

Sunday, February 12, 2023
Scout Sunday



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

Come, All You People

Verse 1

Come, all you people,
 come and praise the Most High;
 come, all you people,
 come and praise the Most High;
 come, all you people,
 come and praise the Most High;
 come now and worship the Lord.

Verse 2

Come, all you people,
 come and praise the Savior;
 come, all you people,
 come and praise the Savior;
 come, all you people,
 come and praise the Savior;
 come now and worship the Lord.

Verse 3

Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
 come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
 come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
 come now and worship the Lord.



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 of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, 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



First Reading

Psalm 119: 1-8

A Reading from Psalms.

- ¹ Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
- ² Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
- ³ who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.
- ⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
- ⁵ O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
- ⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- ⁸ I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A Reading from First Corinthians.

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 5:33-48

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

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

³³ ‘Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.” ³⁴ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷ Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

³⁸ ‘You have heard that it was said, “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.” ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon



Hymn of the Day

Healer of Our Every Ill

(C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, C, V4, C)

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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.

Scout Reflections

Gideon Zawadzki

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.



Let Us Break Bread Together



- 1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
- 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
- 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



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

Jesus Lead On

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

Verse 1

This is my cry
This is my song
You are my guiding light
When the way is unknown
And when these sunny skies
Turn shades of gray
I'll stay close by Your side
As You lead the way

Verse 2

Hear now this cry
Hear now this song
You are the guiding light
For this journey I'm on
And when my vision is clouded
By the wind and the rain
I'll stay close by Your side
As You lead the way

Chorus

Jesus lead on I will follow
Jesus lead on
Let Your love light the way
Jesus lead on I will follow
Jesus lead on

Bridge

Lead me on
Lead me on
Lead me on
I will follow



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: Chris Studer
Readers: Isabelle Reisinger & Harper Hamilton
Acolytes: Aramis Zawadzki & Francesca Zawadzki
Altar Guild: Morgan Studer & Nancy Trullinger
Ushers: Conner Eisert & Asher Hamilton
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.

MINISTRY BOARD MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Becky Suchomel	President	January 2025
Laurie Cupp	Vice President	January 2026
Kristi Kittilstved	Secretary	January 2025
Chuck Studer	Treasurer	January 2024
Andy Clark	Co- Treasurer	January 2026
Gail Castle	Member at Large	January 2024

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WORSHIP NOTES

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR SCOUTS! Today is Scout Sunday, an annual opportunity for us to lift up Scouting in our prayers, bless Scouts, and welcome members of Troops 1910 & 1920 – the troops we charter! – to join us for worship. We are grateful for your presence with us today!

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 in such a way that takes us to 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

LENT IS APPROACHING Now is a great time to plan your spiritual discipline for Lent, and to mark your calendars for Ash Wednesday (February 22) and Evening Prayer services (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) during the season of Lent. Are you able to coordinate one or more Lenten Soup Suppers? If so, contact Pastor Chris.

RECEIVE ASHES at the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 22, from 6:30am-9:00am, at 1pm (Wednesday Bible Study), or at Ash Wednesday worship (7pm). If you would like to receive ashes but cannot attend any of these times, please contact Pastor Chris to arrange for him to come to you on Ash Wednesday.

NEW MEMBER CLASS is ongoing. We meet after worship each Sunday at approximately 10:45am. Please fill out a visitor card and mark “interested in membership,” or contact the church office, if you’re interested in joining.

LGBTQ+ WELCOME & THE BIBLE is a four-week Bible Study starting today 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. 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.

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

A LENTEN BOOK STUDY starts on Wednesday, March 1. We will read *Seven Words*, a book about Jesus' words spoken from the cross. Sign up to buy a book on the clipboard in the entranceway, or contact the church office. Books will be available for pickup on or before Sunday, February 26.

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.

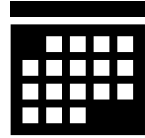
BIBLE STUDIES meet at New Joy on Tuesdays at 7pm and on Wednesdays at 1pm. The Tuesday evening group uses the *Adult Bible Studies* curriculum by Cokesbury. The Wednesday midday group reads the Scripture for the next Sunday. Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to learn more.

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, February 12

- Scout SundayWorship, 9:30am Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under.
- New Member Class/LGBTQ + Welcome & the Bible, following worship
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

Monday, February 13

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

Tuesday, February 14

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- New Bible Study, 7pm.
 - Lesson #11, "A Parent's Love," dated February 12

Wednesday, February 15

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Wednesday Bible Study, 1pm.
 - Exodus 24:12-18, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, February 16

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- "The Working Hungry" documentary viewing, 7pm

Friday, February 17

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

Saturday February 18

- Men's Group, 8am
 - Chapter 1 "What God Has Done"

Sunday, February 19, Transfiguration Sunday

- New Member Class/LGBTQ + Welcome & the Bible, 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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