

# The Sower Scattering Seeds



19<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christ the King  
Sunday, July 16, 2023

## **The People of New Joy, Ministers**

The Rev Amanda Ghaffarian, Presiding Pastor

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://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

### Verse 1

Light of the world  
You stepped down into  
    darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with  
    You

### Chorus 1

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that  
You're my God  
And You're altogether  
    lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me



## 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.**

## Here I am to Worship

(V1, C, V2, B, C)

### Verse 2

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

### Bridge

And I'll never know how much it  
    cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it  
    cost  
To see my sin upon that cross



## 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

<sup>5</sup> Ky - ri - e E - le - i - son Christ have mer - cy

F Gm Dm A Dm/B<sup>b</sup> Dm

<sup>8</sup> Lord have mer - cy Christ have mer - cy on us.



## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## WORD



## Children's Message



## First Reading

## Isaiah 55:10-13

A Reading from Isaiah:

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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,

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

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2

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 13:1-9, 18-23**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

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

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## **Gospel Acclamation**



## **Sermon**



## Song of the Day

### Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
 Worthy of all the praise we could ever  
 bring  
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever  
 breathe

We live for You

### Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
 Jesus the only one who could ever save  
 Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever  
 breathe

We live for You

We live for You

## Build My Life

(V1, V2, C, V1, V2, Cx2, Bx2, Cx2, Bx3)

### Chorus 1

Holy there is no one like You  
 There is none beside You  
 Open up my eyes in wonder and show  
 me who You are  
 And fill me with Your heart  
 And lead me in Your love to those  
 around me

### Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love  
 It is a firm foundation  
 I will put my trust in You alone  
 And I will not be shaken

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*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 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.**



## 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. 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.**



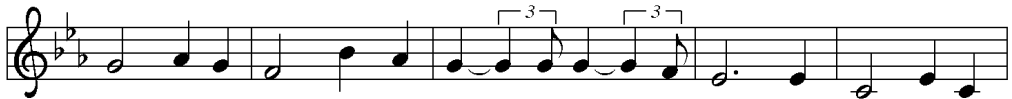
## Lord's Supper *(please be seated)*

*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.

## Come to the Table of Grace

### Verse 1

Come to the table of grace.  
Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or  
mine.  
Come to the table of grace.

### Verse 2

Come to the table of peace.  
Come to the table of peace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or  
mine.  
Come to the table of peace.

### Verse 3

Come to the table of love.  
Come to the table of love.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or  
mine.  
Come to the table of love.

### Verse 4

Come to the table of hope.  
Come to the table of hope.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or  
mine.  
Come to the table of hope.

### Verse 5

Come to the table of joy.  
Come to the table of joy.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or  
mine.  
Come to the table of joy.



### **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

Come set Your rule and  
 reign  
 In our hearts again  
 Increase in us we pray  
 Unveil why we're made  
 Come set our hearts ablaze  
 with hope  
 Like wildfire in our very  
 souls  
 Holy Spirit come invade us  
 now  
 We are Your church  
 We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first  
 We hunger and we thirst  
 Refuse to waste our lives  
 For You're our joy and prize  
 To see the captives' hearts  
 released  
 The hurt the sick the poor  
 at peace  
 We lay down our lives for  
 heaven's cause  
 We are Your church  
 We pray revive this earth

## **Build Your Kingdom Here**

(V1, V2, C, V3, Cx2)

### Chorus 1

Build Your kingdom here  
 Let the darkness fear  
 Show Your mighty hand  
 Heal our streets and land  
 Set Your church on fire  
 Win this nation back  
 Change the atmosphere  
 Build Your kingdom here we pray

### Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r  
 Reaching the near and far  
 No force of hell can stop  
 Your beauty changing hearts  
 You made us for much more than  
 this  
 Awake the kingdom seed in us  
 Fill us with the strength and love of  
 Christ  
 We are Your church  
 We are the hope on earth



