

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



## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**Affirmation of Baptism for  
Aiden Blocksom, Ella Bozarth, & Annabelle Havlick  
Baptism of Catherine Ellen Dissauer**

**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!**



### Children's Message



### Opening Prayer



### Opening Song

### Good Good Father

*(V1, C, V2, Cx2, Bx2, V3, Cx2)*

#### Verse 1

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

#### Chorus 1

You're a Good Good Father  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
It's who You are  
And I'm loved by You  
It's who I am  
It's who I am  
It's who I am

#### Verse 2

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for  
answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

#### Bridge

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to  
us

#### Verse 3

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly  
think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love



## **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**

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## **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

*We are thrilled to welcome Cate's grandfather, The Rev. Dr. Emil. H. Klatt, III, to participate in the administration of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.*

P: This is a day of resurrection and new life, of celebration, and of joy. On this day Catherine Ellen – our Cate - receives the sacrament of Holy Baptism, and Annabelle, Ella, and Aiden re-affirm their Baptisms.

A: St Paul writes, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore, we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” [Romans 6:3-5]

P: Baptism is death and resurrection. For we who live as baptized children of God, baptism is both a one-time event and an every-unfolding promise that we experience each and every day.

**C: Daily we die, daily we rise. Thanks be to God.**

*The liturgy continues with Pastor Chris addressing Steven, Libby, and Cate, confirming their desire for Cate to be baptized. The congregation pledges their commitment to support Cate in her Christian life, and we join together in confessing our Christian faith.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Cate and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

P2: Steven, Libby, Cate

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I renounce them.

P2: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

P2: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

P2: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

P2: Catherine Ellen, this water is a gift of God and set apart for this Holy  
Sacrament. Today it is joined with God's Word to work wonders in  
your life.

P2: Catherine Ellen, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Let us pray.

P2: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you have given Catherine Ellen new birth, cleansed her from sin, and raise her to eternal life.

P2: Sustain Cate with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Cate, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

A: Cate, we are so happy for you, and we are thrilled to welcome you into the family of believers here at New Joy.  
Jesus says to let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.  
So, let's shine our lights together, ok?

A: People of God here at New Joy, on behalf of the entire Christian Church, let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ  
that gathers at the foot of the cross  
and at the opening to the empty grave.  
Join us in extending a radical welcome,  
sharing a generous grace,  
nurturing a transforming faith,  
and living God's promise. Amen!**



**Acclamation: ♪ This Little Light of Mine ♪**



## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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



### Easter Declaration

R: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



### First Reading

**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

A Reading from First Peter:

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 17:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but

they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## **Gospel Acclamation**



## **Sermon**



## **Song of the Day**

## **Bind Us Together**

*(C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, C)*

### Chorus 1

Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with cords  
That cannot be broken  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together Lord  
Bind us together with love

### Verse 1

There is only one God  
There is only one King  
There is only one body  
That is why we can sing

### Verse 2

Made for the glory of God  
Purchased by His precious Son  
Born with the right to be clean  
For Jesus the vict'ry has won

### Verse 3

You are the fam'ly of God  
You are the promise divine  
You are God's chosen desire  
You are the glorious new wine

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.



## Rite of Affirmation of Baptism

*Affirmation of Baptism is an opportunity for our young people to affirm the faith given to them by God in baptism and nurtured by the Holy Spirit at home and in the church. We celebrate with Aiden Blocksom, Annabelle Havlick, and Ella Bozarth and their families, giving thanks to God for the faith we share.*

*This rite includes a series of declarations and questions – declarations to remind Aiden, Annabelle, and Ella of God’s love and grace for them, questions to confirm their desire to continue growing, living, and serving in the life of the church, and the giving of their confirmation verses.*

### Confirmation Verses:

*Aiden: Genesis 32:26 (26-30) Jacob Wrestles with the Man of God*

*Jacob and the Man of God wrestled throughout the night. The Man of God said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “**I will not let you go, unless you bless me.**” So he said to Jacob, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.”*

*Annabelle: Proverbs 4:11(10-13) God’s Wisdom is Your Life*

*Hear, my child, and accept my words,  
That the years of your life may be many.  
**I have taught you the way of Wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.**  
When you walk, your step will not be hampered;  
And if you run, you will not stumble.  
Keep hold of instruction;  
Do not let go.  
Guard Wisdom, for she is your life.*

*Ella: Matthew 28:8 (8-9) The Women Run to Proclaim the Resurrection*

*So the women left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and **the women ran to tell his disciples that Jesus was raised from the dead**. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.*

*The confirmation rite concludes with the congregation's affirmation and welcome of these beautiful young people and their faith.*

A: Let us rejoice with Aiden, Annabelle & Ella our siblings in Christ.

**C: We honor your faith and give thanks for your life in Christ.**

A: Praise be to God for these Beloved of God,  
and for our partnership in the Gospel!

**C: Together let us proclaim God's love in word and deed to all the world. Amen!**



## **Easter Declaration**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



## **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](https://tithely.com), 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.



