

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 22, 2024

Time after Pentecost



New Joy Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Welcome. We are blessed by your presence among us today. This bulletin contains the outline and words for worship this morning. Please see the back pages of the booklet for ministry announcements and welcome information about New Joy Lutheran Church.



Items **printed in dark blue** make up the core of the liturgy, the Bible-rich prayers and songs that are the scaffolding for our weekly worship. These texts and songs repeat each week, and in time you may learn them by heart and not need to look at the bulletin for these portions of the service. Much of our liturgy either directly quotes from the Bible or is significantly inspired by Biblical images. **RED FONT BIBLE CITATIONS** point you to the Bible verses that directly inspire these words of prayer and praise.



Introduction to today's Scripture – Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

GATHERING

OPENING PRAISE



SONG – GREAT ARE YOU LORD

V, C, V, C, B, C

Verse 1

You give life You are love
 You bring light to the darkness
 You give hope You restore ev'ry
 heart that is broken
 And great are You Lord

Chorus 1

It's Your breath in our lungs
 So we pour out our praise
 We pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs
 So we pour out our praise to
 You only

Bridge

And all the earth will shout
 Your praise
 Our hearts will cry these bones
 will sing
 Great are You Lord, **Repeat**



SONG – BUILD MY LIFE

V1, V2, C, V1, V2, C×2, B×2, C×2, B×3

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could
ever sing

Worthy of all the praise we
could ever bring

Worthy of ev'ry breath we
could ever breathe

We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry
other name

Jesus the only one who could
ever save

Worthy of ev'ry breath we
could ever breathe

We live for You, **Repeat**

Chorus 1

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You

Open up my eyes in wonder
and show me who You are

And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to
those around me

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your
love

It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone

And I will not be shaken

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION



We begin by humbly acknowledging our sin and brokenness. We receive God's forgiveness with faith, believing the words of absolution as if they were spoken by Jesus himself.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

1 JOHN 1:9

PSALM 136

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

JAMES 3:9

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

JAMES 4:1

brief silence for reflection

We confess that
**in our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
brief silence for reflection

MARK 9:34-35

JAMES 2:1-9

ISAIAH 10:2

O God, we pray:
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

LUKE 18:13

JAMES 4:8

MARK 1:14-20

Beloved of God, hear this Good News:
God forgives our iniquity
and remembers our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of **✝** Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

PSALM 130

JEREMIAH 31:34

EPHESIANS 2:8

APOSTOLIC GREETING

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13



The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE (“kear-ee-yay”)

Texas Kyrie



The kyrie is an ancient prayer appealing for God’s mercy rooted in the Psalms (see *PSALM 6:2, 9:13, 31:9, 86:3, 123:3*) and in the pleas of long-suffering people who approached Jesus seeking healing (see *MATTHEW 15:22, 17:15, 20:30-31*). The name “kyrie” is from the ancient Greek word for “Lord.”

Chorus

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Verse 1

We pray for peace from above.
We pray for our salvation,
Chorus

Verse 2

We pray for peace in the world,
We pray for wellness in Your
 church,
We pray for unity of all,
Chorus

Verse 3

We pray for this holy place.
We pray for all who gather here,
Chorus

Verse 4

Oh Lord help us, save us.
Oh Lord comfort and defend us,
Ending

Ending

Amen.
Amen.
Amen.
Amen.

WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY



O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



CHILDREN’S SERMON



Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

²⁰But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Holy wisdom, Holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 54



We read the Psalm responsively, saying the refrain verse when indicated.

R: God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

¹Save me, O God, ¹by your name;
in your might, de- ¹fend my cause.

²**Hear my ¹prayer, O God;**
give ear to the words ¹of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have ¹sought my life,
those who have no re- ¹gard for God.

⁴**Behold, God ¹is my helper;**
it is the Lord who sus- ¹tains my life. R

⁵Render evil to those who ¹spy on me;
in your faithful- ¹ness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a ¹freewill sacrifice**
and praise your name, O Lord, for ¹it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from ¹every trouble,
and my eye looks down ¹on my enemies. **R**



EPISTLE

James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Holy wisdom, Holy word.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to You, glory to You,
Glory to You oh Lord.
Glory to You, glory to You,
Glory to You oh Lord.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37



Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Mark:
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.
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.



SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY – THE SERVANT SONG



V1, V2, V3, V4, V5

Verse 1

Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the
 grace to
Let you be my servant too

Verse 2

We are pilgrims on a journey
We are trav'lers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the
 load

Verse 3

I will hold the Christ-light for
 you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to
 hear

Verse 4

I will weep when you are
 weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with
 you
I will share your joy and
 sorrow
Till we've seen this journey
 through

Verse 5

Brother sister let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
 to
Let you be my servant too

APOSTLES' CREED



**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.

NEW JOY MISSION STATEMENT



Our timeless faith bursts with vibrant expression here at New Joy:
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.

