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth

### Chorus 1

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here we pray

### Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth



## 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:

Shawna Harouff

Acolyte

Anthony 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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- None this week

## WORSHIP NOTES

**WE WELCOME PASTOR JESSICAH** to lead us in worship this morning while Pastor Chris is visiting their daughter at college in California. Thank you, Pastor Jessicah!

**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.

**LGBTQ STATEHOUSE DAY** is tomorrow, 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.

**LGBTQ+ WELCOME & THE BIBLE** is a four-week Bible Study starting on February 12 following worship that will examine Biblical teachings about welcome, love of neighbor, and human sexuality; consider certain norms in Biblical and contemporary contexts; New Joy’s 20+ year tradition of welcome; and more.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

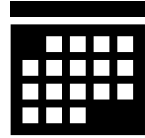
**BIBLE STUDIES** meet at New Joy on Tuesday evenings, 7pm, and on Wednesday afternoons at 1pm. The Tuesday evening group uses the *Adult Bible Studies* curriculum by Cokesbury. The Wednesday midday group reads the Scripture for the next Sunday. Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to learn more.

**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](mailto: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 29

- Service of Holy Communion, 9:30am.  
Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under.
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- New Bible Study, 7pm.
  - Lesson #9, "A Seat at the Table," dated January 29

Wednesday, February 1

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Wednesday Bible Study, 1pm.
  - Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112:1-9, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, February 2

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

Friday, February 3

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

Saturday February 4

- BSA Scout Troops 1910 & 1920 Leadership Training, 10am to 4pm

Sunday, February 5

- Worship, 9:30am Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under.
- New Member Class, following worship
- 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.*

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