



## **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Sunday, January 28<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
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Kristi Kittilstved	Secretary	January 2025
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Gail Castle	Member at Large	January 2024



# Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**Introduction to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany** In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.



**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.

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday, Feb 4th</b>
Assisting Minister	Kristi Kittilstved	<i>Cana Duckworth</i>
Reader	Kristen Abbey	<i>AJ Sparono</i>
Acolyte	Jane Abbey	<i>Kinzi Jones</i>
Livestream Operator	Naaman Duckworth	<i>Naaman Duckworth</i>
Altar Guild	Kristi Kittilstved	<i>Morgan Studer</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 111.

A: Praise the LORD!

Let us give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart,  
together, in the congregation of the faithful.

**C: Great is the LORD and all the LORD's works.**

A: The LORD's righteousness lasts forever,  
The LORD is gracious and merciful.

The LORD provides food for those who fear him.

**C: Great is the LORD and all the LORD's works.**

A: The LORD's works are faithful and just,  
His commands are trustworthy,  
His truth is established forever and ever.

**C: Holy and awesome is the LORD.**

A: Fear and awe of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The LORD's praise endures forever.

**C: Holy and awesome is the LORD.**



#### Opening Prayer



## **Opening Song – Another Hallelujah**

V1, C , V2, Cx3

### **Verse 1**

I love You Lord with all my heart  
You've given me a brand new start  
And I just want to sing this song to You  
It goes like this the fourth the fifth  
The minor fall the major lift  
My heart and soul are praising  
Hallelujah

### **Chorus**

Hallelujah, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, hallelujah

### **Verse 2**

I know that You're the God above  
You're filling me with grace and love  
And I just want to say thank You to You  
You pulled me from the miry clay  
You've given me a brand new day  
Now all that I can say is  
Hallelujah



### **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.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, 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

## Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.*

R: A reading from Deuteronomy:

[Moses said:] <sup>15</sup>The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



## Epistle

## 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

*Paul is concerned about the way some Corinthian Christians use their freedom in Christ as license to engage in non-Christian behavior that sets a damaging example to other, impressionable believers. Christians have a responsibility to each other that their behavior does not cause another to sin.*

R: A reading from First Corinthians:

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup>Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; <sup>3</sup>but anyone who loves God is known by him.

<sup>4</sup>Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.”

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

<sup>7</sup>It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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 1:21-28

*Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.*

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark:

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

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.<sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

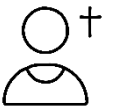
**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**



## **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 – Way Maker**

V1, C, V2, C, C

#### **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**

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 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.**



## **Blessing of Bautista Family**

*As David begins an overseas deployment later this week, we pray for him, Erin, and Layla, that they may know God's love and grace during his time of military service.*



## **Sharing the Peace**

A: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with those around us.



## **Announcements & Offering**

*As part of our acts of worship we share select activities and opportunities from our life together. We collect an offering for the work of New Joy and of the mission partners we support locally and beyond. This QR code takes you to Tithe.ly, our giving platform.*



## **Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray:

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.*

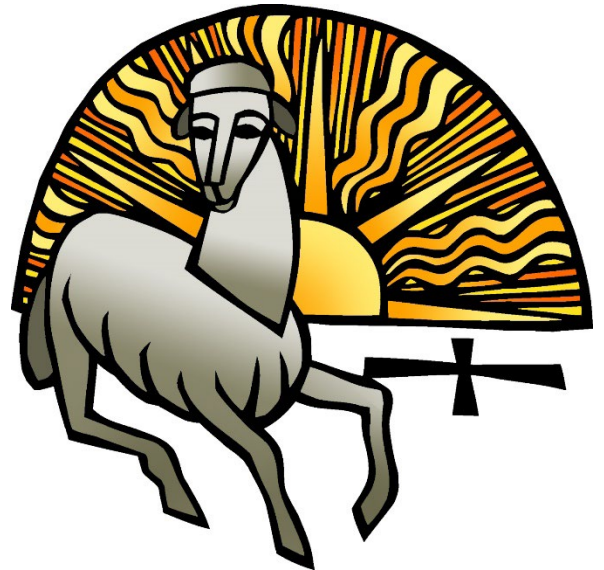


### **Lamb of God**

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.





## There is a Balm in Gilead

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.



## 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: Let us pray:

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 – King of My Heart

V1, C, V2 C, Bx2, Cx2

### 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 (x4)

### 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 (x4)





## 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 has been in use in Lutheran congregations since 1978 ... and which was first published in 1975 by the English Language Liturgical Consultation. It's a translation that removes some archaic English language ("art" and "thy") to put the prayer into more contemporary speech.

**DO I HAVE TO BOW DURING COMMUNION?** You may notice that Pastor Chris bows during the Holy, Holy, Holy, and during the Words of Institution. This is a traditional gesture of reverence before God. Should you bow? There is no strict, defined way to use your body during worship. Curious about what all this means? Look for upcoming articles in our weekly emails about using our bodies in worship.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

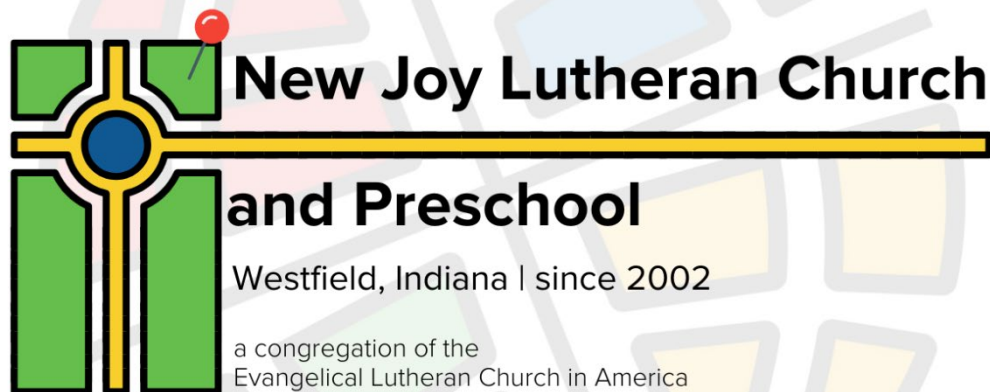
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** is today following worship. We will have a ministry fair and some light food as part of the Annual Congregational Meeting.

**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.

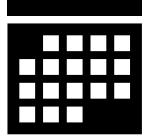
**OPEN DOORS FEBRUARY GIVING** – Please consider donating canned tomatoes and canned tomato sauce to Open Doors. This is a product they run out of quickly. Regular size cans are great. There is a drop off spot in the entryway. If you have any questions, please see Lyn Nore for answers!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** – Interested in joining New Joy ... or, are you thinking about it? We're having a class! Classes will be on Sunday, February 11, 18, March 3, 10, with our New Member Welcome on Sunday, March 17, in worship.

**HOLY COMMUNION CLASS** – we will hold a Holy Communion class for families with children who would like to learn more about communion. For some of our children this class will lead to their "First Holy Communion." For some who are already receiving Holy Communion, this will be their first time learning about Holy Communion. Sign up for the class today at the Ministry Fair! Dates/times of the class will be determined by those who sign up.



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Sunday, January 28th

- 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
- Confirmation classes resumes today at 4:00PM
- Youth Group (ELCA Youth Gathering Group), 5:30pm

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

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

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

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

Friday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 3

- Westfield Pride Tea Party, 10:30am, Cool Creek Center

Sunday, February 4th

- Worship, 9:30am
- *Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship and Annual Meeting*
- Confirmation Class, 4pm

**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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