



Final Sunday before Christ the King

Sunday, November 19, 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
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GATHERING



Prelude

Opening Prayer



Opening Song

Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus 1

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

Days of Elijah

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

Verse 2

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the
harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Bridge

There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah (hey)



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.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, 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

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

R: A reading from Zephaniah:

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
“The LORD will not do good,

nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD’s wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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 90:1-12

The Psalm is read responsively between the reader and congregation.

¹Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and
the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**

³You turn us back to the dust and say,
“Turn back, O children of earth.”

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it
is past and like a watch in the night;**

⁵you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.

⁸**Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

⁹When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰**The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength
even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

¹¹Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹²**So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**



Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

R: A reading from First Thessalonians:

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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



P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



Gospel Acclamation



Sermon



Song of the Day

Way Maker

(V1, C, V2, Cx2)

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here rearranging destinies
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here turning lives around
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here working miracles
 I worship You I worship You

Verse 2

You are here touching every heart
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here healing every life
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here turning lives around
 I worship You I worship You
 You are here mending every heart
 I worship You I worship You

Chorus 1

Way maker miracle worker
 Promise keeper light in darkness
 That is who You are
 Way maker miracle worker
 Promise keeper light in darkness
 That is who You are

*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: Hear us, O God

C: 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](https://tithely.com), 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 - ni - ón; pues a - sí es la co - mu - ni - ón.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Christ Be Our Light

Verse 1

Longing for light, we wait in
darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy
people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Verse 2

Longing for peace, our world is
troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save
us.
Make us your living voice

Verse 3

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for
others,
shared until all are fed.

Verse 4

Longing for shelter, many are
homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering
others,
walls made of living stone.

Verse 5

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to
belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.

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

I'll Fly Away

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

Verse 1

Some glad morning when this life is
o'er

I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)

Chorus 1

I'll (fly away) fly away O glory
I'll (fly away) fly away (in the
morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)

Verse 2

When the shadows of this life have
grown

I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)
Like a bird from prison bars has
flown
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)

Verse 3

Just a few more weary days and
then
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll (fly away) fly away (fly away)



Dismissal

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

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	Next Sunday
Assisting Ministers	Gail Castle	<i>Gail Castle</i>
Reader	Kyle Blakley	<i>Shawna Harouff</i>
Acolyte	Kinzi Jones	<i>Anthony Abbey</i>
Livestream Operator	Rich Kittilstved	<i>Naaman Duckworth</i>

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

The Altar Guild members are Kristi Kittilstved & Morgan Studer.

The Livestream team is Phil Havlik, Rich Kittilstved, Naaman Duckworth, & Lukas Fuir.
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 our monthly 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 are; December 2 and 16.

SHARING GENEROUSLY SUNDAY was held on Sunday, November 12. We will continue to receive pledges from members and friends of New Joy throughout the month. Please check your mail for letters from the Sharing Generously team, or pick up a pledge card at church, and reach out to members of the team – including Sylvia Lux, Doug Holland, Morgan Studer, Libby Dissauer, Jessicah Duckworth, and Chuck Studer – if you have any questions.

OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be shared in worship on Sunday, December 17, with rehearsals on three successive Sundays starting on Sunday, November 26, 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 SignUp Genius 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.

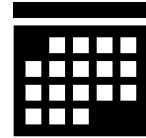
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THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, November 19

- Worship, 9:30am
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under

Monday, November 20

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

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

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

Thursday, November 23 *Thanksgiving*

- Office Closed

Friday, November 24

- Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

- 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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