## **Dismissal**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# WORSHIP LEADERS

**WE WELCOME THE REV. AMANDA GHAFFARIAN**, Indiana University Lutheran Campus Minister, among us to proclaim the Gospel and administer the Sacrament this day. Pastor Amanda joined us last summer, and we are thrilled to have her back. Please extend a warm welcome to Pastor Amanda, even if you are a Purdue loyalist. 😊

*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:	Greg Platt
Acolyte	Anthony Abbey

## **Next Week's Worship Leaders:**

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Kristen Abbey</i>
<i>Reader:</i>	<i>Shawna Harouff</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>Kinzi Jones</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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## SPECIAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

Pastor Dave Schreiber (retired from Resurrection Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, and “Pastor of Record” during Pastor Chris’ deployment overseas) is hosting an informational travel presentations on his spring 2024 tour “Greece: In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul.”

Saturday, July 29th 11:00am - Cross & Crown Lutheran Church, 5233 East 79th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250 (just off of Allisonville Road, near I-465)

The tour dates are April 30 to May 10, 2024 and include a 3-nite Mediterranean cruise to Greek islands and Ephesus in Turkey. Air is inclusive from Indianapolis with an option for a 3-day extension in Rome.

Pastor Schreiber has led tours on Luther and the Reformation in Germany, the Oberammergau Passion Play, and Christmas Markets on the Danube. For more information contact Pr. Schreiber at 317-919-4056 or [prdaveschreiber@gmail.com](mailto:prdaveschreiber@gmail.com).

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FAMILY PROMISE OF HAMILTON COUNTY** continues to do amazing work supporting families at risk of homelessness, even as it has moved away from the model of providing temporary shelter for homeless families in church buildings. Come meet some of our “alumni” families and learn more about Family Promise at their first-ever **Family Promise Family Reunion** on **Sunday, July 23, 1pm-3pm** at Forest Park (shelter #5) in Noblesville. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris.

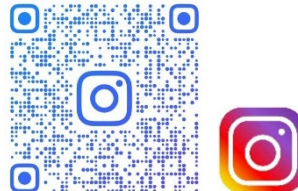
**YOUTH GATHERING & CONFIRMATION MINISTRY** The school year – and here at church, the program year – resumes next month! On **Sunday, August 13**, following worship, we will have an information session for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans (youth completing 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade next spring are eligible). That evening, we will have our first Confirmation Class of the year (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders). Want to invite a friend or neighbor to Confirmation Class or to the Youth Gathering? Think about it, pray about it, talk with Pastor Chris or Pastor Jessicah.

**COFFEE HOUR** is shifting to a monthly celebration, on the first Sunday of the month. Additional coffee hours will be shared on special occasions.

## UPCOMING KEY DATES:

July 23            Family Promise Family Reunion, Noblesville  
August 6            VBS Volunteer Appreciation Cookout and Post-Game Analysis, Duckworth home  
August 13            ELCA Youth Gathering interest session  
August 13            Confirmation Ministry Kick-Off  
August 28/29        First Day of New Joy Preschool Classes

**NEW JOY IS ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM** These QR codes take you to our pages - @newjoy on your Facebook app, and @newjoywestfield on your Instagram app. On Facebook, we also have a private group. Search 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. Pastor Jessicah Duckworth is our Confirmation Ministry coordinator.

**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 (on July hiatus). 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.

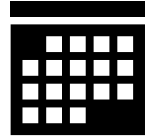
**MEN'S GROUP** hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. During the summer they host a few cookouts. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

**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 16

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

Monday, July 17

Tuesday, July 18

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

Wednesday, July 19

- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, July 20

- Office Closed
- Westfield Pride, 6pm
- Radical Welcome Core Team, 8pm

Friday, July 21

Saturday July 22

Sunday, July 23

- Worship, 9:30am Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- Family Promise Family Reunion Event, 1pm, @ Forest Park Shelter #5

**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).*