



“For without the word of God  
water is plain water and not a baptism.  
But water joined with God’s word is a baptism,  
that is, a grace-filled water of life.”  
*From Martin Luther’s Small Catechism, on Holy Baptism*

February 9, 2025



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:** The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God’s glory. “Who will go for us?” God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn’t catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

Today we are changing our liturgy to honor The Rev. James Capers, Indianapolis pastor, musician, and faithful leader in the Black Church who died late last month. Pastor Capers composed some of the music for today’s liturgy, and we sing these songs in his memory. As James receives his eternal reward, we give thanks that he now sings with the heavenly chorus.

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

PRELUDE SONG

WORDS OF WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER



## OPENING SONG: Jesus, Light Of The World



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain*



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

## 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.**

**SONG:** This Is The Feast (Capers)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

*Refrain*



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

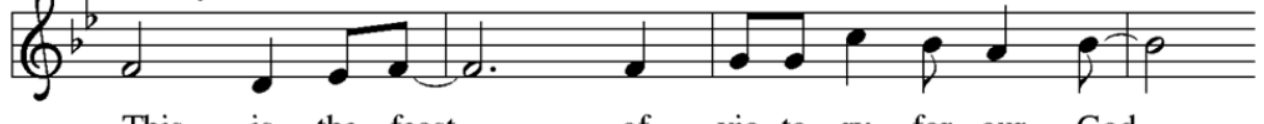


3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# WORD

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### HEBREW BIBLE

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

*Through a vision in the temple, the eighth-century prophet Isaiah is called by God to announce judgment against Israel. Aware of his sinfulness and shortcomings, Isaiah is initially hesitant. But when God calls, Isaiah responds, "Here am I; send me!"*

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory."

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [<sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend;  
keep looking, but do not understand.'

<sup>10</sup> Make the mind of this people dull,  
and stop their ears,  
and shut their eyes,  
so that they may not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and comprehend with their minds,  
and turn and be healed."

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:  
“Until cities lie waste  
    without inhabitant,  
and houses without people,  
    and the land is utterly desolate;  
<sup>12</sup> until the Lord sends everyone far away,  
    and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.  
<sup>13</sup> Even if a tenth part remain in it,  
    it will be burned again,  
like a terebinth or an oak  
    whose stump remains standing  
    when it is felled.”  
The holy seed is its stump.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

Psalm 138

**℟** *I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)*

- <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with <sup>l</sup> my whole heart;  
    before the gods I will <sup>l</sup> sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
    because of your steadfast <sup>l</sup> love and faithfulness;  
    for you have glorified your name and your word  
    a- <sup>l</sup>bove all things. ℟**
- <sup>3</sup> When I called, you <sup>l</sup> answered me;  
    you increased my <sup>l</sup> strength within me.
- <sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise <sup>l</sup> you, O Lord,  
    when they have heard the words <sup>l</sup> of your mouth.**
- <sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways <sup>l</sup> of the Lord,  
    that great is the glory <sup>l</sup> of the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> **The Lord is high, yet cares <sup>l</sup> for the lowly,  
    perceiving the haughty <sup>l</sup> from afar. ℟**
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you <sup>l</sup> keep me safe;  
    you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
    your right <sup>l</sup> hand shall save me.



**<sup>8</sup> You will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the  
works of your hands. R**

## **EPISTLE**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

*Paul delivers in a nutshell the story of the gospel that was given to him. In the lineage of the Christian faith, we have received the good news of God's love from generations of believers before us, and we continue to tell this story to the world.*

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

*Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.*

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*repeated; see above*

## **SERMON**

### **Revelation Song**

V, C, V, C, V, C

#### **Verse 1**

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

#### **Chorus**

Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings  
You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You

#### **Verse 2**

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise  
King, **Chorus**

#### **Verse 3**

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and  
living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah, **Chorus**

## **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:  
God of Grace,  
Hear 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 also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

*The prayers continue with a seasonally appropriate preface, which leads into a chorus combining the angelic song of Isaiah 6 (today's Hebrew Bible reading) and the people's praise of Jesus on Palm Sunday.*

## SANCTUS

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*The Eucharistic Prayer, which includes Jesus' words instituting the Lord's Supper, concludes with the Lord's Prayer.*

### **THE 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.**

### **INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

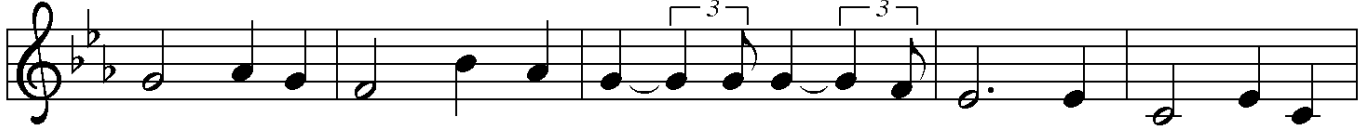
*All are welcome to the table of our Lord's grace and mercy to receive Christ in the bread and cup of this holy supper. We use grape juice for communion, and gluten-free bread is available upon request. Not sure whether to receive communion, or how? Simply find the pastor in the communion line and ask. After the instructions:*

