

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14, 2023

The People of New Joy, Ministers

The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor

Glenn Hoffman, Music Minister

The Rev. Dr. Cory Driver, Preaching & Presiding



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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

(C, V1, C, V2, C, Vv3, C)

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



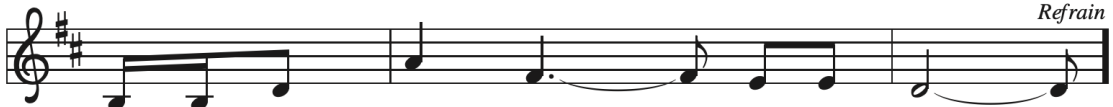
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain



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!**



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.

Refrain



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new. *Refrain*



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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!



First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

A Reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands,

as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

A Reading from First Peter:

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this

prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



Gospel Acclamation



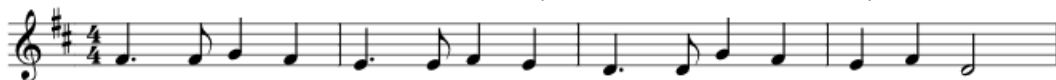
Sermon



Song of the Day

I Surrender All

(V1, V2, C, V3, C, V4, C, V5, C)

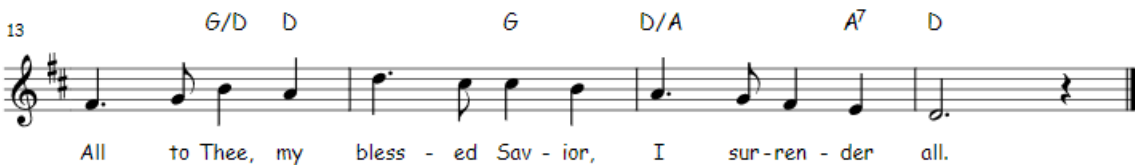
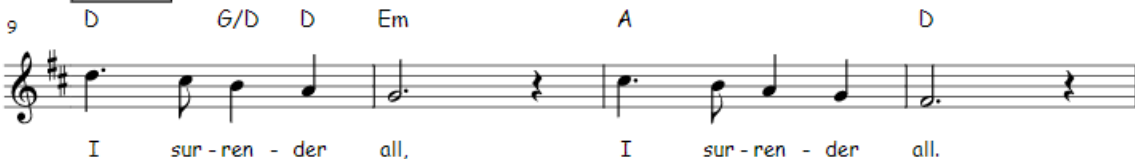


1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, all to Him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, hum - bly at His feet I bow;
 3. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;
 4. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;
 5. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, now I feel the sac - red flame;



I will ev - er love and trust Him, in His pres - ence dai - ly live.
 World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it, tru - ly know that Thou art mine.
 Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, let Thy bless - ing fall on me.
 O the joy of full sal - va - tion! Glo - ry, glo - ry to His name!

CHORUS



*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.

BSA Troops 1910 & 1920 Update



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](https://tithely.com), our giving platform.



Offertory

As The Grains of Wheat



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



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

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 up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 Large Catechism

Now, what is the Sacrament of the Altar? Answer: It is the true body and blood of the Lord Christ, in and under the bread and cup, which we Christians are commanded by Christ's word to eat and drink. And just as we said of baptism that it is not mere water, so we say here, too, that the sacrament is bread and drink, but not mere bread and drink such as is served at the table. Rather, it is bread and drink set within God's Word and bound to it.





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.



Spirit of the Living God

Verse 1

Spirit of the living God
Fall fresh on me
Spirit of the living God
Fall fresh on me
Melt me mold me
Fill me use me
Spirit of the living God
Fall fresh on me

Verse 2

Soul of heaven heart of God
Wash over me
Soul of heaven heart of God
Wash over me
Cleanse me teach me
Hold me reach me
Soul of heaven heart of God
Wash over me

Verse 3

Holy presence love divine
Cast out my fear
Holy presence love divine
Cast out my fear
Shield me free me
Call me lead me
Holy presence love divine
Cast out my fear



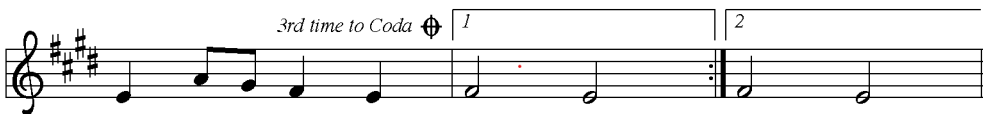
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



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

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
 In my failures You won't walk out
 Your great love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea
 whoa oh
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
 In the questions Your truth will hold
 Your great love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea
 whoa oh
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus 1

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
 Shining in the darkness
 I will follow You oh
 My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
 I will trust the promise
 You will carry me safe to shore
 Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

My Lighthouse

(V1, V2, C, V3, C, Bx3, C)

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
 With each morning I'll rise and sing
 My God's love will lead me through
 You are the peace in my troubled sea
 whoa oh
 You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us
 You're the brightest
 You will lead us
 Through the storms (hey)



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 :	Becky Suchomel
Reader:	Jeff Papke
Acolyte	Anthony 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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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE OF MIND WORKSHOP – to learn about how advanced planning can help you and YOUR loved ones as you approach death – will take place on Tuesday, May 23, at 9am, here at New Joy. Coffee and pastries will be available.

PENTECOST READERS Do you speak or read another language? On Pentecost Sunday, May 28, we'd like to include readers of multiple language in the proclamation of God's Word. Youth learning a new language in school are urged to participate! Contact Pastor Chris.

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.

COFFEE HOUR has shifted 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.

PRESCHOOL BOARD is looking to fill one spot on its board with a church member. This is a two-year position that meets around 6 times a year during the school day. If this sounds like something you would be interested in please reach out to Miranda Verik or Pastor Chris.

OPEN DOORS of WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP has an Amazon wish list! If you are so inclined to send them some of their regular needs please use the QR Code at right.



ABOUT NEW JOY'S FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING MINISTRIES

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. Confirmation Sunday is 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 a curriculum, and we all read a brief study in advance of each session. The Wednesday midday group reads the Scripture for the next Sunday, and maintains the New Joy prayer list.

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.

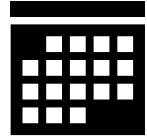
MEN'S GROUP hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

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*. Morgan Studer, Greg Platt, Alexa Helm, Libby Dissauer are on the Core Team facilitating this work. We are always happy to discuss this work – please reach out.

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, May 14

- Worship, 9:30am, Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under.
- Carmel Pride planning meeting, 2pm

Monday, May 15

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

Tuesday, May 16

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- New Bible Study, 7pm (Collective Work, Collective Rest)

Wednesday, May 17

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Wednesday Bible Study, 1pm. (Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11)
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, May 18

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Radical Welcome Core Team Meeting. 8pm

Friday, May 19

Saturday May 20

Sunday, May 21

- Worship, 9:30am Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- *Reader Lyn Nore; Acolyte: Lily Havlik*

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).