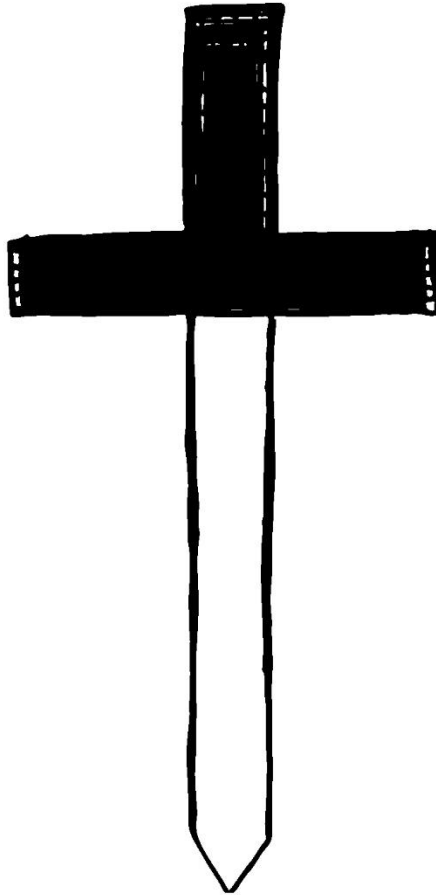


Not Peace but a Sword



21st Sunday before Christ the King
Sunday, July 2, 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.



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://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

Opening Prayer



Opening Song

Verse

Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in
His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He
is love

Chorus 1

Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord

(V1, C, V2, C, E)

Chorus 2

Great are You Lord
And worthy of glory
Great are You Lord
And worthy of praise
Great are You Lord
I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice
Great are You Lord

Ending

Great are You Lord
Great are You Lord
Great are You Lord
Great are You Lord



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.



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.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

WORD



Children's Message



First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

A Reading from Jeremiah:

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
 praise the LORD!
 For he has delivered the life of the needy
 from the hands of evildoers.

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Refrain
 Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
 Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

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ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
 of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
 1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
 2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
 3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
 that he came to save us and set us free.
 In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
 walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.



Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon



Song of the Day

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)

*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 stay 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://www.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. This version of the Sanctus, set in a language foreign to many of us, gives us a sense of the otherworldliness of God's sacred presence.



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.

I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing



1 I'm goin' - a sing when the Spir - it says sing. I'm goin' - a
 2 I'm goin' - a pray when the Spir - it says pray. I'm goin' - a
 3 I'm goin' - a moan when the Spir - it says moan. I'm goin' - a
 4 I'm goin' - a shout when the Spir - it says shout. I'm goin' - a



sing when the Spir-it says sing. I'm goin' -a sing when the Spir-it says
 pray when the Spir-it says pray. I'm goin' -a pray when the Spir-it says
 moan when the Spir-it says moan. I'm goin' -a moan when the Spir-it says
 shout when the Spir-it says shout. I'm goin' -a shout when the Spir-it says



sing, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.
 pray, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.
 moan, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.
 shout, and o - bey the Spir - it of the Lord.



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

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

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



- 1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



- Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



- sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.



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 :	Kristen Abbey
Reader:	Stephanie Blocksom
Acolyte	Anthony Abbey

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Kristen Abbey</i>
<i>Reader:</i>	<i>Sylvia Lux</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>Jane Abbey</i>

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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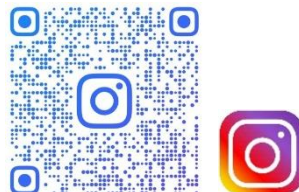
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 & INSTAGRAM

These QR codes take you to our pages - @newjoy on Facebook, and @newjoywestfield on Instagram. On Facebook, we also have a private group. Search for “New Joy Partners” to join our group.



WORSHIP NOTES

JULY 4TH WEEKEND MUSIC? Worship music always serves the Gospel and proclaims the Good News. Music facilitates the congregation's praise and inspires our worship of God. Patriotic music, while good and wonderful, does not have worship as its purpose or God as its center. Patriotic music that inspires a shared national identity and lifts up liberty and freedom are perfect for civic celebrations in the town square. The church prays for our country during worship every week, and in special ways around national holidays. Lutherans, especially, are cautious about patriotic themes in worship, as only a few generations ago many Lutheran congregations in Germany tacitly or explicitly fell under the sway of governmental influence, becoming extensions of an unholy and evil ideology that was rooted in a twisted national allegiance rather than in the self-giving humility of Christ.

ABOUT THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Listen, God is Calling* is an anonymous Swahili hymn from Kenya that Howard S. Olson translated into English. Olson says he heard it sung at a graduation in a theological extension program at Ol Doinyo Sambu, where Lutherans and Catholics work together. He taped it, notated it, and wrote to the priest who had sung the leader's part, Father Frans Lammers, to find its source. Lammers told him to write to the Catholic Senior Seminary at Kilalapala. They wrote back and said, "Ask the Lutherans." On May 18, 1995, at St Anne Church in Ruskin, Florida, he met Monsignor Augustine Ndeukoya, a Catholic Chagga priest. Ndeukoya recognized the Swahili text and told Olson it had been composed in Kenya. Olson says it was sung in Tanzania before the reading of the gospel. At the third stanza the people stood when the words in Swahili literally says, "Let us all stand, let us all stand, let us hear the word of salvation."

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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 (on summer hiatus) 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.

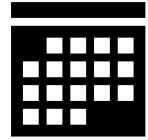
MEN'S GROUP hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. During the summer they host a few cookouts. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

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, July 2

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

Monday, July 3

Tuesday, July 4

- Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

- Joyful Girls Dinner, 6pm
- Scouts in Pavilion, 6:30pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, July 6

- Radical Welcome Core Team, 8pm

Friday, July 7

Saturday July 8

Sunday, July p

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

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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).