

*the season of Easter at*  
*New Joy Lutheran Church*



*always*

**MERCY**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

**Second Sunday of Easter**

April 27, 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.

**Introduction to the Second Sunday of Easter:** In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe in resurrection and new life. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery *for fifty days* (a week of weeks!). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

**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**.

**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.

**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.

**WELCOME.** We are so glad you are with us today.

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## OPENING SONG – Christ Is Risen

### Verse 1

Let no one caught in sin  
Remain inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

### Chorus

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

### Verse 2

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim,

### Chorus

### Bridge

O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the  
night  
Singing O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead  
He's alive He's alive, **Chorus x2**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE: Now The Feast And Celebration**

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

### **Chorus**

Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!

### **Verse 1**

Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God. **Chorus**

### **Verse 2**

Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 3**

For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. **Chorus**

# **WORD**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **HEBREW BIBLE**

### **2 Kings 7:1-16**

*It is a time of despair and sorrow for God's people. They are suffering from both a famine and relentless attack from their enemies. Elisha speaks a word of promise from the LORD that the people will eat their fill. The LORD causes the enemy to flee in fear, who leave their food and supplies for God's people to claim.*

A reading from Second Kings:

<sup>1</sup>Elisha said, "Hear the word of the LORD: thus says the LORD, Tomorrow about this time a measure of choice meal shall be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria." <sup>2</sup>Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned said to the man of God, "Even if the LORD were to make windows in the sky, could such a thing happen?" But he said, "You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat from it."

<sup>3</sup>Now there were four leprous men outside the city gate, who said to one another, "Why should we sit here until we die? <sup>4</sup>If we say, 'Let us enter the city,' the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; but if we sit here, we shall also die.

Therefore, let us desert to the Aramean camp; if they spare our lives, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

"<sup>5</sup>So they arose at twilight to go to the Aramean camp; but when they came to the edge of the Aramean camp, there was no one there at all. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD had caused the Aramean army to hear the sound of chariots, and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, "The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to fight against us." <sup>7</sup>So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives. <sup>8</sup>When these leprous men had come to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent, ate and drank, carried off silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them. Then they came back, entered another tent, carried off things from it, and went and hid them.

<sup>9</sup>Then they said to one another, "What we are doing is wrong. This is a day of good news; if we are silent and wait until the morning light, we will be found guilty; therefore let us go and tell the king's household." <sup>10</sup>So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, "We went to the Aramean camp, but there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied, the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were." <sup>11</sup>Then the gatekeepers called out and proclaimed it to the king's household. <sup>12</sup>The king got up in the night, and said to his servants, "I will tell you what the Arameans have prepared against us.

They know that we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide themselves in the open country, thinking, 'When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive and get into the city.'" <sup>13</sup>One of his servants said, "Let some men take five of the remaining horses, since those left here will suffer the fate of the whole multitude of Israel that have perished already; let us send and find out." <sup>14</sup>So they took two mounted men, and the king sent them after the Aramean army, saying, "Go and find out." <sup>15</sup>So they went after them as far as the Jordan; the whole way was littered with garments and equipment that the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned, and told the king.

<sup>16</sup>Then the people went out, and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of choice meal was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

The wisdom and wonder of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 2

*℞ Happy are all who take refuge in God! (Ps. 2:12)*

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<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations <sup>l</sup> in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter <sup>l</sup> empty threats?

**<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes <sup>l</sup> plot together, against the Lord and against the <sup>l</sup> Lord's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their <sup>l</sup> yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their <sup>l</sup> bonds from us."

**<sup>4</sup>God whose throne is in heav- <sup>l</sup> en is laughing; the Lord holds them <sup>l</sup> in derision. ℞**

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God <sup>l</sup> speaks to them, and in rage fills <sup>l</sup> them with terror.

**<sup>6</sup>"As for me, I have anoint- <sup>l</sup> ed my king upon Zion, my <sup>l</sup> holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree <sup>l</sup> of the Lord, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- <sup>l</sup> gotten you.

**<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for <sup>l</sup> your inheritance and the ends of the earth for <sup>l</sup> your possession. ℞**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an <sup>l</sup> iron rod and shatter them like a <sup>l</sup> piece of pottery."

