



Sunday, August 25, 2024 Bulletin

Songs, scripture, and announcements for the day

*This **Sunday bulletin** contains only the words, music, readings and announcements that change from week to week. Everything else for today's service is printed in the **Liturgy Booklet**.*

*The **Summer 2024 Liturgy Booklet**, found in the seat pockets, contains most of the material for worship: the full order of worship, spoken responses, and five songs – the Kyrie, the Gospel Acclamation, and three songs during the Holy Communion portion of the liturgy – that repeat each week. Over time these words and songs will become so familiar that you may not need to use the liturgy booklet for reference.*



New Joy Lutheran Church & Preschool

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The People of New Joy, Ministers

The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor

Glenn Hoffman, Music Minister



Welcome. We are blessed by your presence among us today. This bulletin contains this morning's Scripture and three of the songs. The order of service – which includes the music and prayers that repeat week-to-week - is printed in the Summer 2024 Liturgy Booklet, found in the seat pockets.



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**.



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. The Sound Board is run by Steve Castle.

	Today	Sunday, September 1
Assisting Minister	Chris Studer	<i>Becky Schumel</i>
Reader	Kristi Kittilstved	OPEN
Acolyte	OPEN	OPEN
Livestream Operator	Rich Kittilstved	<i>Phil Havlik</i>
Altar Guild	Kristi Kittilstved	OPEN
Nursery Care	Anya Verik	OPEN
Ushers	Chuck Studer	OPEN



Introduction to today's Scripture – In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

GATHERING



Gathering Song – *Blessed Be Your Name*

V1, V2, PC, C, V3, V4, PC, C, B, C

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of
abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert
place
Though I walk through the
wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord
Still I will say

Chorus 1

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name, **Repeat**

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on
me
When the world's all as it should
be
Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with
suffering
Though there's pain in the
offering
Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name



Call to Worship

Our worship begins with a litany - back-and-forth words of prayer and praise – based on the Psalm appointed for today in the church year calendar. Today’s Call to Worship is based on Psalm 34:15-22.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears listen to their cry.
When the righteous cry for help,
the Lord hears them and rescues them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

The righteous endure all kinds of afflictions and trials,
but the Lord rescues them.

The Lord keeps the righteous under his care,
and redeems the life of his servants.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

The face of the Lord is against evildoers.
Their evil turns back onto them,
bringing death and destruction.
Those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

WORD



Hebrew Bible

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River

or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel

John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

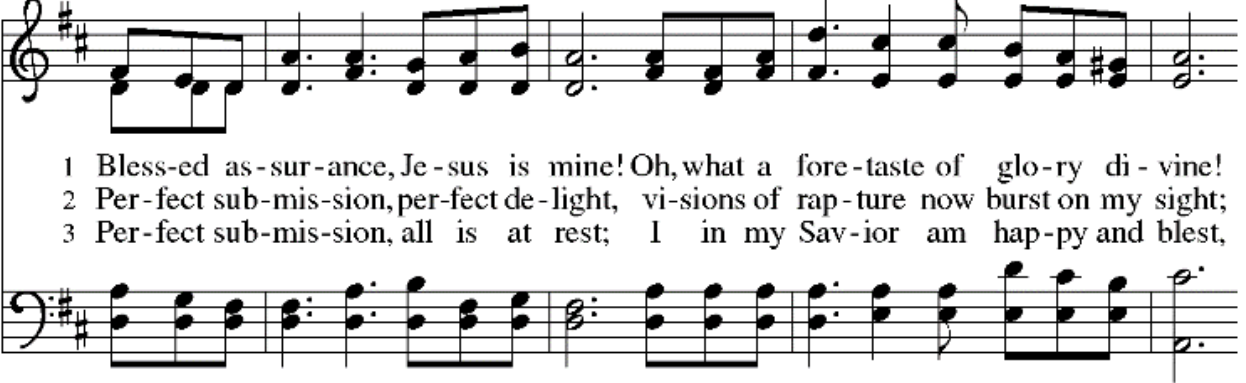
⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

