



Sharing Generously Sunday
2nd Sunday before Christ the King
Sunday, November 12, 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

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow
Oh oh oh

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love
How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow (You)

I Will Follow

(Intro, V1, C, Inter, V2, C, Inter, B, Cx2, E)

Interlude

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Verse 2

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Bridge

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah



Apostolic Greeting

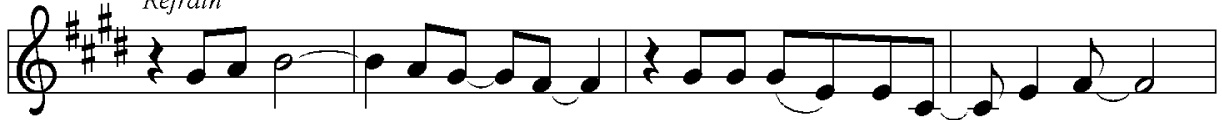
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of Holy Spirit be with you all.

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 God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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

Amos 5:18-24

R: A reading from Amos:

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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*)



Psalmody

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20

The Psalm is read responsively between the reader and congregation.

¹²Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.

¹³**She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.**

¹⁴One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate.

¹⁵**To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,**

¹⁶because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

¹⁷**The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction, and concern for instruction is love of wisdom,**

¹⁸and love of wisdom is the keeping of wise laws, and giving heed to wise laws is assurance of immortality,

¹⁹**and immortality brings one near to God;**

²⁰**so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.**



Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

R: A reading from First Thessalonians:

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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 25:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



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Sermon



Song of the Day

Take my life, that I may be

(C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, C, V4, C)

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise

Verse 1

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 3

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Verse 2

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Verse 4

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. Refrain

Giving from God's Goodness Response

We will pause after verse 2 of the Song of the Day to pray in thanksgiving for God's goodness to us, and ask God's blessings on the gifts we pledge for 2024. King David's own prayer will become our prayer to dedicate our gifts and pledges.

P: A reading from 1 Chronicles:

¹⁰ Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said, "Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.

¹¹ Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹² Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴ "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵ For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. ¹⁶ O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you search the heart and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people who are present here offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸ O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

C: Amen.

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 Intercession

Each prayer petition concludes:

A: God of grace,

C: 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 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 all goodness,
generations have turned to you,
gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.
Number us among them
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,
and give thanks for your rich blessings,
we may feast upon your very self
and care for all that you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

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

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

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.

Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.

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

Come set Your rule and reign
 In our hearts again
 Increase in us we pray
 Unveil why we're made
 Come set our hearts ablaze with
 hope
 Like wildfire in our very souls
 Holy Spirit come invade us now
 We are Your church
 We need Your pow'r in us

Verse 2

We seek Your kingdom first
 We hunger and we thirst
 Refuse to waste our lives
 For You're our joy and prize
 To see the captives' hearts released
 The hurt the sick the poor at peace
 We lay down our lives for heaven's
 cause
 We are Your church
 We pray revive this earth

Build Your Kingdom Here

(V1, V2, C, V3, Cx2)

Chorus 1

Build Your kingdom here
 Let the darkness fear
 Show Your mighty hand
 Heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire
 Win this nation back
 Change the atmosphere
 Build Your kingdom here we pray

Verse 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
 Reaching the near and far
 No force of hell can stop
 Your beauty changing hearts
 You made us for much more than
 this
 Awake the kingdom seed in us
 Fill us with the strength and love of
 Christ
 We are Your church
 We are the hope on earth



Dismissal

A: Beloved of God,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord..

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP NOTES

LITURGY IS ROOTED IN SCRIPTURE: Besides reading Scripture in worship, much of the liturgy itself is rooted in Scripture verses and imagery. The ***Eucharistic Prayer*** said during the Holy Communion liturgy is patterned after prayers from the Old Testament that recall God’s mighty works of salvation.

A regular response within the Eucharistic Prayer is grounded in a direct quote from 1 Corinthians 11:26: “As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” The congregation responds to these words from Scripture with a refrain that announces Christ’s death, resurrection, and promised return: ***“Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.”***

WORSHIP LEADERS

We give thanks for all who give of themselves for service to God and to this community.

| | Today | Next Sunday |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Assisting Ministers | Kristi Kittilstved | <i>Gail Castle</i> |
| Reader | Sylvia Lux | <i>Kyle Blakley</i> |
| Acolyte | Jane Abbey | <i>Kinzi Jones</i> |
| Livestream Operator | Rich Kittilstved | <i>Rich Kittilstved</i> |

The band members are Glenn Hoffman, Jim Gregory, Karen Archbold.

The Altar Guild members are Kristi Kittilstved and Morgan Studer.

The Livestream team is Phil Havlik, Rich Kittilstved, Naaman Duckworth, and Lukas Fiur. The audio is run by Steve Castle.

Our nursery care provider is Anya Verik.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

MEN'S GROUP meets approximately every other Saturday at 8am for breakfast and Bible Study. We are studying parts of the Gospel of Mark using Professor Amy-Jill Levine's book, *The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News*, as our guide. Upcoming dates December 2, 16.

OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be shared in worship on Sunday, December 17, with rehearsals on Sundays November 26, December 3, December 10, following worship. All families with children from toddlers through sixth grade are encouraged to participate, and we need some of our teens to assist. Questions? Reach out to Stephanie Blocksom, Jenny Platt, Jessicah Duckworth, and/or Erin Bautista. Thank you!

OPEN DOORS HOLIDAY DONATIONS Open Doors has a record number of families needing help this year! Please consider donating some of the items on the Open Doors SignUpGenius list. People can also donate money to Open Doors! They will need to spend almost \$6000 on turkeys alone so their total for cold items normally runs around \$10,000. You can either go to www.opendoorswestfield.org or send a check to Open Doors, PO Box 196, Westfield, IN 46074.



SignupGenius Link



Amazon Wish List

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, November 12

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

Monday, November 13

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

Tuesday, November 14

- Preschool, 9:30am
- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- BSA Troops 1910 & 1920, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 15

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

Thursday, November 16

- Preschool, 9:30am
- Radical Welcome Meeting, 8pm via Zoom

Friday, November 17

- Preschool, 9:30am

Saturday, November 18

Sunday, November 19

- 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.

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