

***Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 30, 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.



New to New Joy? If you'd like to get in touch with the Pastor, be added to our email list, share a prayer request, or more, simply fill out one of the welcome /prayer cards in (most of) the seatback pockets and set it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or leave it on the counter in the church office.



Happy Easter! Easter is not just a day, but an entire season stretching 50 days until Pentecost. We continue celebrating the resurrection with Scripture that reveal to us the power and promise of resurrection in our lives and in our world. This season Pastor Chris' sermons will come from 1 Peter, a letter that encourages the early Christians to live as resurrection people in the face of sufferings and challenges.



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.



Offering: As part of our worship we collect an offering each week. Even as many of us have set up electronic fund transfer (EFT) giving for our weekly tithes and offerings, this ritual act continually calls us to give not just our funds but our whole selves to Jesus and to the mission of love and grace to which he calls us. This QR code takes you to our giving platform, *Tithe.ly*, which is also available as a mobile app.



These are the basics for worship. There is more information about our church on the back cover, and announcements are found in the last few pages of this bulletin.

GATHERING

Prelude



Easter Declaration

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Opening Prayer



Opening Song

Verse

Oh Lord You're my Shepherd
You make me lie in fields of
 green
You lead me by the still waters
You restore righteousness to
 me
Though I walk through the
valley
 I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me and You
 comfort me

Goodness Love & Mercy

(V, C, V, C, Bx4, C)

Chorus

Surely goodness love and
 mercy
Will follow wherever I go

Bridge

I'm gonna dwell in the house
 of the Lord forever



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.



Easter Declaration

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of

God; to make all things new.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD



Children's Message



Easter Declaration

R: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



Responsive Psalm

R: The responsive psalm is Psalm 23. The refrain (**R**) is from verse 23:
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort
me. R**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of
my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. R**



Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

A Reading from First Peter.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For

you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat



Gospel

John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the

sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon



Song of the Day

Verse 1

Oh let the Son of God enfold
you

With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and
satisfy your soul

Oh let Him have those things
that hold you

And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life
and make you whole

Spirit Song

(V1, C, V2, C)

Verse 2

Oh come and sing this song with
gladness

As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to
His name

Oh give Him all your tears and
sadness

Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus'
name

Chorus 1

Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

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



Easter Declaration

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!



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.



Apostles' Creed

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

**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, "Hear us, O God." The response is, "Your mercy is great."

Sharing the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

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



Announcements & Offering

As part of our acts of worship we share select activities and opportunities from our life together. We collect an offering for the work of New Joy and of the partners we support locally and beyond. This QR code takes you to Tithe.ly, our giving platform.



Offertory

As The Grains of Wheat

Refrain

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.

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

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 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.



Insights from Martin Luther's Small Catechism

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and cup, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

What is the benefit of such eating and drinking?

The words "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" show us that forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament through these words, because where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and salvation.





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.



The Lamb of God ("Agnus Dei" in Latin) is a hymn that has been part of the Holy Communion liturgy since at least the 7th century. The hymn calls Jesus the Lamb of God, identifying Jesus with the Passover lamb (Exodus 12) and the lamb of daily offering in the Temple (Exodus 29:38-42).

In this version of the hymn, the first and final stanzas represent a translation of the traditional text. Note that all of the verses, ancient and contemporary, sing of God's action for us. We are the blessed recipients of God's forgiveness, justice, and mercy.



Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.



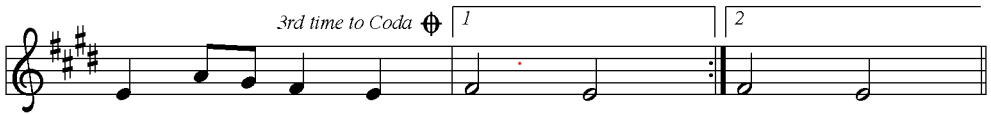
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.
 Gracious God,
 in you we live and move and have our being.
 With your word and this meal of grace,
 you have nourished our life together.
 Strengthen us to show your love
 and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.



Easter Declaration

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C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 grant you peace.
 In the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit

C: Amen



Sending Song

Verse

I will call upon the Lord
 Who is worthy to be praised
 So shall I be saved from my enemies

I Will Call Upon the Lord

(V, C, V, C)

Echo

*I will call upon the Lord
 Who is worthy to be praised
 So shall I be saved from my enemies*

ALL: I will call upon the Lord

Chorus

The Lord liveth
 And blessed be my Rock
 Let the God of my salvation be exalted



Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Assisting Minister : Shawna Harouff

Reader: Kristen Abbey

Acolyte Jane Abbey

The band members are Glenn Hoffman, Jim Gregory, Karen Archbold.

The Altar Guild members are Judy Moon, Kristi Kittilstved, Nancy Trullinger, Morgan Studer, and Shawna Harouff

The Livestream team is Phil Havlik, Rich Kittilstved and Naaman Duckworth.

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 NEW BULLETIN GRAPHIC appears next to our responsive psalm.

The graphic depicts two people speaking the Hebrew word “Elohim,” which means Lord or Lord God. The psalms are traditionally spoken – or sung – responsively. The Hebrew script reminds us that the psalms come to us from our Jewish ancestors and neighbors.

LIVESTREAM OPERATORS Would you be willing to learn how our livestream technology works? Check in with Phil, Rich or Naaman any Sunday following worship to see how you can become part of the livestream team. And many thanks to Naaman Duckworth for joining the team! *All teens are encouraged to learn how to operate our livestream system and serve the church in this faithful way!*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY Today the Confirmation Class is heading to Newfields to explore faith in art and culture. Would you like to join them? Reach out to Pastor Jessicah or to Pastor Chris right after worship.

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 is open! **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.

MEN'S GROUP next meets on Saturday, April 29. They are reading *Acts: Catching Up with the Spirit*. A few copies are still available in the church kitchen. Grab a book, and read the first three chapters. We'll discuss Chapter 4 on April 29.

COFFEE HOUR is shifting to a monthly celebration, on the first Sunday of the month. 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.

ABOUT NEW JOY'S FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING MINISTRIES

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 in our winter/spring session have wrapped up, but we still have a few other activities planned between now and Confirmation Sunday (May 21).

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, and also maintains the New Joy prayer list. 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.

JOYFUL GIRLS, our women's fellowship group, gathers each month for fellowship and dinner. Contact Becky Suchomel or Lyn Nore if you have any questions.

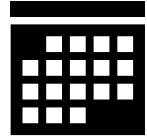
MEN'S GROUP hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

RADICAL WELCOME MINISTRY is a growing series of events, experiences, studies, and workshops dedicated to explicit welcome and support for LGBTQ+ church members and neighbors. As Pastor Chris often says, *explicit animus must be met with explicit love*. Contact Morgan Studer or Pastor Chris if you have questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is a wonderfully intense week of faith and fun for children, and for the teens and adults who accompany them.

AS WE CONTINUE TO EMERGE FROM COVID DISCOMBOBULATION, we look forward to (re)establishing more faith and fellowship events for children and youth. Reach out to Pastor Chris if you're called to support this kind of ministry.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, April 30

- Worship, 9:30am, Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under.
- Confirmation Ministry field trip to Newfields!

Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- New Bible Study, 7pm (Unwrapping the Gift of the Resurrection)

Wednesday, May 3

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Wednesday Bible Study, 1pm. (Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John, 10:1-10)
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

Saturday May 6

Sunday, May 7

- Worship, 9:30am Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- *Reader: Laurie Cupp; Acolyte: Anthony Abbey*

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).