



## Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### **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



**Welcome.** 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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Ending</u>
Becky Suchomel	President	January 2025
Laurie Cupp	Vice President	January 2026
Kristi Kittilstved	Secretary	January 2025
Chuck Studer	Treasurer	January 2024
Andy Clark	Co-Treasurer	January 2026
Gail Castle	Member at Large	January 2024



# Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**Introduction to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany** All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.



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

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

Our ushers and greeters are not currently regularly scheduled. We are grateful for Andy and Abigail Clark, Val Bandejas, Jessica Allen, Becky Suchomel, and others who step in at a moment's notice to extend this ministry.

	Today	Next Sunday, Jan 14
Assisting Minister	Kristi Kittilstved	<i>Kristi Kittilstved</i>
Reader	Morgan Studer	<i>Andy Clark</i>
Acolyte	Colin Studer	<i>Anthony Abby</i>
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Altar Guild	Kristi Kittilstved	<i>Kristi Kittilstved</i>
Nursery Care	Anya Verik	<i>Anya Verik</i>

# GATHERING

## Prelude

### Words of Welcome

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#### Call to Worship

A: Our Call to Worship is based on Psalm 139.

A: You have searched me out, O Lord. You know me.

**C: You have searched me out, O Lord. You know me.**

A: You know when we rise up and when we lay down.

You surround us – going before us and trailing behind us.

Your hand of love is always upon us.

**C: You have searched me out, O Lord. You know me.**

A: You created our innermost parts.

You knit us each in our mother's wombs.

Nothing of ours is hidden from you.

**C: We thank you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**

A: Each of us, Lord, made in your image.

All people, Lord, made by your hand.

Every person we ever meet, Lord, is fearfully and wonderfully made.

**C: We thank you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made.**



#### Opening Prayer



## Opening Song – Listen, God is Calling

R×2, V1, R×2, V2, CR2, V3, R×2

### Refrain

Leader:

Listen

All:

listen God is calling,  
through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness,  
comfort and joy.

### Verse 1

Leader:

Jesus gave His mandate:

All:

Share the good news

Leader:

that He came to save us

All:

and set us free.

### Verse 2

Leader:

Let none be forgotten

All:

throughout the world

Leader:

in the triune name of God

All:

go and baptize.

### Verse 3

Leader:

Help us to be faithful,

All:

standing steadfast,

Leader:

walking in you precepts,

All:

led by your Word.



## Apostolic Greeting

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

C: And also with you.



## Texas Kyrie

### Refrain

L: Lord have mercy.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

L: Christ have mercy.

**C: Christ have mercy.**

### Verse 1

L: We pray for peace from  
above.

We pray for our salvation.

### Verse 2

L: We pray for peace in the  
world,  
We pray for wellness in Your  
church,  
We pray for unity of all.

### Verse 3

L: We pray for this holy place.

We pray for for all who gather  
here.

### Verse 4

L: Oh Lord help us, save us.

Oh Lord comfort and defend  
us.

### End

L: Amen.

**C: Amen.**

L: Amen.

**C: Amen**

## WORD



### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



### Children's Sermon



## Scripture Prayer

R: Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, we give you thanks and praise.

C: Amen.



## Hebrew Bible

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

R: A reading from 1 Samuel:

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

*To the world, the word of the cross is pointless, because it claims God's power is most fully revealed in complete, utter weakness. For those who are being saved, however, the word of the cross unveils God's wisdom and power, and our source of true life.*

R: A reading from Corinthians:

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God**





## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord to whom shall we go

You have the words of eternal life

Alleluia.

Glory to You, glory to You,

Glory to You oh Lord.

Glory to You, glory to You,

Glory to You oh Lord.



## Gospel

**John 1:43-51**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

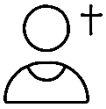
**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**



## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to You, Praise to You,  
Praise to You oh Christ.  
Praise to You, Praise to You,  
Praise to You oh Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Lord to whom shall we go  
You have the words of eternal life  
Alleluia.



## The Sermon



### Song of the Day – Here I Am, Lord

#### Verse 1

“I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness  
    bright,  
Who will bear my light to them?  
    Whom shall I send?”

#### Chorus:

Here I am, Lord.  
Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the  
    night.  
I will go, Lord,  
If You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my  
    heart.

#### Verse 2

“I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my peoples’ pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
    Whom shall I send?”

#### Chorus

#### Verse 3

“I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them, Whom  
    shall I send?

