



VBS Preview Sunday

Sunday, 4 June 2023

The People of New Joy, Ministers

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The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor

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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.



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](https://tithely.com), 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



Opening Prayer



Opening Song

Chorus

Leader: Listen

All:

**listen God is calling,
through the Word
inviting,
offering forgiveness,
comfort and joy.**

Verse 1

*Leader: Jesus gave His
mandate*

All:

Share the good news

*Leader: that He came to save
us*

All: and set us free



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.

Listen, God is Calling

(Cx2, V1, Cx2, V2, Cx2, V3, Cx2)

Verse 2

Leader: Let none be forgotten

All: throughout the world

*Leader: in the triune name of
God*

All: go and baptize

Verse 3

*Leader: Help us to be
faithful,*

All: standing steadfast,

*Leader: walking in you
precepts,*

All: led by your Word.



Kyrie

Dm C F Gm Dm C Am

Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son Lord, have mer - cy on us

Dm C F Gm Dm C

⁵ Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son Christ have mer - cy

F Gm Dm A Dm/B^b Dm

⁸ Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy on us.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD



Children's Message



First Reading

Exodus 18:13-23

A Reading from Exodus:

¹³ The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. ¹⁴ When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, “What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?”

¹⁵ Moses answered him, “Because the people come to me to seek God’s will. ¹⁶ Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God’s decrees and instructions.”

¹⁷ Moses’ father-in-law replied, “What you are doing is not good. ¹⁸ You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. ¹⁹ Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people’s representative before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰ Teach them his decrees and instructions, and show them the way they are to live and how they are to behave. ²¹ But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. ²² Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. ²³ If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied.”

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Second Reading

Romans 14:13-19

A Reading from Romans:

¹³ Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. ¹⁴ I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as

unclean, then for that person it is unclean. ¹⁵ If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, ¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval. ¹⁹ Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 1:35-51

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹ “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter)

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” ⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel Acclamation

Sermon





Song of the Day

Verse 1

La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la, La-la-la-la-la-la

La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la, La-la-la-la-la-la

The first shall be last, the last shall be first

That's what he says

Love your enemy (even when it hurts)

That's what he says

Pre-Chorus

Cause heroes are called to sacrifice

Serve the Giver of Life

And in the end it's worth the price

To be more like Jesus

La-la-la-la-la

If U Wanna Be a Hero

(V1, PC, C, V2, PC, C, B, C)

Chorus

If you wanna be a hero,
First you have to learn to follow

Every word Jesus speaks

Listen carefully

If you wanna be a hero, oh

If you wanna be a hero

First you have to learn to follow

Every minute, every day

Let Jesus lead the way

If you wanna be a hero, oh

Verse 2

La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la, La-la-la-la-la-la

La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la, La-la-la-la-la-la

Deny yourself and take up your cross

That's what he says

Seek me first with all of your heart

That's what he says

Bridge

Oh there's no goin' solo

When you're a superhero

Can't do it on your own no

When you're a superhero (2X)

La-la-la-la-la

Repeat Chorus

La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la, La-la-la-la-la-la

La-la-la-la-la-la-la-la, La-la-la-la-la-la

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.



Mission Statement

A: Let us join 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.



Prayers of the Church

*Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer petition concludes with, "God, in your mercy."
The response is, "Hear our prayer."*

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://tithe.ly), our giving platform.



Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be fed with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C; We lift them 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:



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

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

P: ...As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we share in the mystery and promise of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**



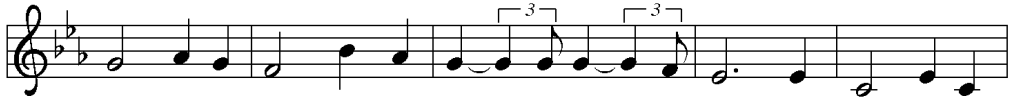
Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Beautiful

Verse 1

I see Your face in ev'ry sunrise
The colors of the morning
 are inside Your eyes
The world awakens in the
 light of the day
I look up to the sky and say
You're beautiful

Verse 2

I see Your power in the moonlit night
Where planets are in motion and
 galaxies are bright
We are amazed in the light of the stars
It's all proclaiming who You are
You're beautiful

Verse 3

I see You there hanging on a tree
You bled and then You died
And then You rose again for me
Now You are sitting on Your heavenly
 throne
Soon we will be coming home
You're beautiful

Verse 4

When we arrive at eternity's shore
Where death is just a memory and
 tears are no more
We'll enter in as the wedding bells
 ring
Your bride will come together and
 we'll sing
You're beautiful



Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



Travel Blessing

During these summer months we pause at the end of worship to bless any who are traveling in the coming week.

P: O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our home-comings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh
 Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh
 Brother do you need a helping hand?
 Sister do you need someone who'll
 stand by you?

Pre-Chorus

Peace sweet peace is what the world
 needs
 And I know the only place it comes
 from
 Peace sweet peace is what our hearts
 need
 Only one place to find some
 Can you buy it off a shelf? (No no)
 Can you keep it to yourself? (No no)
 Can you hide it once it finds its way
 into your soul?

Chorus

Let's strive for the things that bring

Let's Strive

(V1, PC, Cx2, V2, PC, C, Bx2, Cx3, E)

peace
 Things that build up are the things
 that we need
 Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh

Verse 2

Sister do you need a shoulder now?
 Brother I will be there when your
 world falls down

Bridge

Peace
 We need it yeah we really do
 Peace comes from God
 And flows through me and you
 Oh-oh, oh-oh-oh, oh-oh-oh

Ending

Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh
 Oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh



Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. Share the harvest of God's bounty.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Today's Worship Leaders:

Assisting Minister : Naaman Duckworth
Reader: Kyle Blakely
Acolyte

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

Assisting Minister: Cana Duckworth
Reader: Becky Suchomel
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 Friday, June 9, at 6pm for our first cookout of the summer. Glenn will be cooking pizzas, guys should bring a side. Questions? Check in with Tony, Wes, or Glenn.

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 7th and 8th grade faith formation and fellowship. Classes in our winter/spring session have wrapped up.

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.

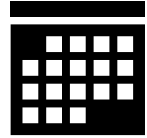
MEN'S GROUP hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. During the summer they host a few cookouts. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

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, June 4

- Worship, 9:30am, Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under.
- VBS Sneak Peek, 10:30am

Monday, June 5

- BSA Scout Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, June 6

- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield

Wednesday, June 7

- Wednesday Bible Study, 1pm. (Hosea 5:15--6:6 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26)
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, June 8

Friday, June 9

- Men's Group, 6pm

Saturday June 10

- 9:30am-1pm, Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly

Sunday, June 11

- Worship, 9:30am Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- VBS Volunteer Meeting, 10:30 am
- Carmel Pride, 1:30pm

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).