These are the gifts of God  
for you the people of God.  
And for that we say:  
**Thanks be to God.**

**LAMB OF GOD – Lamb of God (Capers)**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION MUSIC – Will You Come and Follow Me, The Summons



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (Capers)



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

# SENDING

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING SONG – Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

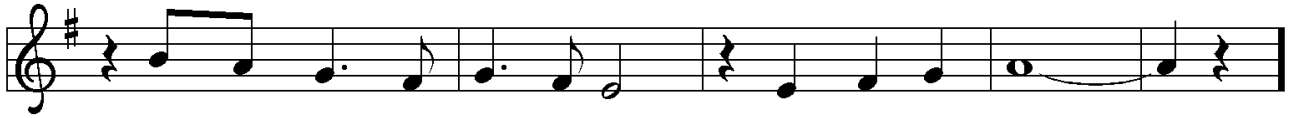


All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.





I, who made the stars of night,                      I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone,                give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide                      till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them?                Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them.                Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them.                      Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord.                      Is it I, Lord?                      I have heard you



call-ing in the night.                      I will go, Lord,                      if you



lead me.                      I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.  
Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE MUSIC

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We give thanks for all who give of themselves for service to God and to this community.

The band is led by our Minister of Music, Glenn Hoffman, and includes Jim Gregory on keyboard & Karen Archbold on vocals. The Sound Board is run by Steve Castle.

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday, Feb 16</b>
Assisting Minister	Kyle Blakley	Kristen Abbey
Readers	Libby Dissauer	Sylvia Lux
Acolyte	Cate Dissauer	Jane Abbey
Livestream Operator	Richard Kittilstved	Naaman Duckworth
Altar Guild	Kristi Kittilstved	Kristi Kittilstved
Nursery Care	Anya Verik	Lucy Platt
Ushers	Abigail & Andy Clark	Chuck & Janis Studer
Greeters	Jenny Platt, Lyn Nore	Jessicah Duckworth, Jessica Allen

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JEWISH-LUTHERAN DIALOGUE EVENT**, “Wrestling with Luther’s Legacies,” – thank you to everyone who brought delicious food, assisted before, during, and after the event, and shared in our evening of learning, connection, and growth together.

**INTERFAITH SEDER** The Jewish Community Relations Council is hosting an Interfaith Seder on Tuesday, March 25, at approximately 6pm (specific schedule/details are not yet available). This is a great opportunity for us to learn about Judaism and Jewish faith practices. New Joy will have a table at this important event. A limited number of seats is available. Please let Pastor Chris and/or Nicole in the church office know **by February 16** if you’d like to participate. Thank you!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** – every Sunday in February! Newcomers and “oldcomers” established church members are welcome. This class also includes a dinner at Pastor Chris’s house (tentatively Saturday, March 8). Please let Pastor Chris or Nicole Williams, Parish Administrator ([office@newjoy.org](mailto:office@newjoy.org)), know if you’re interested in joining.

**SAVE THE DATE! NEW JOY’S 2025 VBS WEEK, “Road Trip VBS”**- - will be Sunday June 22 through Thursday June 26 from 6:00-8:00pm! - More details soon!

**PARENTING LGBTQIA+ TWEENS AND TEENS COURSE** - How to become more educated in the LGBTQIA+ space, navigate our own feelings, and improve our parenting responses. You do NOT have to be a parent to join-this is open to anyone who loves youth and wants to love them well. The class will meet on Tuesdays starting on February 11. Please contact Morgan Studer at [mlhughes413@gmail.com](mailto:mlhughes413@gmail.com) or Jenny Platt at [plattj149@gmail.com](mailto:plattj149@gmail.com) for more information and to register.

**JOYFUL GIRLS' FEBRUARY DINNER** – Thursday, February 13, 2025, 6:00pm, Pies & Pints at Clay Terrace in Carmel, IN! The address is 14550 Clay Terrace Blvd, Ste 100, Carmel, IN 46032. Please join us for fellowship and a lovely evening. Please RSVP to Sylvia Lux at [sylviaklux@gmail.com](mailto:sylviaklux@gmail.com).

**OPEN DOORS CURRENT NEEDS** – Next time you're shopping, please remember our food-insecure neighbors. Open Doors is in need crackers and granola bars. Donations can be brought to church or taken directly to Open Doors (on the campus of Monon Trails Elementary School, Tomlinson Road, just north of 191<sup>st</sup> Street).

