

Notice the Stable

Advent & Christmas 2024



Martin Luther wrote:

“Nobody notices or understands what God performs in the stable.”

This season, let’s notice what God performs in unexpected, out-of-the-way places.

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



New Joy Lutheran Church & Preschool

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 this bulletin for ministry announcements and additional welcome information about New Joy Lutheran Church.

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, 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**.

God’s promises are at the heart of our worship. God promises justice for the lowly, forgiveness for the sinner, hope for the despairing, and joy for the sorrowful. These promises are “the Good News of Jesus Christ,” fulfilled by Jesus’s birth as a vulnerable child, his works of liberation and grace among us, and his victory over sin, death, and injustice by his resurrection from the grave. In the songs and prayers, Scripture and preaching, you’ll hear of God’s promise for you personally, for society, for this world that God so loves.

Our worship style is patterned after centuries of tradition reaching back to some of the earliest Christian communities. Our service is structured yet also informal, shaped by tradition yet also new. We observe seasons that lift up various themes from the life of Jesus and the mission of the church. In our prayers we pray not just for ourselves but for the church; all of creation; our neighbors and our society; the sick and suffering; and, for the blessed departed. We pray seeking that God’s promises would come to us and through us to a world in need.

Holy Communion is a meal of Christ’s radical welcome, real presence, and complete forgiveness. All are welcome to receive the gift of Jesus’ body and blood in the bread and cup of Holy Communion. We use grape juice for communion, and gluten-free bread is available upon request. Not sure whether to receive communion, or how? Simply find the pastor in the communion line and ask.

Welcome. We are so glad you are with us today.

INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

SONG: WAITING HERE FOR YOU

V1, V2, Chorus, V3, C, Bx2, Cx2

Verse 1

If faith can move the mountains
Let the mountains move
We come with expectation
Waiting here for You
Waiting here for You

Verse 2

You're the Lord of all creation
And still You know my heart
The Author of salvation
You've loved us from the start

Chorus 1

Waiting here for You with our hands
Lifted high in praise
And it's You we adore
Singing alleluia

Verse 3

You are ev'rything You've promised
Your faithfulness is true
We're desp'rate for Your presence
All we need is You

Interlude

We will wait for You Lord
In step with You Lord we sing alleluia

Bridge

Singing alleluia alleluia (2X)

Chorus 2

Waiting here for You with our hands
Lifted high in praise
And it's You we adore singing alleluia
(We're) singing alleluia

WORDS OF WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

OPENING SONG: COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

SONG: CHILD OF LIGHT

Verse

A spark ignites, a candle glows,
a heart delights in the pleasure it knows.
Light comes so close, creation knows,
flame reaches higher and warmer it grows.
Like the wreath, a circle of light,
love all around us flows.



Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
We see your light and lift our voice,
and Rejoice! Rejoice!
Come Child so bright Oh hear our joy,
Rejoice!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING LITANY

Be still, God commands. Be still.

We wait, we watch.

Yet waiting isn't nothing. Waiting is active.

Waiting is attentiveness to God.

We wait, we watch. For God promises to act.

We light one candle. We strive to notice what God is doing.

We wait, we watch. We strive to notice God.

We light this candle. What will we notice?

We wait, we watch.

O Holy Spirit, grant that we would notice

that the kingdom of God is near.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER

SONG: CHILD OF LIGHT

Repeated; see above

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HEBREW BIBLE

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 25

℟̕ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. (Ps. 25:1)

¹ To | you, O Lord,

I lift | up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths. ℟̕**

⁵ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting. ℟̕**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.



¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. **R**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ADVENT ALLELUIA

Voice 1
Al - le - lu_ ia Al - le - lu_ ia Al - le - lu_

Voice 2
Al-le-lu_ ia! Al-le-lu_ ia!

11
ia Al - le - lu_ ia! Show us Your Word, Your

Al-le-lu_ ia! Praise You! Al-le-lu_ ia! Al-le-lu_ ia! Al-le-lu_ ia! Praise You!

18
light in our sto-ry. We sing in praise, our hope, Your Glo-ry! Al - le - lu - - ia!

Al-le Al-le Al-le-lu i - a!