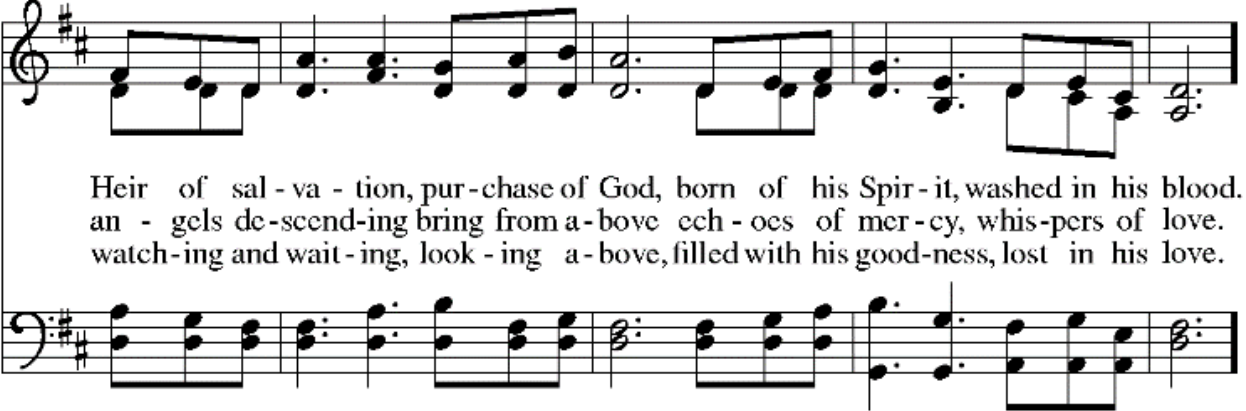
Praise to you, O Christ.



Song of the Day – *Blessed Assurance*

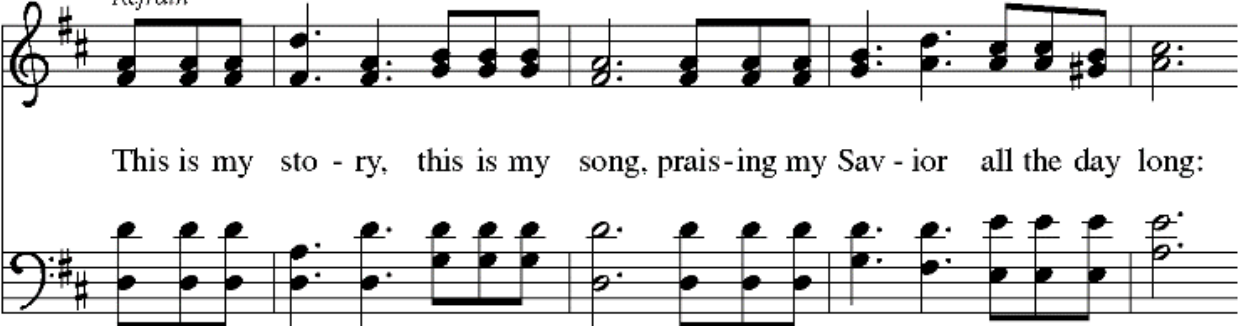


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

MEAL



Song During Distribution of Communion – *Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

SENDING



Sending Song – *Way Maker* *V1, C, V2, C×2*

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

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

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILIES WITH PRE-K THRU ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN: Grab a Faith @ Home folder on your way out of worship today. This folder contains a month's worth of discussion starters, activities, and background information on the Scripture we read each Sunday. This will help you nurture faithful reflection, activity, and growth throughout the week. We'll have new folders available on the first Sunday of every month!

OPEN DOORS CONTINUED NEEDS: in addition to the usual canned goods and shelf-stable foods, here are urgent, current needs: 1) Laundry Detergent (boxed), 2) Shampoo, 3) Toothpaste, 4) Single toothbrushes



URGENT DONATION NEEDS

- Boxed Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Single Toothbrushes

Thank You



YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION CLASS meet on Sundays, 4pm-5:30pm.

Confirmation Class is doing a survey of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), and the Youth Group is doing a topical study on Sin and Salvation. Please keep our youth in your prayers and reach out to Pastor Chris if you'd like to support our youth in their faith and learning.

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.

