



11th Sunday before Christ the King

Sunday, September 10, 2023

The People of New Joy, Ministers

The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor

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Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Welcome to worship at New Joy Lutheran Church. We are blessed by your presence among us today. This bulletin contains the outline and words for worship this morning.



New to New Joy? If you'd like to get in touch with the Pastor, be added to our email list, share a prayer request, or more, simply fill out one of the welcome/prayer cards in (most of) the seatback pockets and set it in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or leave it on the counter in the church office.



Little children are always welcome – even and especially when they're a little noisy! We welcome children to worship God by toddling around, playing with toys, shaking tambourines, babbling and singing, and coming to the Lord's Table.

If little ones get too noisy during spoken parts of the service – the reading of Scripture, the sermon, or prayers – please try to quiet them or take them into the hallway for a moment to calm down. Thank you!

Our **nursery** is also available most Sundays for **children aged 5 and under**.



Holy Communion: At our Lord's Table Jesus gives his own body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and intimacy of his promised presence with us. All who desire to receive our Lord are welcome. Communion is shared with bread (a wafer) and cup (grape juice). If you're uncertain about receiving or how to receive, don't hesitate to ask pastor when you come forward. You are welcome to receive a blessing or to receive the sacrament, as you feel led by the Spirit.

The Ministry Board is New Joy's governing council. If you have any questions about our ministry, or seek to become more involved, please reach out to one of these members or to Pastor Chris.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Becky Suchomel	President	January 2025
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GATHERING



Prelude

Opening Prayer



Opening Song

10,000 Reasons

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

Chorus 1

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day
dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening
comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to
anger
Your name is great and Your heart is
kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on
singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to
find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is
failing
The end draws near and my time has
come
Still my soul will sing Your praise
unending
Ten thousand years and then
forevermore

Ending

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name



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

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.



Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD



Children's Message

Scripture Prayer

R: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.



First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

R: A reading from Ezekiel:

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

R: Blessed are those who hear the word of God. *(Luke 11:28)*

C: Let us delight in the law of the LORD. *(Psalm 1:2)*



Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40

The Psalm is read responsively between the reader and congregation.

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**



Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

R: A reading from Romans:

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

R: Blessed are those who hear the word of God. (*Luke 11:28*)

C: Let us delight in the law of the LORD. (*Psalms 1:2*)



Gospel Acclamation

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart



Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



Gospel Acclamation

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart



Sermon



Song of the Day

Bind Us Together

(C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, C)

Chorus 1

Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with cords
That cannot be broken
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together Lord
Bind us together with love

Verse 1

There is only one God
There is only one King
There is only one body
That is why we can sing

Verse 2

Made for the glory of God
Purchased by His precious Son
Born with the right to be clean
For Jesus the vict'ry has won

Verse 3

You are the fam'ly of God
You are the promise divine
You are God's chosen desire
You are the glorious new wine

*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.



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



Prayers of the Church

Prayers of Intercession - Each prayer petition concludes with, "Merciful God." The response is, "Receive 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 mission 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 power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to this table,
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.

Em D G C Am D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Em D G C Am D

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

G C G/B Am rit. D

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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

P: ...As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**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.



God Extends an Invitation



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -



vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we



so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the



sí es la co - mu - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

As the Deer

(V1, C, V2, C, V3, C)

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Chorus 1

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Verse 2

You're my friend and You are my
brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Verse 3

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye

He Came Down

He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have
peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore.

He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore.

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to invite all the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

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

King of My Heart

Verse 1

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

Chorus

You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh

Verse 2

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

Bridge

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

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Dismissal

A: Go in Peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP NOTE: Today we start using all four of the Scripture readings assigned in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL is a schedule of readings shared by many historic protestant churches (Lutherans, Episcopalians, African Methodist Episcopal, United Methodists, Presbyterians, United Church of Christ, and more). The Old Testament text and the Psalm are chosen to complement the Gospel. The Epistle (Second Reading) includes selections from Romans, Philipians, 1 Thessalonians, and Ephesians this fall.

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 :	Alexa Helm
Reader:	Norm Springer
Acolyte:	Colin Studer

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Alexa Helm</i>
<i>Reader:</i>	<i>Becky Suchomel</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>Jane Abbey</i>
<i>Livestream Operator:</i>	<i>Phil Havlik</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.

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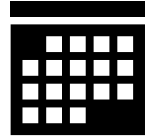
BIBLE PRESENTATIONS On Sunday, September 24 in worship we will present Bibles to 3 year olds, 3rd graders, and to anyone who would like a new Bible. We have a sign-up sheet in the church entranceway for anyone of any age who would like a Bible, or you can email Kim in the church office at office@newjoy.org. Please sign up by Tuesday, September 12, so we have time to place the orders.

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. 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 and how to look*. RSVP/sign-up on the clipboard in the entranceway, and/or email pastor@newjoy.org.

WESTFIELD PRIDE New Joy is participating in Westfield's first ever Pride Celebration on Saturday, September 30 at Asa Bales Park! We are looking for volunteers to work at our church booth, and Westfield Pride is looking for people to help with various support tasks as well. Check the church entranceway for a sign-up sheet to work at New Joy's booth. Contact Pastor Chris if you're interested in learning about Westfield Pride's other volunteer needs. Questions? Contact Gregg Platt, Morgan Studer, or Pastor Chris.

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. **Currently we have 13 New Joy people planning to attend!** Deadline for discounted registration is October 15. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris, and search for ELCA Youth Gathering online and on your socials.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, September 10

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

Monday, September 11

- Preschool, 9:30am
- BSA Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, September 12

- Preschool, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield

Wednesday, September 13

- Preschool, 9:30am
- Afternoon Bible Study, 1pm
- Evening Bible Study, 7pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday, September 14

- Preschool, 9:30am
- Westfield Pride, 6pm

Friday, September 15

- Preschool, 9:30am

Saturday, September 16

- Family Movie Night, 6pm

Sunday, September 17

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

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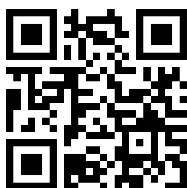
Extend a Radical Welcome We are a spirited community that strives to welcome, value, accept, and nurture all people wherever they are in their relationship with God. Since our founding in 2002, New Joy has been committed to welcoming people of all races, incomes, and expressions of the LGBTQIA+ community.

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.

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