

LET US
THEREFORE
APPROACH THE
THRONE OF
GRACE WITH
BOLDNESS.
HEBREWS 4:16

2 My brothers and sisters,
do you with your acts
of favoritism really believe in
our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?
For if a person with gold rings
and in fine clothes comes into
your assembly, and if a poor
person in dirty clothes also comes
in, and if you take notice of the
one wearing fine clothes and say,
"Have a seat here, please," while to
the one who is poor you say, "Stand
there" or "Sit at my feet," have you
not made distinctions among yourselves
and become judges with evil thoughts?
Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters
Has not God chosen the poor in the
world to be rich in faith and to
be heirs of the kingdom that he
has promised to those who love him?
But you have dishonored the poor.
Is it not the rich who oppress
you? Is it not they who drag you

Sunday, September 1, 2024 Bulletin

Songs, scripture, and announcements for the day



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 8
Assisting Minister	Becky Suchomel	<i>Becky Suchomel</i>
Reader	Libby Dissauer	<i>Libby Dissauer</i>
Acolyte	Jane Abbey	OPEN
Livestream Operator	Phil Havilik	<i>Rich Kittilstved</i>
Altar Guild	Jessica Allen	<i>Jessica Allen</i>
Nursery Care	OPEN	OPEN
Ushers	OPEN	OPEN



Introduction to today's Scripture – Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us “the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life” (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

GATHERING



Gathering Song – *Take My Life, That I May Be, Toma, Oh Dios, Mi Voluntad*

C, V1, C, V2, C, V3, C, V4, C

Chorus

Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 1

Take my hands and let them
move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Chorus

Verse 2

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Chorus

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Chorus

Verse 4

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Chorus



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:15.

WORD



Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Epistle

James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Song of the Day – *Restore In Us, O God*



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
 4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

MEAL



Song During Distribution of Communion – *Seek Ye First*

V1, V2, V3

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 And His righteousness
 And all these things
 Shall be added unto you
 Allelu alleluia

Verse 2

Man shall not live by bread alone
 But by ev'ry word
 That proceeds
 From the mouth of God
 Allelu alleluia

Verse 3

Ask and it shall be given unto
 you
 Seek and ye shall find
 Knock and the door
 Shall be opened unto you
 Allelu alleluia

SENDING



Sending 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, **Chorus, Interlude**

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, **Chorus x 2**

Ending

Yeah I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah
I will follow You yeah

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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

YOUTH GROUP & CONFIRMATION CLASS meet on Sundays, 4:00pm-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 6:00pm! 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.



Silverbox Delivery – Our next Volunteer event is on Saturday, September 21st, from 12:00-1:00pm at Sharing Place East. We need four cars (2 people per car) for deliveries. Each car has a driver and an assistant driver (ie, a passenger who assists with directions, carrying food boxes, etc.). Please register before 12noon on September 21st with this link: <https://newjoy.churchcenter.com/login?return=https://newjoy.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2415836/reservations/new> Thank you!



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Today, Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

- Happy Labor Day – New Joy Church's office is closed today
- No Preschool

Tuesday, September 3

- Seasoned Believers, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield, 9:00-10:30am
- Preschool 3's Class, 9:30am
- Westfield Pride, Sanctuary, 6:00-7:30pm
- Troop 1910/1920, Classroom/Nursery/Pavilion, 7:00-8:30pm

Wednesday, September 4

- Preschool 4's Class, 9:30am
- Bible Study, 1:00-2:30 pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30-8:15pm

Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6

- Preschool 4's Class, 9:30am

Sunday, September 8

- Worship, 9:30am
- *Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship*
- God's Work, Our Hands projects, 11:00am-1:00pm
- Confirmation Class, 4:00-5:30pm
- Youth Group, 4:00-5:30pm

Save The Dates
Worship Leader Training

Sunday September 15
Sunday September 22

Right after Sunday Services
More details to come! Thank You!

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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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