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

repeated; see above



SONG OF THE DAY: O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
O Sun of justice, now draw near.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

MISSION STATEMENT

New Joy Lutheran Church is a spirited community called by God to extend a radical welcome, share a generous grace, nurture transforming faith, and live God's promise.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*We pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition concludes:
Lord, in your mercy
Receive our prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

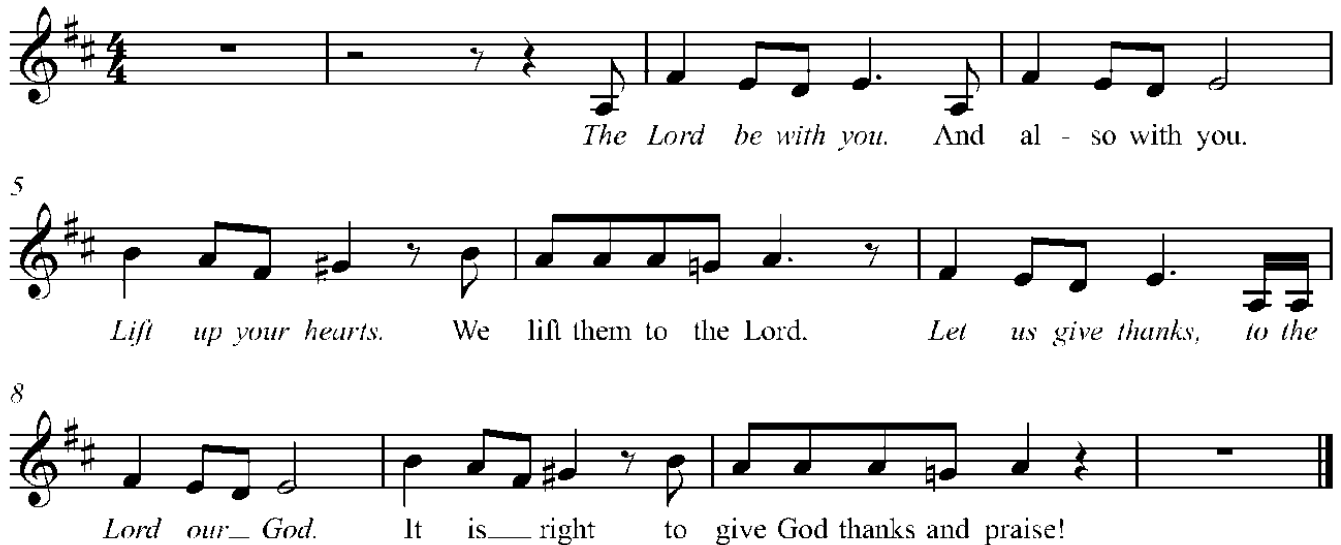
The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
Please extend a sign of Christ's peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

5
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks, to the

8
Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise!

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three lines of music. The first line starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The third line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly are You, Lord, God of hosts!_____

5
Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

9
Blessed is He who comes in the name, Comes in the name of the Lord!_____

13
Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

During the Eucharistic Prayer, which includes Jesus' words instituting the Lord's Supper, the congregation prays the following responses:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

...

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.



LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION MEAL IS SERVED

In communion, Jesus gives himself in the form of bread and cup to all who desire to receive. While we feast, we sing.

LAMB OF GOD – Advent Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

5



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on us.

9



Lamb of God you take a-way the sin. Grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC – COME LIGHT OUR HEARTS

E A

For You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. For

5 E A E

You, O Lord, our souls in still - ness wait. Tru - ly our hope is in You,

VERSE

10 *3rd time to Coda* B E

tru - ly our hope is in You. 1. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, Your ra - diance
2. O joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in You we

15 A B E

shines on all who look to You in the dark. Em - man - u - el come, come light our hearts.
find more than e - nough. We come as we are; O heal and re - store, come light our hearts.

POST-COMMUNION ALLELUIA

Voice 1

Al - le - lu_ ia Al - le - lu_ ia Al - le - lu_

Voice 2

Al-le-lu_ ia! Al-le-lu_ ia!

11

ia Al - le - lu_ ia! You give us Your-self, Your

Al-le-lu_ ia! Praise You! Al-le-lu_ ia! Al-le-lu_ ia! Al-le-lu_ ia! Praise You!

