

The Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 12, 2023



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.



We are in the season of Lent, a time of spiritual discipline, penitence, and renewal. During Lent our worship service includes a confession of sins, refrains from singing “Alleluia,” and provides for less singing during the distribution of Holy Communion. After six Sundays these Lenten shifts will give way to a more exuberant expression of worship in Easter.



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

Chorus

Come now is the time to
worship
Come now is the time to give
your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before
your God
Come

Come Now is the Time to Worship

Verse

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You
now



Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gazes upon this world
with love, and embraces us with compassion.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered together at the foot of the cross, let us lament the sin of this
world, and confess our own sinfulness before God and one another.

A brief silence

P: Our Refuge and Strength:

C: The world is broken, O Lord.

P: In endless love you provide abundance

C: yet people go without.

P: In endless love you provide food

C: yet people hunger.

P: In endless love you provide materials for building,

C: yet people are homeless.

P: In endless love you provide materials for clothing,

C: yet people are naked.

P: In endless love you provide dignity to all

C: yet people are hated, rejected, and abused.

P: In endless love you provide knowledge for healing.

C: yet people suffer with preventable disease.

P: In endless love you provide peace,

C: yet people wage war.

P: In endless love you provide abundance

C: yet people go without.

P: In your endless love, O Lord, have mercy on this world.

C: We confess that the world is captive to sin.

Forgive it. Renew it. Make it whole.

P: Heal our brokenness. Show us a better way.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: We confess that we are captive to sin

And cannot free ourselves.

P: Our waste that scars the earth,

Our words and deeds that rob people of their dignity,

Our indifference that neglects the needs of others,

Our failure to love our neighbor as ourselves, we confess.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

P: Our inattentiveness to your righteous commands,

Our failure to pray,

Our reliance on ourselves rather than on you alone,

Our devotion to false gods, we confess.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Silence for reflection

P: Beloved of God, the Lord is compassionate and merciful to the

penitent; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear this

good news: the Lord has mercy upon us. In the name of Jesus ✝ your

sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

P: God's forgiveness leads us into wholeness. Let us worship and pray, live and serve, not as people waiting for God, but as people blessed by God to live with love for this world.

**C: Christ has entered into our darkness with light,
our despair with hope,
our hate with love, and
our death with life ...**

P: ... and continues to do so each and every day. Thanks be to God.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.



Kyrie

A: In peace, in peace,

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy. *to Verses*

A: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all

C: Sing Refrain

A: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live you Word

C: Sing Refrain

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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WORD



Children's Message



First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone

me.” ⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and

Optional Repeat
mer-cy; Come, seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.



Gospel

John 4:5-42

Action Bible, pg 600 or Spark Story Bible pg 420

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him,

and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around

you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon



Hymn of the Day

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



- 1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
- 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
- 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

*The **Assisting Minister** leads this portion of the service where we renew our shared mission, confess our common faith, lift our prayers to God, and extend God's peace with one another.*



Mission Statement

A: 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.**



Nicene Creed

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



Prayers of the Church

Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer petition concludes with, "Merciful God." The response is, "Receive our prayer."

Sharing the Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us.

Announcements & Offering



Offertory

As The Grains of Wheat

Refrain

Congregation:

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
 so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
 gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
 2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
 may we share the pres - ence of your love. *to Refrain*
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Pastor continues with the proper preface, appointed specifically for this season, which leads us to Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus), the angelic chorus of Isaiah 6:



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.

The Pastor continues with eucharistic prayer, which includes the following responses:

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

P: ... Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: ... Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: ... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: Amen.



**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

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:

world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:

take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Apart from the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) we will not sing during communion during Lent, marking this season with a silence that calls us into prayer and reflection.



Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Merciful God,
accompany our journey through these forty days.
Renew us in the gift of baptism,
that we may provide for those who are poor,
pray for those in need,
fast from self-indulgence,
and above all that we may find our treasure
in the life of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING



Benediction

P: May God bless & keep us.

May God's face shine on us & be gracious.

May God look on us with favor & ✝ give us peace.





Sending Song

Verse 1

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

Chorus

You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh



Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

King of My Heart

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

Verse 2

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

Bridge

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

WORSHIP LEADERS

We give thanks for all who give of themselves for service to God and to this community.

