



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

The People of New Joy, Ministers

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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 evening.



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
Andy Clark	Treasurer	January 2026
Luke Johnson	Member at Large	January 2027
Jenny Platt	Member at Large	January 2027



Today is Ash Wednesday

Introduction to Ash Wednesday On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that “now is the day of salvation.” Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.



	Today	Next Sunday, Feb 18th
Assisting Minister	Kristi Kittilstved	<i>Naaman Duckworth</i>
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Livestream Operator	Phil Havlik	<i>Phil Havlik</i>
Altar Guild	---	<i>Morgan Studer</i>
Nursery Care	---	<i>Anya Verik</i>

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.

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome



Psalm 51

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹ steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out ¹ my offenses.

²Wash me through and through ¹ from my wickedness,
and cleanse me ¹ from my sin.

³For I know ¹ my offenses,
and my sin is ev- ¹ er before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil ¹ in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right ¹ in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born ¹ steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my ¹ mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth ¹ deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom ¹ deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I ¹ shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- ¹ er than snow.

⁸Let me hear ¹ joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken ¹ may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face ¹ from my sins,
and blot out ¹ all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean ¹ heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- ¹ it within me.

¹¹Cast me not away ¹ from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spir- ¹ it from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of ¹ your salvation
and sustain me with your boun- ¹ tiful Spirit.

¹³Let me teach your ways ¹ to offenders,
and sinners shall be re- ¹ stored to you.

¹⁴Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of ¹ my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing ¹ of your righteousness.

¹⁵O Lord, o- ¹ pen my lips,
and my mouth shall pro- ¹ claim your praise.

¹⁶For you take no delight in sacrifice, or ¹ I would give it.

You are not pleased ^l with burnt offering.
¹⁷The sacrifice of God is a ^l troubled spirit;
a troubled and broken heart, O God, you will ^l not despise.
¹⁸Favor Zion with ^l your good pleasure;
build up the walls ^l of Jerusalem.
¹⁹Then you will delight in the appointed sacrifices, in burnt ^l and whole
offerings;
then young bulls shall be offered up- ^l on your altar.



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God,
out of your love and mercy
you breathed into dust the breath of life,
creating us to serve you and our neighbors.
Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness,
and strengthen us to face our mortality
with confidence in the mercy of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Opening Song – Beautiful Things

Verse 1

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change, at all
All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come up from this ground, at all?

Refrain

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Verse 2

All around,
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found, in you



Invitation to Lent

The assembly is seated. The presiding minister may invite the assembly into the discipline of Lent, using these or similar words.



Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most holy and merciful God,

**C: we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us.

We have not been true to the mind of Christ.

We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our past unfaithfulness,

the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives,
we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,

and our exploitation of other people,

we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to share the faith that is in us,
we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our neglect of human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our false judgments,
our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
we confess to you.

C: Have mercy on us, O God.

P: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Imposition of Ashes

P: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

People may come forward and kneel or stand to receive the ashes.

*Ministers mark the forehead of each person with a cross of ashes, saying:
Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

After those who desire ashes have received them, all may kneel or sit, and the minister continues.

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.



The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C: Amen.



Response Song – Beautiful Things (refrain)

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

WORD



Children's Sermon



Scripture Prayer

R: Let us pray.

O God, your Son calls us to lives of generosity, service, and sacrifice. Send your Spirit upon us that, moved by your promise at work in the lives of our ancestors, we would be encouraged to live according to your holy will. Through Jesus Christ, the living Word of God we pray.

C: Amen.



Hebrew Bible

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Because of the coming day of the Lord, the prophet Joel calls the people to a community lament. The repentant community declares that God is gracious and asks God to spare the people lest the nations doubt God's power to save.

R: A reading from Joel:

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—
²a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.

¹²Yet even now, says the Lord,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 ¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
 and relents from punishing.
¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
 and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
 for the Lord, your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
 ¹⁶gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;

assemble the aged;
gather the children,
even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
and the bride her canopy.

¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.
Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
‘Where is their God?’ ”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

The ministry of the gospel endures many challenges and hardships. Through this ministry, God’s reconciling activity in the death of Christ reaches into the depths of our lives to bring us into a right relationship with God. In this way, God accepts us into the reality of divine salvation.

R: A reading from Second Corinthians:

^{20b}We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

^{6:1}As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of

spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

P: Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

C: Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

P: Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (*Joel 2:13*)

C: Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.



Gospel

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Matthew:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²“So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received

their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶“And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

The Homily



Song of the Day – Once and For All

V1, V2, PC, C, V3, C, B, C

Verse 1

O Lord I lay it down

God I give You what I can today

These scattered ashes that I hid

away

I lay it all at Your feet

Verse 2

From the corners of my deepest

shame

The empty places where I've

worn Your name

Show me the love I say I believe

Pre-Chorus

Help me to lay it down

Chorus
O let this be where I die
My Lord with Thee crucified
Be lifted high as my kingdoms
fall
Once and for all once and for all

In the crimson flowing from the
cross
Pour over me pour over me

Verse 3
There is victory in my Savior's
loss

Bridge
O Lord I lay it down
O Lord I lay it down
Help me to lay it down
O Lord I lay it down

*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: Our Savior calls us into mission.

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: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

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: Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

The Assisting Minister concludes the prayers of intercession:

A: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.



Sharing the Peace

A: Our Savior Jesus Christ gives us the peace of reconciliation.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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



Offering

This evening we will not collect an offering. Offerings can be set in the baskets at the rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to make a gift electronically, this QR code takes you to [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly), our giving platform.



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 eucharistic prayer, which includes the Words of Institution, and concludes with the Lord's Prayer.



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.

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

Chorus 1

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Miserere nobis

(REPEAT)

Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world
Dona nobis pacem
Dona nobis pacem



Just As I Am

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray:

Generous God,
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,
now make us one loaf to feed the world;
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.



SENDING

Benediction

P: Beloved,

we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen



Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share what God has given you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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WORSHIP NOTES

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

We will hold Lenten Evening Prayer services with the theme *From Love to Love*. Services will be on Wednesdays at 7pm, and will feature members of New Joy sharing reflections on Scripture about love.

- February 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20
- We will have Soup Suppers before at least a few of these Lenten services. Soup supper dates to be announced soon!

Scan the QR code to check out Pastor's blogpost about Lent to learn more about our "From Love to Love" theme and for ways you can mark Lent with spiritual disciplines and prayer.



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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