

The Sower Scattering Seeds



18th Sunday before Christ the King
Sunday, July 23, 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://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

Wonderful so wonderful is
Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken
 mercy over me
No eye has seen no ear has
 heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful
You are

Chorus 1

Beautiful One I love You
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must
 sing



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.

Beautiful One

(V1, C, V2, C, Bx2, C)

Verse 2

Powerful so powerful Your glory
 fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for
 all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes
 my heart to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You
 are

Bridge

You opened my eyes to Your
 wonders anew
You captured my heart with this
 love
'Cause nothing on earth is as
 beautiful as 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.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD



Children's Message



First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

A Reading from Isaiah:

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon



Song of the Day

Love Divine All Loves Excelling



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

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, 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)*

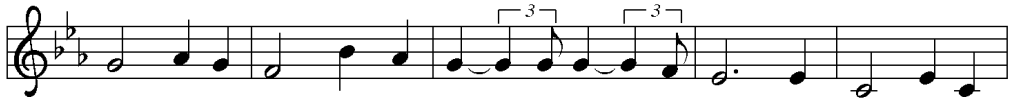
All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.



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.

As the Grains of Wheat



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



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.



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

You are the Holy (Prince of Peace)

Verse

You are holy (*You are holy*)

You are mighty (*You are mighty*)

You are worthy (*You are worthy*)

Worthy of praise (*worthy of praise*)

I will follow (*I will follow*)

I will listen (*I will listen*)

I will love You (*I will love You*)

All of my days (*all of my days*)

Chorus part 2 (Low Voices)

I will sing to and worship

The King who is worthy

And I will love and adore Him

And I will bow down before Him

And I will sing to and worship

The King who is worthy

And I will love and adore Him

And I will bow down before Him

You're my Prince of Peace

And I will live my life for You

Chorus part 1 (High Voices)

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings

You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything

You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am

You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb

You're the living God You're my saving

grace

You will reign forever You are Ancient of

Days

You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End

You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and

Friend

You're my Prince of Peace

And I will live my life for You



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:

Shawna Harouff

Acolyte

Kinzi Jones

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

Assisting Minister:

Kristen Abbey

Reader:

Alexa Helm

Acolyte:

Jane Abbey

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.

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 TODAY Sunday, July 23, 1pm-3pm** at Forest Park (shelter #5) in Noblesville. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris.

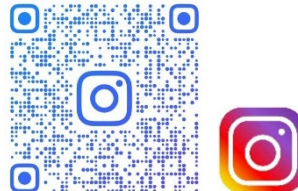
YOUTH GATHERING & CONFIRMATION MINISTRY The school year – and here at church, the program year – resumes next month! On **Sunday, August 13**, following worship, we will have an information session for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans (youth completing 8th-12th grade next spring are eligible). That evening, we will have our first Confirmation Class of the year (7th and 8th 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 7th and 8th 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.

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.

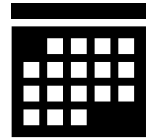
MEN'S GROUP hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. During the summer they host a few cookouts. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

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 23

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

Monday, July 24

- BSA Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, July 25

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

Wednesday, July 26

- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, July 27

- Ministry Board Meeting, 7pm

Friday, July 28

Saturday July 29

- Footsteps of Paul Greece Trip Information Session, 11am, Cross & Crown Lutheran Church, 5233 E 79th St

Sunday, July 30

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

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).