JOYFUL GIRLS DINNER IN SEPTEMBER - Our next Joyful Girls Happenings get together for dinner is on Wednesday, September 4th, at LA Cafe (4 S Main St, Whitestown, IN) at 6pm! Please RSVP to Lyn Nore at lnore58@hotmail.com. Looking forward to seeing you there for a lovely evening of friendship and fellowship!

GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS DAY is Sunday, September 8. This is a Day of Service for congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are planning service and learning events at Open Doors, Lutheran Child and Family Service, and perhaps one other location following worship that day. Please sign-up on Church Center – newjoy.churchcenter.com – or reach out to the church office for more information.



THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, August 25

- Worship, 9:30am *Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship*
- Confirmation Class, 4:00-5:30pm
- Youth Group, 4:00-5:30pm

Monday, August 26

- Welcome Back! First Day of Preschool 4s, 9:30am
- Troop 1910/1920, 6:30-8:00pm

Tuesday, August 27

- Seasoned Believers, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield, 9:00-10:30am
- Welcome Back! First Day of Preschool 3s, 9:30am
- Westfield Pride, 6:00-7:30pm

Wednesday, August 28

- Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am
- Bible Study, 1-2:30 pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30-8:15pm

Thursday, August 29

- Preschool 3s Class, 9:30am
- Ministry Board Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm

Friday, August 30

- Preschool 4s Class, 9:30am

Sunday, September 1

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

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.

CONNECT WITH NEW JOY These QR codes take you to our pages - @newjoy on your Facebook app, and @newjoywestfield on your Instagram app. *On Facebook, we also have a private group. Search for "New Joy Partners" to join our group.* We can be reached by phone and email, and in person at 156th & Spring Mill. Office hours: 9:00am-1:30pm.



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New Joy is a congregation of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

About Worship @ New Joy

Worship at New Joy Lutheran Church follows an ancient pattern shared by many Christian congregations and traditions around the globe. We receive this pattern as a gift from our ancestors, the saints who have gone on before us into God’s eternal glory. Through this ancient pattern of worship, we join our prayers and praise to theirs, even as we inhabit this pattern with new rhythms and beats.

Our Sunday service has four main parts: GATHERING, WORD, MEAL, SENDING. Within each of those parts, various elements guide our prayers and draw us to the Living Word of God.

Many worship elements *remain the same from week-to-week*, such as the words, songs, and prayers around Holy Communion. Repetition nurtures familiarity and creates spiritual habits that we can turn to in times of joy or sorrow. In the chart to the right, elements marked “liturgy” are printed in the **Liturgy Booklet**, found in the seat pockets.

The word “liturgy” comes from ancient Greek and refers broadly to the pattern of our worship service. We also use the term to refer to the specific set of prayers and songs that repeat each week.

Some worship elements *change weekly*, such as the Scripture we read and some of the songs we sing. New words of faith are a gift to provoke our growth and spiritual wonder. In the chart to the right, those weekly changing elements are marked “bulletin” and are printed in this **Sunday Bulletin**.

May all the words and prayers, songs and patterns of worship serve to nurture in us a confidence in God’s goodness, that we would receive with faith God’s gifts of grace and mercy which are given for us and for all the world in divine love.

<u>GATHERING</u>	
Prelude, Welcome	
Gathering Song	bulletin
Call to Worship	bulletin
Apostolic Greeting	liturgy
Kyrie	liturgy
Prayer of the Day	
<u>WORD</u>	
Children’s Sermon	
Scripture Readings	bulletin
Gospel Acclamation	liturgy
Gospel Reading	bulletin
Sermon	
Song of the Day	bulletin
Mission Statement	liturgy
Prayers of Intercession	
Peace	liturgy
Announcements, Offering, Prayer	
<u>MEAL</u>	
Great Thanksgiving	liturgy
Holy, Holy, Holy	liturgy
Eucharistic Prayer	liturgy
Words of Institution	liturgy
Lord’s Prayer	liturgy
Communion	liturgy
1 st communion song	liturgy
2 nd communion song	bulletin
3 rd communion song	liturgy
Post-Communion Prayer	liturgy
<u>SENDING</u>	
Benediction	liturgy
Sending Song	bulletin
Dismissal	liturgy