

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



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday, May 7, 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 1

Through every battle  
Through every heartbreak  
Through every  
circumstance  
I believe that You are my  
fortress  
Oh You are my portion  
You are my hiding place  
Oh I believe You are

#### Chorus 1

The Way the Truth the Life  
I believe You are  
The Way the Truth the Life  
I believe (You are)

### The Way

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

#### Verse 2

Through every blessing  
Through every promise  
Through every breath I take  
I believe that You are  
provider  
You are protector  
You are the One I love  
I believe You are

#### Bridge

It's a new horizon  
And I'm set on You  
And You meet me here  
today  
With mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay  
long  
(When I'm here with You)  
(When I believe You are)



## 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 - er - more!

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

*Refrain*  
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

*Refrain*  
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.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16. The refrain (**R**) is from verse 31:

*Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

C: **Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me;  
 make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength. R**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.” **R**



## Second Reading

**1 Peter 2:1-17**

A Reading from First Peter:

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. <sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup> Conduct yourselves honorably among the gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

<sup>13</sup> For the Lord's sake be subject to every human authority, whether to the emperor as supreme <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. <sup>16</sup> As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

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 14:1-14**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Gospel Acclamation



## Sermon



## Song of the Day

### Verse 1

You are here moving in our  
 midst  
 I worship You I worship You  
 You are here rearranging  
 destinies  
 I worship You I worship You  
 You are here turning lives  
 around  
 I worship You I worship You  
 You are here working  
 miracles  
 I worship You I worship  
 You

## Way Maker

(V1, C, V2, Cx2)

### Verse 2

You are here touching every heart  
 I worship You I worship You  
 You are here healing every life  
 I worship You I worship You  
 You are here turning lives around  
 I worship You I worship You  
 You are here mending every heart  
 I worship You I worship You

### Chorus 1

Way maker miracle worker  
 Promise keeper light in darkness  
 That is who You are  
 Way maker miracle worker  
 Promise keeper light in darkness  
 That is who You are

*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](https://www.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.

## 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.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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.*

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*



# Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

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



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

## *Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.



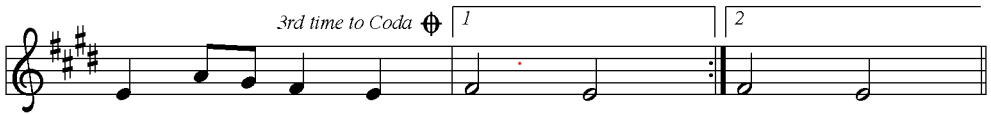
# Praise to You, O God of Mercy



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 Father's house  
 There are many many rooms  
 In my Father's house  
 There are many many rooms  
 And I'm going up there now  
 To prepare a place for you  
 That where I am there you may also  
 be

### Verse 2

If I go prepare a place for you  
 I will come back again  
 If I go prepare a place for you  
 I will come back again  
 You know I am the Way  
 The Truth the Life  
 Keep My command  
 That where I am you may also be

### Chorus

That where I am there you may also be  
 Up where the truth  
 The truth will set you free  
 In the world you will have trouble  
 But I leave you My peace  
 That where I am there you may also be

## That Where I Am

(V1, V2, C, V3, V4, Cx2)

### Verse 3

Remember you did not choose Me  
 No I have chosen you  
 Remember you did not choose Me  
 No I have chosen you  
 The world will show you hatred  
 The Spirit show you truth  
 That where I am there you may also  
 be

### Verse 4

I've come down from the Father  
 Time for Me to go back up  
 Oh I've come down from the Father  
 Time for Me to go back up  
 One command I leave you  
 Love as I have loved  
 That where I am there you may also  
 be



## 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:	Charles Studer
Acolyte	Colin Studer

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

**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, May 13, at 8am. 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 5 on May 13.

**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 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](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.

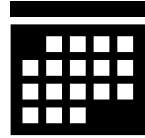
**MEN'S GROUP** hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

**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 7

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

Monday, May 8

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

Tuesday, May 9

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- New Bible Study, 7pm (A Living Hope & a Non-perishable Inheritance)

Wednesday, May 10

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Wednesday Bible Study, 1pm. (Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:113-22, John 14:15-21)
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, May 11

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Design Build Meeting, 6:30pm

Friday, May 12

Saturday May 13

- Men's Group, 8am

Sunday, May 14

- Worship, 9:30am Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- *Reader: Jeff Papke; 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.*



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