18

flesh and for-give-ness; fed and ful-filled, we look for Your light. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al-le Al-le Al-le-lu i - a!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG – JESUS MESSIAH

Intro, V1, C, V2, C, B, C, E

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Ending

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

Thanks be to God.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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, Dec. 8
Assisting Minister	Norm Springer	<i>Chris Studer</i>
Reader	Kyle Blakley	<i>Libby Dissauer</i>
Acolyte	Open	<i>Open</i>
Livestream Operator	Phil Havlik	<i>Open</i>
Altar Guild	Jessica Allen	<i>Jessica Allen</i>
Nursery Care	Anya Verik	<i>Lucy Platt</i>
Ushers	Chuck and Janis Studer	<i>Open, Open</i>
Greeters	Open, Open	<i>Open, Open</i>
Advent Wreath Lighting	The Studers	<i>Open</i>

We give thanks to the musicians, writers, and church ministries who create and publish much of the music, prayers, and words we use in worship.

Our liturgy music – the music that repeats weekly and forms the scaffolding of our service – was composed by our Music Minister, Glenn Hoffman. Thank you, Glenn, for composing such faithful music for us this Advent season!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice the Stable

Advent & Christmas
at New Joy

Advent Wreath Workshop

- Sunday, November 24, 5pm

Sundays of Advent

- December 1, 8, 15, 22, 9:30am

Children's Christmas Singalong & Storytelling

- Sunday, December 15,
in worship (9:30am)

Advent Evening Prayer services

- Wednesdays,
December 4, 11, 18, 7pm

Christmas Season Services

- Christmas Eve, Tuesday,
December 24, 5pm & 7:30pm
- Sundays, December 29 &
January 5, 9:30am



A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THE REV. AMANDA GHAFARIAN, Indiana University Lutheran Campus Minister. We are blessed by your presence among us today, and deeply appreciative of the caring and compassionate ministry you share with students, faculty, and staff at Indiana University.

AT-HOME ADVENT PRAYER BOOKLETS are available to pick up in the church entranceway. Use this booklet to light an Advent wreath at home each night during Advent.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORYTELLING & SINGALONG –on Sunday, December 15, our children will enjoy and share a special time of storytelling and song. In order to learn the songs, all children elementary age and younger are urged to participate in brief rehearsals following worship on November 17, December 1, and December 8 to learn our songs.

JOYFUL GIRLS' ANNUAL SERVICE PROJECT: FAMILY PROMISE DONATION NEEDS – For this year's Service Project, Joyful Girls is collecting donations of new *unwrapped* Sweatshirts in any size for Men, Women, and Children, as well as Knit Hats, for Family Promise of Hamilton County until December 15. We have a bin located in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

JOYFUL GIRLS' DINNER IN IN DECEMBER– Join us on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00pm at Maggiano's Little Italy in Indianapolis! Looking forward to enjoying a lovely evening of friendship and fellowship together! Please RSVP to either Lyn Nore at lnore58@hotmail.com or Becky Suchomel at becksuch@gmail.com. Thank you!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



<p>Today, Sunday, December 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship, 9:30am, The First Sunday of Advent, Welcome Pastor Amanda!• Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship• Children's Christmas Storytelling & Singalong rehearsal, following worship
<p>Monday, December 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool 4's Class, 9:30am-12:30pm• BSA Troops 1910/1920, 6:30-8:00pm• Radical Welcome 7:00-8:15pm
<p>Tuesday, December 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• HOA Wilshire Meeting – 6:15pm-9:45pm
<p>Wednesday, December 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool 4's Class, 9:30am-12:30pm• Bible Study, 1:00-2:30pm• Advent Evening Prayer, 7pm• Band Rehearsal, 7:30-8:15pm
<p>Thursday, December 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool 3's Class, 9:30am-12:30pm
<p>Friday, December 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preschool 4's Class, 9:30am-12:30pm
<p>Saturday, December 7</p>
<p>Sunday, December 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worship, 9:30am, The Second Sunday of Advent• Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship• Children's Christmas Storytelling & Singalong rehearsal, following 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.

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