#### Chorus

*The **Assisting Minister** leads this next 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**

**A:** Let us confess our faith using the ancient words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C:** **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

A: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*The Assisting Minister leads the congregation in prayers for:*

- ❖ *the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the Gospel;*
- ❖ *the well-being of creation;*
- ❖ *peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community*
- ❖ *the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;*
- ❖ *all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit*
- ❖ *for our congregation*
- ❖ *for other special celebrations or concerns*

*Each prayer petition concludes:*

A: God of grace

**C: Receive our prayer**

*The Assisting Minister concludes the prayers of intercession:*

A: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**



## 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.

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.

Meet us at this table,  
that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus,  
in whose name we pray.

**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.*



### Holy, Holy, Holy



**C: Holy Holy Holy Lord**

**Lord God of pow'r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full**

**full of your glory**

**Hosannah in the highest**

**Hosannah in the highest**

**Blessed is He + who comes**

**in the name of the Lord**

**Hosannah in the highest**

**Hosannah in the highest.**

*Pastor continues with eucharistic prayer, which includes the Words of Institution, and concludes with the Lord's Prayer ("new" 1978 translation of the Lord's Prayer).*



**C: Our Father in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**



### **Distribution of Communion** *(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 away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy on us

Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world  
Oh grant us peace,  
Lamb of God.



### **Communion Song – Lord Listen To Your Children**

Lord listen to Your children praying  
Lord send Your Spirit in this place  
Lord listen to Your children praying  
Send us love send us pow'r send us grace



### **Canticle for Departure**

Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,  
your word has been fulfilled.  
My eyes have seen the salvation,  
you have prepared in sight of ev'ry one.  
A light to reveal you to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel,  
Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,  
your word has been fulfilled.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

A: Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**



### **Benediction**

P: God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✚ bless you and remain with you always.

**C:Amen**



## **Sending Song – Shout To The Lord**

### **Verse 1**

My Jesus my Savior  
Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty  
    love  
My comfort my shelter  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am  
Never cease to worship You

### **Chorus 1**

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the  
    promise I have in You

### **Chorus 2**

Shout to the Lord  
All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty  
Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down  
And the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy  
At the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You  
Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the  
    promise I have  
Nothing compares to the  
    promise I have  
Nothing compares to the  
    promise I have in You



### **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**A “NEW” LORD’S PRAYER?** Today we use a translation of the Lord’s Prayer that first appeared in a Lutheran hymnal in 1978 ... and which was first published in 1975 by the English Language Liturgical Consultation. There are a variety of important and fascinating issues involved in translating into modern English a prayer that was first said 2000 years ago in Aramaic or Hebrew, written down 40 years later in Greek in two of the four Gospels (the two versions of which don’t 100% agree with each other!), and which have been prayed by the faithful in a variety of translations in multiple languages over the centuries. To read a brief article about some of these translation issues, visit the link in this QR code.



# 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.

**OPEN DOORS FEBRUARY GIVING** – Please consider donating canned tomatoes and canned tomato sauce to Open Doors. This is a product they run out of quickly. Regular size cans are great. There is a drop off spot in the entryway. If you have any questions, please see Lyn Nore for answers!

**BUDGET HEARING MEETING** will be held today following the service. This meeting will offer details of the budget for those who are interested.

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held following service on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make every effort to attend, as our meeting will not only address the business of our congregation (Ministry Board election, budget vote, reports, and more) but also celebrate our ministry with the presentation of the annual Servant of the Year award and a Ministry Fair to grow awareness of and contributions to our current and dreamed-for future ministries. We'll have some food, too!

**LENT AROUND THE CORNER** Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14 – Valentines Day! On Ash Wednesday we will have:

- imposition of ashes from 6:30am-9:00am for any who would like to begin their day with prayer and ashes;
- imposition of ashes at 1pm with our Wednesday Midday Bible Study;
- Ash Wednesday worship at 7pm

Every Wednesday in Lent at 7pm we will have Evening Prayer services with our own church members offering reflections on Scripture for the season. Interested in reading, reflecting, praying on some Scripture and sharing at our Evening Prayer services? Pastor Chris will work with you and give you some prompts, and you – and your household, if you like! – will share devotions, insights, hopes, dreams, and/or prayers based on the Scripture. Contact Pastor Chris if you're interested!

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, January 14

- Worship, 9:30am
- Budget Hearing following service
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under

Monday, January 15

- Church Office & Preschool Closed, Martin Luther King Jr Day Holiday
- BSA Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, January 16

- Seasoned Believers, 9am, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield
- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am

Wednesday, January 17

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Afternoon Bible Study, 1pm
- BSA Troops 1910 & 1920 Parent Meeting

Thursday, January 18

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am

Friday, January 19

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am

Saturday, January 20

Sunday, January 21

- Confirmation class resumes, 4pm
- *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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