MATTHEW 22:9; HEBREWS 13:2

JOHN 1:16; 2 CORINTHIANS 4:15

ACTS 2:43-47; ROMANS 12:2

MATTHEW 7:33, 17:20; ROMANS 6:1-11

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



We pray for the Christian church around the world; all of creation; society, civic life, governments; the sick and suffering; our congregation; the saints who came before us. Each prayer petition concludes, Hear us, O God. The congregation responds, Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE



The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

JOHN 20:19; LUKE 24:36

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with those around you with a wave, handshake, embrace, or other sign of our Lord's peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING



OFFERING PRAYER



Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.

1 CHRONICLES 29:10

ROMANS 11:36

By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:8

MARK 9:35

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

RUTH 2:4

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

LAMENTATIONS 3:41

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PSALM 106:1, 107:1, 118:1, 136:1

PROPER PREFACE

The communion prayers continue with a seasonal preface that leads us into singing the Sanctus (which means, “Holy”) with the angelic beings of Isaiah’s vision in the Temple and the crowds of Palm Sunday.

SANCTUS



Holy Holy Holy Lord
Lord God of pow'r and might.
Heaven and earth are full
full of your glory

ISAIAH 6:1-5

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.

MATTHEW 21, MARK 11

LUKE 19, JOHN 12

PSALM 118:26

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Eucharistic Prayer is patterned after the great prayers of the Hebrew Bible and the church’s tradition. It recalls God’s mighty works from the first moments of Creation all the way to Jesus. The prayer concludes by asking the Holy Spirit to come upon us and this holy meal, so that God’s mighty works would continue in and through us.

This prayer is full of references and directly quotes from Scripture, including: PSALM 62; PROVERBS 9; GENESIS 1; GENESIS 21, EXODUS 14, RUTH 1, 1 SAMUEL 17, MATTHEW 1-2, LUKE 1, LUKE 19, MATTHEW 26, MARK 14, LUKE 22, 1 CORINTHIANS 11, JOHN 6, LUKE 24, ISAIAH 42, MALACHI 3, ISAIAH 49, GENESIS 2, REVELATION 22.

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("new" version from 1975)



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.**

MATTHEW 6:9-13

LUKE 11:2-4



INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

These are the gifts of God,

for you the people of God,

and for that we say:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:8

JOHN 6:1-15

1 PETER 2:10

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION



We believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread and cup of Holy Communion, and that Jesus gives himself to all who desire to receive. Come to the table of God's goodness.



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.

JOHN 1:29



COMMUNION SONG – CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

V×4

Verse 1

Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in
 heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given

Verse 2

God His own doth tend and
 nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares
 them
In His mighty arms He bears
 them

Verse 3

Neither life nor death shall
 ever
From the Lord His children
 sever
Unto them His grace He
 showeth
And their sorrows All He
 knoweth

Verse 4

Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children ne'er
 forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and
 holy

LUKE 2:29-32

CANTICLE OF 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 or your people Israel,
Now Lord you let your servant go in peace,
your word has been fulfilled.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER



Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ISAIAH 25:6-8; 55:1-2

PROVERBS 9:1-6

MATTHEW 22:9; LUKE 24:29

ROMANS 12:18

SENDING

BENEDICTION



The holy Three, the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and ✚ grant you peace.
Amen.

ROMANS 15:13

ISAIAH 40:28-31

1 JOHN 4:7-21

2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

SENDING SONG – THE WAY



V1, C, V2, C, B×2, C×2

Verse 1

Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe that You are my
 fortress
Oh You are my portion
You are my hiding place
Oh I believe You are

Chorus 1

The Way the Truth the Life
I believe You are
The Way the Truth the Life
I believe (You are)

Verse 2

Through every blessing
Through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe that You are provider
You are protector
You are the One I love
I believe You are

Bridge

It's a new horizon
And I'm set on You
And You meet me here today
With mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts
They can all come too
Because they can't stay long
(When I'm here with You)
(When I believe You are)

DISMISSAL



Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

LUKE 7:50



New Joy Lutheran Church

The People of New Joy, Ministers

The Rev. Chris Duckworth, Pastor

Glenn Hoffman, Music Minister

Little children are always welcome in worship – 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**.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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	Next Sunday, Sept 22
Assisting Minister	Becky Suchomel	<i>Becky Suchomel</i>
Reader	Chris Studer	<i>Stephanie Blocksom</i>
Acolyte	Colin Studer	<i>Anthony Abbey</i>
Livestream Operator	Namaan Duckworth	<i>Phil Havlik</i>
Altar Guild	Jessica Allen	<i>Jessica Allen</i>
Nursery Care	Anya Verik	<i>Lucy Platt</i>
Ushers	Amber Blakley	<i>Andrew Clark, Chuck Studer</i>
Greeters	Doug Holland	<i>Jennifer Kocolowski</i>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP LEADER TRAININGS will take place **today** following worship. We will train Readers (who also assist with serving communion), Ushers, Greeters, and Acolytes. It is the same training session as last week – you only need to attend one! All current and interested new worship leaders should participate.