**PEACE OF MIND PRESENTATION FROM FLANNER BUCHANAN** – Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 9:00am, New Joy Church's Sanctuary. We are thrilled to have Trish Hodges present to us. It will be informal and about 40 minutes then opening up to questions and answers. Please RSVP to Lyn Nore if you would like to attend at 614-406-7107.

**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.

**NEW MINISTRY TEAMS** are forming next month. Are you interested in contributing to our Christian Learning or Worship Ministry teams? If so, contact Pastor Chris or Luke Johnson, our Ministry Board President.

**SILVERBOX FOOD DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Saturday, March 15, 2025, 11:00am-1:30pm, Sharing Place East, 6501 Sunnyside Rd, Entrance #5, Indianapolis, IN 46236. New Joy is coordinating with Lutheran Child and Family Services of Indiana/Kentucky (LCFS). LCFS is a non-profit social service organization founded in 1883 that offers both residential and community-based services to families and children. Sign up to Volunteer at [NewJoy.ChurchCenter.com](http://NewJoy.ChurchCenter.com) or the Church Center App and Click Events.

# Follow-Up from Wrestling with Luther's Legacies

At Wednesday evening's "Wrestling with Luther's Legacies," event Pastor Chris referenced the statement by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America rejecting Martin Luther's antisemitic writings. It is included here for your reading and understanding.

*"A Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the Jewish Community" was first adopted by the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 1994 as a statement on Lutheran-Jewish relations. A revised version of the declaration was adopted by the Church Council in 2021 as a reaffirmation.*



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## A DECLARATION OF THE Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the Jewish Community

In the long history of the church, the treatment accorded the Jewish people by Christians has been among our most grievous and shameful legacies. Very few Christian communities of faith were able to escape the contagion of anti-Judaism and its modern successor, anti-Semitism. Lutherans belonging to the Lutheran World Federation and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America feel a special burden in this regard because of certain elements in the legacy of the reformer Martin Luther and the catastrophes, including the Holocaust of the twentieth century, suffered by Jews in places where the Lutheran churches were strongly represented.

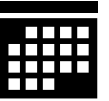
The Lutheran communion of faith is linked by name and heritage to the memory of Martin Luther, teacher and reformer. Honoring his name in our own, we recall his bold stand for truth, his earthy and sublime words of wisdom, and above all his witness to God's saving Word. Luther proclaimed a gospel for people as we really are, bidding us to trust a grace sufficient to reach our deepest shames and address the most tragic truths.

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In the spirit of that truth-telling, we who bear his name and heritage must with pain acknowledge also Luther's anti-Judaic diatribes and the violent recommendations of his later writings against the Jews. As did many of Luther's own companions in the sixteenth century, we reject this violent invective, and yet more do we express our deep and abiding sorrow over its tragic effects on subsequent generations. In concert with the Lutheran World Federation, we particularly deplore the appropriation in our day of Luther's words by modern anti-Semites for the teaching of hatred and incitement to violence toward Judaism and the Jewish people.

Grieving the complicity of our own tradition within this history of hatred, moreover, we express our urgent desire to live out our faith in Jesus Christ with love and respect for the Jewish people. We recognize in anti-Semitism a contradiction and an affront to the Gospel, a violation of our hope and calling, and we pledge this church to oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us. Finally, we pray for the continued blessing of the Blessed One upon the increasing cooperation and understanding between Lutheran Christians and the Jewish community.

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



<p><b>Today, Sunday, February 9</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship, 9:30am, Welcome Troops 1910/1920!</li><li>• Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship</li><li>• New Member Class, 10:45am</li><li>• Confirmation Ministry and Youth Group, 4:00-5:30pm</li></ul>
<p><b>Monday, February 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool 4's, 9:30am</li><li>• BSA Troops 1910/1920, 6:30-8:00pm</li><li>• Pastoral Collaboration, 6:30-7:30pm</li></ul>
<p><b>Tuesday, February 11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seasoned Believers, Chick Fil-A, Westfield, 9:00-10:30am</li><li>• Preschool 3's, 9:30am</li><li>• Clergy Text Meeting, 10:00-11:30am</li><li>• BSA Troops – Parent Orientation, 7:00-9:00pm</li></ul>
<p><b>Wednesday, February 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool 4's, 9:30am</li><li>• Afternoon Bible Study, 12:30-2:00pm</li><li>• Band Rehearsal, 7:30-8:15pm</li></ul>
<p><b>Thursday, February 13</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool 3's, 9:30am</li></ul>
<p><b>Friday, February 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool 4's, 9:30am</li></ul>
<p><b>Saturday, February 15</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, February 16</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship, 9:30am</li><li>• New Member Class, 10:45am</li></ul>

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**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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