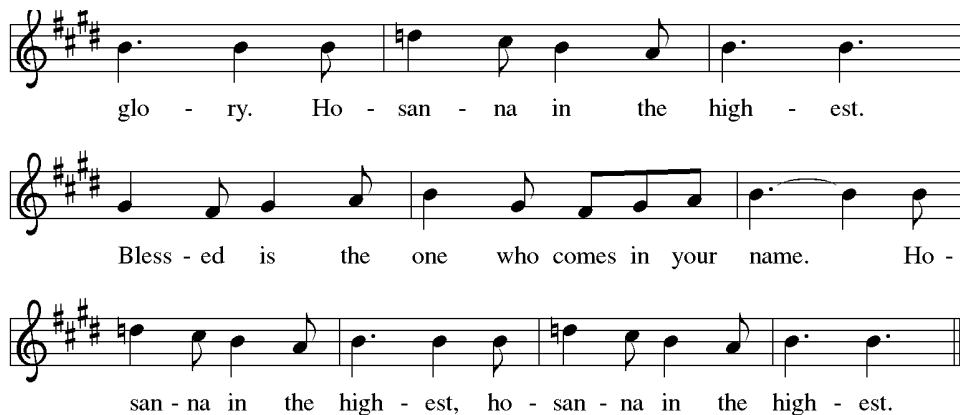
## Offering Prayer

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.





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.**

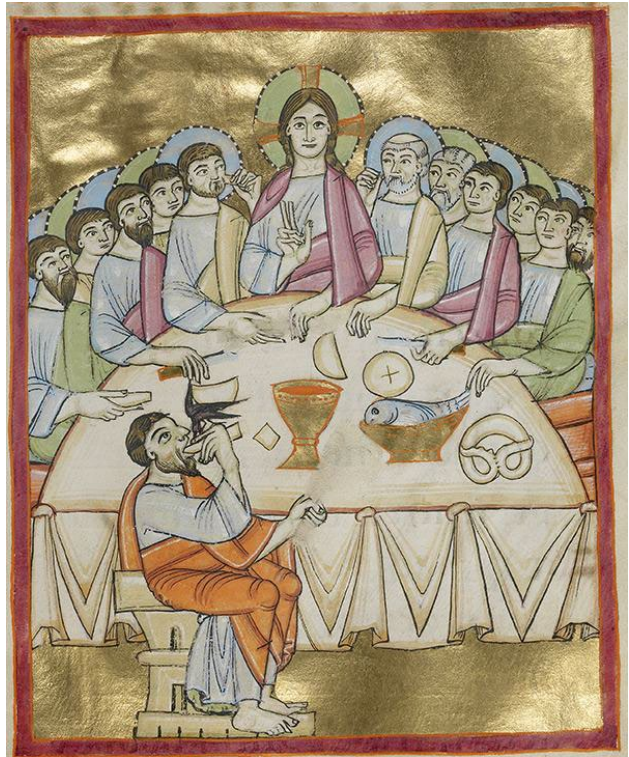


### **Lord's Supper** *(please be seated)*

*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.*

In this 1,000-year-old painting of the Last Supper we see bread, wine, fish and ... *a pretzel* on the table. Artists have long adapted images of the Last Supper to conform to local dietary customs. For example, there's a painting of the Last Supper in the Cuzco, Peru cathedral that includes guinea pig on the table. Guinea pig is a local delicacy in Peru. It tastes like chicken.

Source: *The Last Supper*, about 1030–40, Unknown. Tempera colors, gold leaf, and ink on parchment; 9 1/8 x 6 5/16 in. The J. Paul Getty Museum, Ms. Ludwig VII 1, fol. 38.





## 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.



## Breathe

(V, C, V, C, E)

### Verse 1

This is the air I breathe  
 This is the air I breathe  
 Your holy presence living in  
 me  
 This is my daily bread  
 This is my daily bread  
 Your very word spoken to  
 me

### Chorus 1

And I'm desperate for You  
 And I'm lost without You

### Ending

This is the air I breathe  
 This is the air I breathe



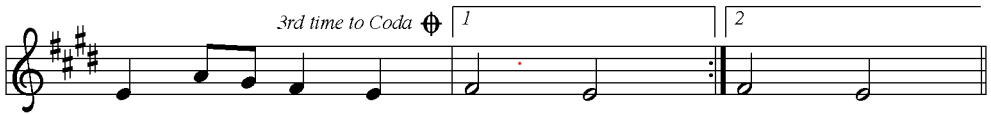
# Praise to You, O God of Mercy



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 1

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

### Chorus 1

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes



## 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.**

## Days of Elijah

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

### Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

### Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)

# WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Assisting Minister :	Becky Suchomel
Reader:	Lyn Nore
Acolyte	Lily Havlik

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 this 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 - next Sunday – we will 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. Remember: **Wear red next week for Pentecost!**

**THE 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.

**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** 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

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** meets in two annual sessions – one in the fall and one in the winter - for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade faith formation and fellowship. Classes in our winter/spring session have wrapped up. Confirmation Sunday is today!

**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](mailto: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.

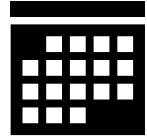
**MEN'S GROUP** hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

**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 21

- Worship, 9:30am, Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under.
- Carmel Pride, 1:30pm

Monday, May 22

- BSA Scout Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, May 23

- Peace of Mind Workshop, 9am at church (in place of our regular Seasoned Believers gathering)
- New Bible Study, 7pm (The Redemption of Creation)

Wednesday, May 24

- Wednesday Bible Study, 1pm. (Acts 2:1-21, Numbers 11:24-30, John 7:37-39)
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, May 25

Friday, May 26

Saturday May 27

Sunday, May 28

- Pentecost Sunday Worship, 9:30am – please wear red for worship!  
Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- *Reader Andy Clark; Acolyte: Kinzi Jones*

**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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