Interested in Altar Guild or Assisting Minister? Reach out to Pastor Chris for Assisting Minister, or to any member of the Altar Guild (Kristi Kittilstved, Jessica Allen, Morgan Studer) for Altar Guild.

WESTFIELD PRIDE is this **Saturday, September 28**, from 1pm-6pm, at Asa Bales Park. New Joy will bear witness to the inclusive and affirming love of Christ with a table and tent at Pride. Sign up on Church Center to be part of this special event! Questions? Reach out to Greg Platt or Morgan Studer. Thank you!



Scan this code for our sign-ups on Church Center



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.

FAMILIES WITH PRE-K THRU ELEMENTARY AGE CHILDREN: Grab a Green 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!

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.

JOYFUL GIRLS DINNER IN OCTOBER – Join us on **Tuesday, October 1, 2024**, at 6pm: Thai Indy Restaurant in Carmel! Looking forward to enjoying a lovely evening of friendship and fellowship together! Please RSVP to Lyn Nore at lnore58@hotmail.com.



BREAD FOR THE WORLD SPECIAL EVENT on **Thursday, October 3, 2024**. Questions? Visit the website, and/or reach out to Jane Montgomery.

An advertisement for a Bread for the World event. On the left is a photograph of three children of diverse backgrounds smiling. The 'BREAD FOR THE WORLD' logo is overlaid on the bottom left of the photo. On the right, against a light beige background, is the text: 'Register Today!', 'go.bread.org/page/66040', 'October 3rd 6:30 pm', 'Light of the World Christian Church', and '4646 N Michigan Rd Indianapolis IN 46228'. Below this is a dark blue banner with the text 'Nourish Our Future' in large white letters, and 'Lend your voice in the fight to end hunger.' in smaller white letters below it.

Join us for **Nourish Our Future**, an inspiring event hosted by Bread for the World at Light of the World Christian Church in Indiana on October 3rd. We aim to secure Senator Young's commitment as a champion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC). This event is an opportunity to learn more about the CTC from experts and to lend your voice to people who need it most. The expanded CTC has proven effective in reducing child poverty and hunger, providing essential financial support to low-income families for basic necessities like food, ensuring a brighter future for all children. **Too many families in Indiana experience anxiety over how they will nourish their children, but we have the power to create meaningful change.**

OPEN DOORS THANKSGIVING DAY DONATION NEEDS: Thank you for your generous donations to Open Doors of Westfield! To help families celebrate Thanksgiving Day, Open Doors is asking for **1) canned corn, 2) canned cranberry sauce**. Please see our flyer located in the Narthex for more information. We are collecting **until Sunday, October 20, 2024**. Please contact Lyn Nore with any questions at lynnore@hotmail.com. Thank You!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Today, Sunday, September 22

- Worship, 9:30am
- *Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship*
- Worship Leader Training, 11:00am-12:00pm
- Confirmation Class, 4:00-5:30pm
- Youth Group, 4:00-5:30pm

Monday, September 23

- Preschool 4's Class, 9:30am-12:30pm
- Scout Troops 1910/1920, 6:30-8:00pm

Tuesday, September 24

- Seasoned Believers, @ Chick-Fil-A on Route 32 in Westfield, 9:00-10:30am
- Preschool 3's Class, 9:30am-12:30pm
- Clergy Text Study, 10:00-11:30am
- Westfield Pride, 6:00-7:30pm

Wednesday, September 25

- Preschool 4's Class, 9:30am-12:30pm
- Bible Study, 1:00-2:30 pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30-8:15pm

Thursday, September 26

- Preschool 3's Class, 9:30am-12:30pm
- Ministry Board, 6:30-8:00pm

Friday, September 27

- Preschool 4's Class, 9:30am-12:30pm

Sunday, September 29

- Worship, 9:30am
- *Nursery provided or children aged 5 and under during worship*
- Sharing Generously, Stuffing Letter #1, right after service
- Worship Leader Training, 11:00am-12:00pm
- Confirmation Class, 4:00-5:30pm
- Youth Group, 4:00-5:30pm

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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