Assisting Minister: Kristi Kittilstved
Reader: Shawna Harouff
Acolytes: Colin Studer
Altar Guild: Morgan Studer & Nancy Trullinger

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 operators 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

SUNDAYS IN LENT, NOT OF LENT It's a small but important grammatical distinction. Sundays are not counted as part of Lent. There are 46 calendar days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday – six of those are Sundays. Sundays are a break in the Lenten fast. Sundays continue to be celebrations of the resurrection during Lent, even if the way we celebrate is somewhat muted (ie, refraining from singing or saying “Alleluia”). Thus, Sundays are a day when you can pause from your Lenten fast, and enjoy your sweets or whatever else you “gave up” for Lent.

A FRESCO DEPICTING TODAY'S GOSPEL was found in the baptistry of the oldest extant Christian house church ever discovered. Known as the Dura Europos House Church and located in central eastern Syria not far from the border with Iraq, the house dates no later than the year 256. The artwork's placement adjacent to the baptismal pool shows that early Christians associated the story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well with baptism, even though the story itself is not explicitly about baptism. The story shows an outsider to the faith seeking the Living Waters (John 4:10-15), receiving a revelation from the Messiah (“I am he,” vs. 26), and inviting others to the faith (vss. 28-30).

BOWING? WE DO THAT? At different times in the service you may see Pastor Chris bow – during part of the Nicene Creed, parts of Holy Communion, and at the end of the service. Bowing is a traditional gesture of honoring the presence of God (note how often people bow or fall to the ground when they approach Jesus in the Gospel stories). As such, during parts of the communion liturgy where the name of Jesus is invoked, and Christ's presence is celebrated in bread and cup, Pastor Chris bows as a gesture of honor and respect. He does so, also, at the end of the service, bowing toward the congregation in recognition that the gathered people of God are the Body of Christ given for the sake of the world. You are welcome to bow along with him, *or not*. Worship gestures are things that Lutherans have traditionally understood as not requiring uniformity, but instead are something that local congregations or each individual embraces as they see helpful.

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

VBS 2023: HERO HOTLINE Sunday, June 25 - Thursday, June 29, 6-8pm at New Joy. Save the Date and become a hero this summer. Kids who are ages 3 to rising 6th grade are welcome to attend. Registration will begin after Easter. We *are* looking for lots of volunteers. Rising 7th grade and older are invited to be counselors. Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity can reach out to Morgan Studer or contact the church office.

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.

NEW JOY’S RADICAL WELCOME efforts are continuing! We completed a four-week Bible study on LGBTQ+ Welcome last week (notes are available online at NewJoy.org/about/radical-welcome), and additional learning and exploration sessions are scheduled for next month.

MEN’S GROUP meets this Saturday at 8am. They are reading *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*. A few copies are still available in the church kitchen.

OUR LENTEN BOOK STUDY, *Seven Words* by Susan Robb., is about Jesus’ words spoken from the cross. Books were ordered for those who signed up in advance, and we have a few more available. Please pick up a book in the church kitchen and make a \$10 contribution marked “Lenten Book” if you are able. Thank you.

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 25th Meijer will double their match!

COFFEE HOUR is shifting to a monthly celebration, on the first Sunday of the month (that’s today!). Additional coffee hours will be shared on special occasions.

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.

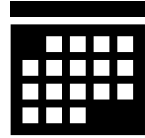
BIBLE STUDIES meet at New Joy on Tuesdays at 7pm and on Wednesdays at 1pm. The Tuesday evening group uses the *Adult Bible Studies* curriculum by Cokesbury. The Wednesday midday group reads the Scripture for the next Sunday. Contact Pastor Chris if you would like to learn more.

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, March 12

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

Monday, March 13

- BSA Scout Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, March 14

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- New Bible Study, 7pm (Lesson #2, “The Source of Jesus’ Authority”)

Wednesday, March 15

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Wednesday Bible Study, 1pm. (1 Samuel 16:1-13, John 9:1-41)
- Lenten Soup Supper, 6:15pm
- Wednesday Lenten Prayer Service, 7pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, March 16

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Central Indiana Chrism Liturgy & Clergy Gathering, 10am

Friday, March 17

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

Saturday March 18

- Men’s Group, 8am

Sunday, March 19

- 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.

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



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