



9th Sunday before Christ the King

Sunday, September 24, 2023

The People of New Joy, Ministers

The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor

Glenn Hoffman, Music Minister



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

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
consecrated

Lord to Thee

Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry power as You choose

Take My Life

(V1, V2, C, V3, C)

Chorus

Here am I all of me
Take my life it's all for Thee

Verse 3

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
Take my love my Lord I pour
At Your feet its treasure store
Take myself and I will be
Ever only all for Thee



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.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD



Children's Message



Bible Presentation



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

Jonah 3:10--4:11

R: A reading from Jonah:

¹⁰When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

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*)



Psalm

Psalm 145:1-8

The Psalm is read responsively between the reader and congregation.

¹I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.

²**Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

³Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**



Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-30

R: A reading from Philippians:

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has

graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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*)



Gospel Acclamation

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



Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with

me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



Gospel Acclamation

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We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart



Sermon



Song of the Day

Verse 1

You give life You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope You restore ev'ry
heart that is broken
And great are You Lord

Chorus 1

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You
only

Great Are You Lord

(V, C, V, C, B, C)

Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your
praise
Our hearts will cry these bones will
sing
Great are You Lord
(REPEAT)

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, "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 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.

O Come to the Altar

(V1, C, V2, C, Bx2, V3)

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your
 sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of
 yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the
 well
Jesus is calling

Chorus 1

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and
 mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for
 joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Verse 3

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

He Came Down

Verse 1

He came down that we may have
 love; (Repeat 3 times)
hallelujah forevermore.

Verse 2

He came down that we may have
 light; (Repeat 3 times)
hallelujah forevermore.

Verse 3

He came down that we may have
 peace; (Repeat 3 times)
hallelujah forevermore.

Verse 4

He came down that we may have joy;
(Repeat 3 times)
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

Chorus

Let everything that has breath praise
the Lord

Let everything that has breath praise
the Lord

Praise the Lord

With all of my heart

With all of my strength

With all that I have

I will sing

Let everything that has breath praise
the Lord

Verse 1

There is a river

That flows unrestrained from Your
heart

Canyons of mercy

So deep I could never depart

Let Everything (Praise the Lord)

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

Pre-Chorus

Father Your wonders are endless

Open my eyes to believe

Awake my soul

Verse 2

Morning by morning

Your faithfulness shines like the sun

Heaven's on fire

Alive with the brilliance of love

Bridge

With thanksgiving on our lips

We enter Your courts today

All our lives we freely give

Awaken my soul to praise



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. ***Kyrie Eleison***, which we sing every week, is an ancient Greek phrase that means, “Lord, have mercy.” Echoing cries for divine mercy throughout Scripture, “Kyrie eleison” became a standard prayer in the Christian liturgy from the earliest days of the church. See examples in Psalm 51, 123; Ezekiel 39; several healing stories in the Gospels, including Matthew 9, 20; Mark 10; Luke 18; and in several of the apocrypha texts, including Sirach 36.

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>Cana Duckworth</i>
Reader	Greg Platt	<i>Gail Castle</i>
Acolyte	Kinzi Jones	<i>Anthony Abbey</i>
Livestream Operator	Naaman Duckworth	<i>Rich Kittilstved</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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COFFEE HOUR is shared on the first Sunday of the month, and on other special occasions. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please reach out to Kristi Kittilstved.

NEW JOY T-SHIRT orders should arrive this week. Once they arrive a notice will go out via the *News to Know* email and the New Joy Facebook Partners group.

MEN'S GROUP is kicking off its 2023-24 year this Saturday at 8am. Join us for breakfast and Bible Study. Materials are available in the entranceway!

WESTFIELD PRIDE is this Saturday, September 30 at Asa Bales Park! **Pastor Chris is speaking at 2:10pm**, right at the beginning of the event. Come hear Pastor Chris, hang out for a bit at the New Joy booth, and meet some of our neighbors at this community festival. Park at the high school and walk across Hoover Street to Asa Bales. Want to work at our booth and greet people with the love of Christ? Reach out to Greg Platt or Pastor Chris.

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING check-in meeting is next Sunday, October 1, following worship. Pastor Chris will share updated information on the event and financials and be ready to answer your questions.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, September 24

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

Monday, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

- Preschool, 9:30am
- Ministry Board Meeting, 6:30pm

Friday, September 29

- Preschool, 9:30am

Saturday, September 30

- Men's Group, 8am
- Westfield Pride 2pm-7pm (Pastor Chris speaks at 2:10pm)

Sunday, October 1

- Worship, 9:30am
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under
- ELCA Youth Gathering check-in meeting, following worship
- 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.

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