

# The Epiphany of our Lord

## Sunday, January 8, 2023



welcome  
grace



faith  
promise

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



**Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany**, recalling with thanksgiving the visit of the eastern magi to the child Jesus. It marks the conclusion of the Christmas season for the church.



**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 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

## Here I am to Worship

(V1, C, V2, B, C)

### 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

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



**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.**



**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

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.

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



## Children's Message

# WORD



## First Reading

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,

the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
 all those from Sheba shall come.  
 They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
 and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



## 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 2:1-12

**P:** The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

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

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



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## Sermon



## Hymn of the Day

## What Child is This

(V1, V2, V3)



- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

*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, "God of grace." 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.

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

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.*

**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)*

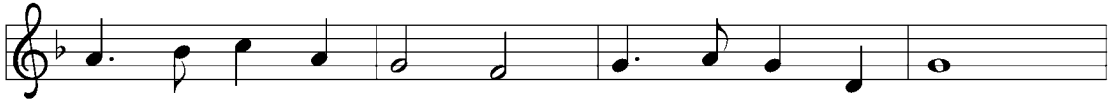
*All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.*

**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.



## In the Bleak Midwinter



- 1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
- 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
- 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
yet what I can I give him— give my heart.



## 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, 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.

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us 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

## This Little Light of Mine

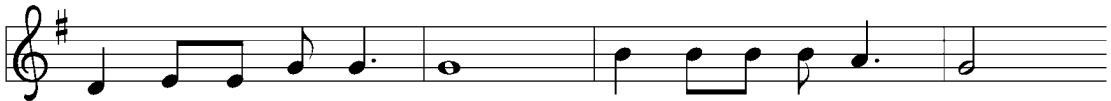
(V1, V2, V3)



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.



## Dismissal

AM: Christ the Savior is born!  
 Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

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: Kristi Kittilstved  
Acolyte: Makinzi Jones  
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

**THE FEAST OF EPIPHANY** (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we will remember with faith and thanksgiving the life and witness of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, on the 94<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. Our worship will include readings from Amos and Luke, and a reading of excerpts from his Letter from Birmingham Jail. In addition to a national holiday, Dr King’s birthday is a commemoration on the church’s calendar.

**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

**ALL WHO ATTENDED EITHER OF OUR LGBTQ+ INCLUSION EVENTS** in August and/or in December are invited to join in a follow-up discussion tonight at 7pm on Zoom. Please check your emails for the Zoom link, or contact Pastor Chris (pastor@newjoy.org) for more details.

**OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is scheduled for Sunday, January 23, following worship. We will hold a budget hearing following worship today, 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 February. Please fill out a visitor card and mark “interested in membership,” or contact the church office, if you’re interested in joining.

**COFFEE HOUR** is offered most Sundays, but we need a few more helpers to make it happen or we will have to cut back or cancel. *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

## SUNDAY

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets nearly every Sunday afternoon through March 19, from 4pm-5:30pm.

## MONDAY

**OUR BSA SCOUT TROOPS 1910/1920** meet at the church on Monday nights at 7pm.

## TUESDAY

**SEASONED BELIEVERS** meets every Tuesday, 9am, at the Chick-Fil-A on SR32 in Westfield.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY** meets each Tuesday night, 7pm, in the church kitchen. This week's lesson is Lesson #6, dated January 8, "Grace and Assurance for All"

## WEDNESDAY

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** meets every Wednesday at 1pm in the church kitchen. New half-sheet schedules of our readings are available in the church kitchen.

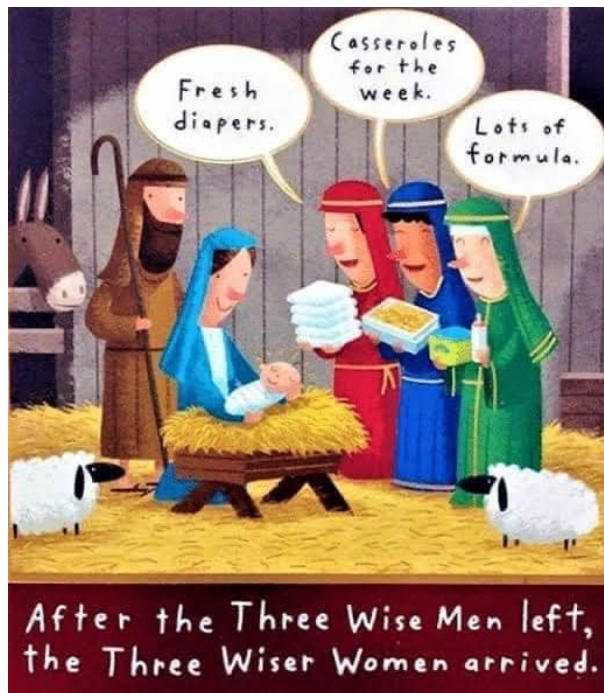
**NEW JOY'S MUSIC MINISTRY** rehearses every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm. Interested in singing or playing with the band? Please speak with our Music Minister, Glenn Hoffman, after worship, or via email at [music@newjoy.org](mailto:music@newjoy.org).

## TWO SATURDAYS/MONTH

**MEN'S GROUP** Saturday breakfasts and Bible Study gatherings continue in the New Year. We will next meet on Saturday, January 21, at 8am. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

## MONTHLY

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



**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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