

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 21st, 2024

The People of New Joy, Ministers

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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 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Introduction to the 3rd Sunday after Epiphany As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.



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 28
Assisting Minister	Kristi Kittilstved	<i>Kristi Kittilstved</i>
Reader	Andy Clark	<i>Kristen Abbey</i>
Acolyte	Anthony Abbey	<i>Jane Abbey</i>
Livestream Operator	Naaman Duckworth	<i>Naaman Duckworth</i>
Altar Guild	Kristi Kittilstved	<i>Kristi Kittilstved</i>
Nursery Care	Anya Verik	<i>Anya Verik</i>

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome



Call to Worship

A: Our Call to Worship is based on Psalm 62.

A: We wait for God. Sometimes alone. Sometimes in silence.

C: Our hope is in God alone.

A: God is our rock, our salvation.

God is our deliverance and our honor.

C: Our hope is in God alone.

A: Put your trust in God always.

Set everything before God.

Let's not give our hearts to anything else.

C: Our hope is in God alone.



A: Even if our wealth increases, let's not trust it.

Things and people come and go.

God's steadfast love remains forever.

C: Our hope is in God alone.

Opening Prayer





Opening Song – I Will Follow

Intro, V1, C, Inter, V2, C, Inter, B, C×2, E

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)

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 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 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.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord..

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

Jonah 3:1:5-10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

R: A reading from Jonah:

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

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

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.





Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

R: A reading from First Corinthians:

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have spouses be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

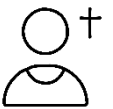
C: Praise to you, O Christ!



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 – Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

*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, our giving platform.



Offering Prayer

A: 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.



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.

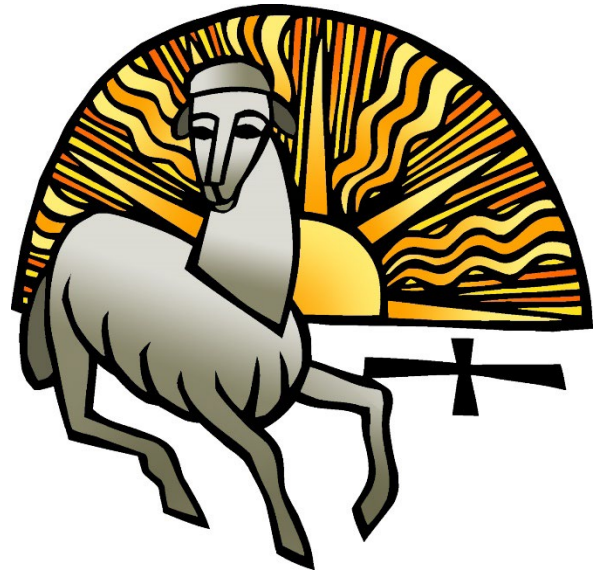


Lamb of God

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.



I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light V1, C, V2, C, V3, C

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*



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 – Jesus Lead On *V1, C, V2, C, B, C*

Verse 1

This is my cry
This is my song
You are my guiding light
When the way is unknown
And when these sunny skies
Turn shades of gray
I'll stay close by Your side
As You lead the way

Chorus 1

Jesus lead on I will follow
Jesus lead on
Let Your love light the way
Jesus lead on I will follow
Jesus lead on

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse 2

Hear now this cry
Hear now this song
You are the guiding light
For this journey I'm on
And when my vision is clouded
By the wind and the rain
I'll stay close by Your side
As You lead the way

Bridge

Lead me on
Lead me on
Lead me on
I will follow

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WORSHIP NOTES

A “NEW” LORD’S PRAYER? Today we use a translation of the Lord’s Prayer that has been in use in Lutheran congregations since 1978 ... and which was first published in 1975 by the English Language Liturgical Consultation. There are a variety of 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 had a variety of different translations in multiple languages used by the church over the centuries. To read a brief article about some of these translation issues, visit the link in this QR code.

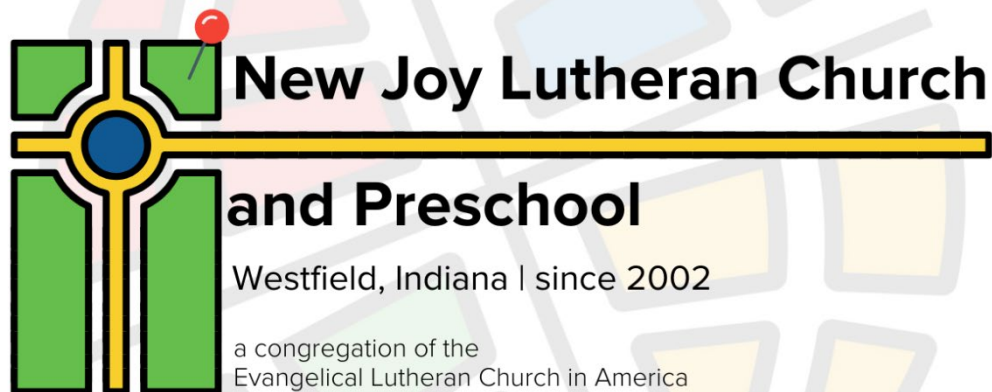


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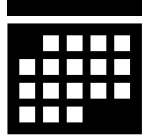
COFFEE HOUR is shared on the first Sunday of the month, and on other special occasions. If you would like to help with our monthly Coffee Hour, please reach out to Kristi Kittilstved.

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!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, January 28th, following service. We will have a ministry fair and some light food as part of the Annual Congregational Meeting.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, January 21st

- Worship, 9:30am
- Confirmation classes resumes today at 4:00PM
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under

Monday, January 22

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- BSA Troops 1910 & 1920, 7pm

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

- New Joy Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Afternoon Bible Study, 1pm
- Evening Bible Study, 7pm

Thursday, January 25

- New Joy Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Ministry Board Meeting, 6:30pm

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

Sunday, January 28

- Worship, 9:30am *with Blessing of Bautista Family before David's overseas deployment*
- Annual Meeting following service
- *Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship and Annual Meeting*
- Confirmation Class, 4pm
- Youth Group (ELCA Youth Gathering Group), 5:30pm

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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