

# Outsiders Brought In



14<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Christ the King  
Sunday, August 20, 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**

**Above All**

Verse 1

Above all powers above all kings  
Above all nature and all created things  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of  
man  
You were here before the world began

Verse 2

Above all kingdoms above all thrones  
Above all wonders the world has ever  
known  
Above all wealth and treasures of the  
earth  
There's no way to measure  
What You're worth

Chorus 1

Crucified laid behind the stone  
You lived to die rejected and alone  
Like a rose trampled on the ground  
You took the fall and thought of me  
Above all



**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

<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.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# WORD



## Children's Message



## Back to School Blessing



## First Reading

**Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

R: A reading from Isaiah:

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>2</sup> Happy is the mortal who does this,  
the one who holds it fast,  
who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it,  
and refrains from doing any evil.

<sup>3</sup> Do not let the foreigner joined to the LORD say,  
“The LORD will surely separate me from his people,”  
and do not let the eunuch say,  
“I am just a dry tree.”

<sup>4</sup> For thus says the LORD:  
To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths,  
who choose the things that please me  
and hold fast my covenant,

<sup>5</sup> I will give, in my house and within my walls,  
a monument and a name  
better than sons and daughters;  
I will give them an everlasting name  
that shall not be cut off.

<sup>6</sup> And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,

all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar,  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.<sup>1</sup>

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.

1      2

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two lines of music. The first line contains the first two phrases of the acclamation. The second line contains the final phrase, which includes a double bar line and two first endings (marked 1 and 2) leading to a final cadence.

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 15:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

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

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



## Gospel Acclamation



## Sermon



## Song of the Day Lord Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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, "Hear us, O God." The response is, "Your mercy is great."*



## Sharing the Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us.



## Announcements & Offering

*As part of our acts of worship we share select activities and opportunities from our life together. We collect an offering for the work of New Joy and of the partners we support locally and beyond. This QR code takes you to Tithe.ly, 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)*

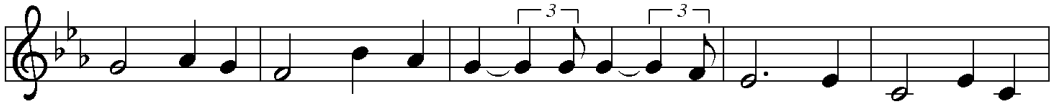
*All are welcome to the communion feast, for our Lord is host and gives himself to all who desire to receive. Those not receiving Holy Communion are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing or remain in their seats in prayer. Come, let us eat and drink at the table of the Lord.*



## 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.

## One Bread, One Body

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.



1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,  
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



*Refrain*

wom-an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.



### 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.

# 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

## My Lighthouse

*(V1, V2, C, V3, C, B, C)*

### Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

### Bridge

Fire before us  
You're the brightest  
You will lead us  
Through the storms (hey)  
(REPEAT 3X)

### Chorus 1

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore



## **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 :

Norm Springer

Reader:

Libby Dissauer

Acolyte

Anthony Abbey

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

*Assisting Minister:*

*Norm Springer*

*Reader:*

*Miranda Verik*

*Acolyte:*

*Jane Abbey*

*NOTE: Next week, August 13, we will not have nursery care available.*

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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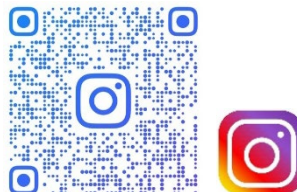
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.



## UPCOMING KEY DATES:

August 28/29 First Day of New Joy Preschool Classes

**COFFEE HOUR** is shared on the first Sunday of the month, and on other special occasions. If you would like to help out with Coffee Hour, please reach out to Kristi Kittilstved.



## CHRISTMAS CONVERSATION

Pastor Chris invites you to a conversation following worship on **Sunday, August 27**. The topic? Christmas! This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, which presents some interesting challenges – and opportunities – for New Joy. Morning worship? Evening worship? Worship on an earlier date? Please join us for a shared conversation with one another about how we might come together to worship this Christmas season.

## ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

The ELCA Youth Gathering is a 5 day mountaintop experience of faith for high school youth. Held in New Orleans next July, it brings together over 20,000 Lutheran youth and adults for amazing worship, fun and games, service, learning, and more. All youth in grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. Deadline for discounted registration is October 15. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris, and search for ELCA Youth Gathering online and on your socials.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Mark your calendars – we have a family movie night scheduled for Saturday, September 16. starting at 6pm. We'll watch **Toy Story 2** and share a kid-friendly dinner together (menu TBD). Pastor Chris will talk briefly about how “secular” movies such as Toy Story 2 can teach us about God’s love ... *if we know where to look*. RSVP / sign-ups will be available starting next week.

# 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 fall session began Sunday, August 13. 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. 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.

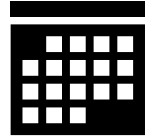
**MEN'S GROUP** hosts breakfasts and Bible Studies about twice/month on Saturday mornings at 8am. During the summer they host a few cookouts. Questions? Contact Tony Trullinger or Wes Harouff.

**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, 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, August 20

- Worship, 9:30am,
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- Westfield Pride, 1pm
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

Monday, August 21

- BSA Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

- Bible Study, 1pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, August 24

- Preschool playdate, 9:30am
- Ministry Board meeting, 6:30pm

Friday, August 25

- Preschool Open House, 10am

Saturday, August 26

Sunday, August 27

- Worship, 9:30am
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- Christmas Conversation, 10:30am
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

**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).*