



## **Christ the King Sunday**

Sunday, November 26, 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**

## **Awesome God**

*(C1 multiple times, T)*

### *Chorus 1*

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom pow'r and love  
Our God is an awesome God

### *Tag*

Our God is an awesome God



## **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.**





## Advent Wreath Refrain

## Child of Light

A spark ig-nites, a can-dle glows a heart de-lights in the pleas-ure it knows.  
 5 D/F $\emptyset$  G D/F $\emptyset$  G D/F $\emptyset$  G A("4) A  
 Light comes so close cre-a tion knows flame reach-es high-er and warm-er it grows  
 9 D/F $\emptyset$  G E $\langle$ 9 D D/F $\emptyset$  E A("4) A  
 Like the wreath a cir-cle of light love all a-round us flows. Re-  
 13 D A $\langle$ 7 C $\flat$ 9 G  
 joyce! Re- joyce! we see your light and lift our voice and re-  
 17 D A $\langle$ 7 C $\flat$ 9 G  
 joyce! Re- joyce! come Child so bright Oh hear our joy Re -  
 21 D("2)  
 joyce!



## Advent Wreath Lighting Prayer Litany

R: The Lord seeks the lost, brings back the strays,  
 binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.

**C: Christ our King will establish justice.**

R: Guide us, O God, in our yearning and waiting for Christ.

**C: Gather us at his feet with good works, prayer, and praise.**



R: Let us pray:

Praise to you, O God, our shepherd and comfort.

You feed your people with justice and mercy,  
and bring the lost and outcast back to you.

Bless us as we dedicate this wreath for the Advent of your Son.

Prepare us to receive Christ as King and Lord of all,

who chooses a cross to be his throne

and the church to be his body.

**C: Amen.**



## **Advent Wreath Refrain**



## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service,  
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to  
know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have  
made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# **WORD**



## **Children's Message**



## **Scripture Prayer**

R: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for your creating, liberating, and life-giving  
Word! Your Word sets the foundations of the world, leads your  
people into freedom, lifts up the lowly, and fills the hungry with  
good things. By your Holy Spirit give us ears to hear your Word and  
hearts to delight in your ways. Come, Emmanuel, dwell among us!  
May your Word take flesh in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**



## First Reading

## Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

R: A reading from Ezekiel:

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm

## Psalm 90:1-12

*The Psalm is read responsively between the reader and congregation.*

R: Let us read Psalm 90 responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.



## Second Reading

## Ephesians 1:15-23

R: A reading from Ephesians:

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You give Your Word to share with all.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You speak Your Word, and for all that is heard, we say

Alleluia!

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## Gospel

## Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**



## Gospel Acclamation



## Sermon



## Song of the Day

## Revelation Song

### Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
 Holy holy is He  
 Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
 Heaven's mercy seat

### Chorus 1

Holy holy holy  
 Is the Lord God Almighty  
 Who was and is and is to come  
 With all creation I sing  
 Praise to the King of kings  
 You are my ev'rything  
 And I will adore You

### Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
 Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
 Blessing and honor strength and  
 glory  
 And power be to You the only wise  
 King

### Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck  
 wonder  
 At the mention of Your name  
 Jesus Your name is power breath  
 and living water  
 Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

*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.**



## 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://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.*



*San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.*



*Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to e - res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.*

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

P: ...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: ... We look with hope for his coming.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: ... Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



**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.



## Lamb of God

LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE A-WAY THE SIN, OF THE WORLD, HAVE MER-CY ON

5  $A_m$   $C_m$   $A_m$   $C_m$   $D_m$   $F_m$   $A_m$   $C_m$

US. LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAK A-WAY THE SIN, OF THE WORLD, HAVE

9  $G^9$   $Bb^9$   $A_m$   $C_m$   $G$   $Bb$   $A_m$   $C_m$

MER - CY ON US. LAMB OF GOD YOU TAKE A-WAY THE SIN

13  $D_m$   $F_m$   $E_m$   $G_m$   $A_m$   $C_m$  RIT.  $G$   $Bb$

OF THE WORLD, GRANT US PEACE.

## Alpha & Omega

(Vx2, Cx2, V)

Verse You are Alpha and Omega  
We worship You our Lord  
You are worthy to be praised

Chorus We give You all the glory  
We worship You our Lord  
You are worthy to be praised



## Freedom Is Coming

*An anthem of protest and hope during South Africa's apartheid era, Freedom is Coming sings of the promised return of Christ and of the freedom all of society will experience because of God's justice. Each verse has two sets of repeated phrases that can be sung simultaneously by two different voices, followed by a refrain of faithful conviction – "Oh, yes, I know" – that is sung in the same manner.*

1 Oh, freedom  
*Freedom is coming.*

2 Oh, Jesus.  
*Jesus is coming.*

Oh, yes, I know.

Oh, yes, I know.



## 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

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

### Chorus

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

## King of My Heart

*(V1, C, V2, C, Bx2, Cx2)*

### Verse 2

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

### Bridge

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



## Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP NOTES

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR.** Next Sunday marks the official start of Advent, and the new church year. Having read through most of the Gospel of Matthew in this past year, in this year to come we will be reading through the Gospel of Mark supplementing with the Gospel of John.

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICES** begin this Wednesday at 7pm, and run weekly on Wednesdays until Christmas. Come, pray in anticipation of Christ's promised return!



# WORSHIP LEADERS

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

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Assisting Ministers	Gail Castle	<i>Chris Studer</i>
Advent Wreath Lighting	The Platt Family	<i>The Bautista Family</i>
Reader	Shawna Harouff	<i>Libby Dissauer</i>
Acolyte	Anthony Abbey	<i>Colin Studer</i>
Livestream Operator	Naaman Duckworth	<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.

**OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be shared in worship on Sunday, December 17, with rehearsals on three successive Sundays **starting today** 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!

**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.

**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! You can either go to [www.opendoorswestfield.org](http://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 26

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

Monday, November 27

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

Tuesday, November 28

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

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

- Preschool, 9:30am
- Ministry Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Radical Welcome Team (via Zoom), 8pm

Friday, December 1

- Preschool, 9:30am

Saturday, December 2

- Men's Group, 8am

Sunday, December 3

- 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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