



10th Sunday before Christ the King

Sunday, September 17, 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.

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GATHERING



Prelude

Opening Prayer



Opening Song

Instruments of Your Peace

(C, V1, C, V2, C)

Chorus

Lord make us instruments of Your peace
Where there is hatred let Your love increase
Lord make us instruments of Your peace
Walls of pride and prejudice shall cease
When we are Your instruments of peace

Verse 1

Where there is hatred we will sow His
love
Where there is injury we will never
judge
Where there is striving we will speak
His peace
To the people crying for release
We will be His instruments of peace

Verse 2

Where there is blindness we will pray
for sight
Where there is darkness we will shine
His light
Where there is sadness we will bear
their grief
To the millions crying for release
We will be His instruments of peace



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, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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

Genesis 50:15-21

R: A reading from Genesis:

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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 103:8-13

The Psalm is read responsively between the reader and congregation.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**
⁹you will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger forever.
¹⁰**You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**
¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.
¹²**As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**
¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.



Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

R: A reading from Romans:

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Verse 1

Ev'ryone needs compassion
 Love that's never failing
 Let mercy fall on me
 Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
 The kindness of a Saviour
 The hope of nations

Chorus 1

Saviour He can move the mountains
 My God is mighty to save
 He is mighty to save
 Forever Author of salvation
 He rose and conquered the grave
 Jesus conquered the grave

Mighty to Save

(V1, C, V2, C, B, C)

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
 All my fears and failures
 Fill my life again
 I give my life to follow
 Ev'rything I believe in
 Now I surrender

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world
 see
 We're singing
 For the glory of the risen King
 Jesus
 Shine your light and let the whole world
 see
 We're singing
 For the glory of the risen King

*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.

In the Singing

Verse 1

In the singing, in the silence,
in the hands expectant, open,
in the blessing, in the breaking,
in your presence at this table,

Verse 2

In the question, in the answer,
in the moment of acceptance,
in the heart's cry, in the healing,
in the circle of your people

Refrain

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the wine of grace;
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,
be the bread of peace.

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

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

My Lighthouse

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

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. God is at work in you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

WORSHIP NOTES

LITURGY IS ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE: Besides reading Scripture in worship, our prayers and songs themselves are rooted in Scripture verses and images. As space allows in our bulletin we'll share examples. This week's example: the Scripture Prayer asks God **that we might "inwardly digest" the holy scriptures**. There are at least *two* instances of scrolls of scripture being eaten (see Ezekiel 3:3 and Revelation 10:10), and Psalm 119:103 describes the sweet taste of God's words.

ALL THE READINGS: Last week we started using all four of the appointed Scripture readings from 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, Philippians, 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	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Alexa Helm	<i>Alexa Helm</i>
Reader	Becky Suchomel	<i>Greg Platt</i>
Acolyte	Jane Abbey	<i>Kinzi Jones</i>
Livestream Operator	Phil Havlik	<i>Naaman Duckworth</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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- None this week

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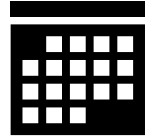
COFFEE HOUR is shared on the first Sunday of the month, and on other special occasions. If you would like to help out with Coffee Hour, please reach out to Kristi Kittilstved.

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. Sign-ups have closed, but if you have any questions please contact Pastor Chris or the church office. Thank you!

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 17

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

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

- Preschool, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- Band Rehearsal, 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

- Preschool, 9:30am

Friday, September 22

- Preschool, 9:30am

Saturday, September 23

Sunday, September 24

- Worship, 9:30am
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- Confirmation Class, 4pm
- Sharing Generously Meeting, 7pm

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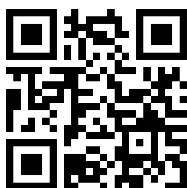
Extend a Radical Welcome We are a spirited community that strives to welcome, value, accept, and nurture all people wherever they are in their relationship with God. Since our founding in 2002, New Joy has been committed to welcoming people of all races, incomes, and expressions of the LGBTQIA+ community.

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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