**<sup>10</sup>And now, you <sup>l</sup> kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers <sup>l</sup> of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the <sup>l</sup> Lord with fear, and with trembling <sup>l</sup> bow in worship;

**<sup>12</sup>lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden <sup>l</sup> blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take ref- <sup>l</sup> uge in God! ℞**

## EPISTLE

## Revelation 1:4-8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,<sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The wisdom and wonder of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Now The Feast And Celebration

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

### GOSPEL

### John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

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Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** - *repeated; see above*

**SERMON**



## **HYMN OF THE DAY – Great Are You Lord**

V, C, V, C, B, C

### **Verse**

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

### **Bridge**

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

### **Chorus**

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,  
**Verse, Chorus**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**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.**

## 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 THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each prayer petition concludes, Hear us, O God. The response is, **your mercy is great.**

## PROCLAMATION OF PEACE

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY SONG: As The Grains Of Wheat

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*


may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

# MEAL


## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



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



right to give God thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

*Pastor continues with a seasonal preface to the Eucharistic Prayer.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

“Eucharist” comes from the Greek word εὐχαριστία, meaning Thanksgiving. The Eucharistic Prayer is an ancient, patterned prayer that thanks God for God’s saving work. Listen for references to God’s promises in Creation, the Passover, the prophets, and ultimately in Jesus’ death and resurrection. The prayer then asks God’s saving work to continue to us and through us today to form communities of peace.

## ACCLAMATION

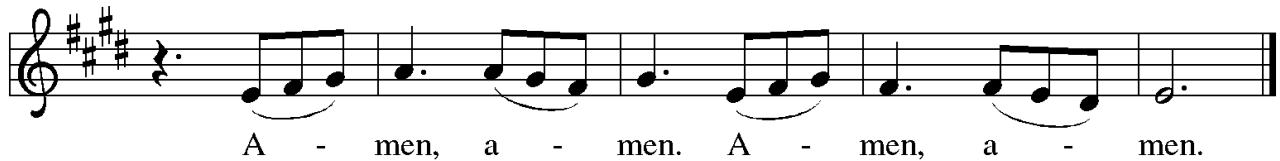
During the prayer we sing the mystery of our faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come, come a-gain.

## AMEN

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with a sung Amen, and leads directly into 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.

## LORD'S SUPPER

*In communion, Jesus gives of himself in the bread and cup to all who desire to receive. We sing while we feast, for "when we sing, we pray twice."*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### LAMB OF GOD (Haugen)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You break the chains of hatred and fear:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You are the way of justice and peace:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

**SONG: Let Us Break Bread Together**



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

**SONG: Halle Halle Halle**

Halle halle halle-lujah!  
Halle halle halle-lujah!  
Halle halle halle-lujah!  
Hallelujah hallelujah!

# **SENDING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG: Shout To The North**

V1, C, V2, C, B, V3, C

### **Verse 1**

Men of faith rise up and sing  
Of the great and glorious King  
You are strong when you feel weak  
In your brokenness complete

### **Chorus**

Shout to the north and the south  
Sing to the east and the west  
Jesus is Savior to all  
Lord of heaven and earth

### **Verse 2**

Rise up women of the truth  
Stand and sing to broken hearts  
Who can know the healing pow'r  
Of our awesome King of love

### **Verse 3**

Rise up church with broken wings  
Fill this place with songs again  
Of our God who reigns on high  
By His grace again we'll fly

### **Bridge**

We've been through fire  
We've been through rain  
We've been refined  
By the pow'r of His name  
We've fallen deeper  
In love with You  
You've burned  
The truth on our lips

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **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>May 4</b>
Assisting Minister	Kyle Blakley	Open
Reader	Libby Dissauer	Open
Acolyte	Open	Open
Livestream Operator	Phil & Abigail Havlik	Open
Altar Guild	Jessica Allen	Morgan Studer
Nursery Care	Lucy	Lucy
Ushers	Open, Open	Sylvia Lux,
Greeters	Doug Holland, Jenny Platt	Open

*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.*

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- **Let Us Break Bread Together**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.



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**OPEN DOORS CURRENT NEEDS** – Next time you're shopping, please remember our food-insecure neighbors. Open Doors needs are **Canned Fruit, Canned Soup, Canned Dinty Moore Stew, and Canned Tuna**. 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).

**NEW JOY'S 2025 Road Trip VBS** will be Sunday June 22 through Thursday June 26 from 6:00-8:00pm! Registrations for VBS kids and for youth and adult VBS volunteers are open! Register on the Church Center app, or find link at [newjoy.org](http://newjoy.org) to sign up.

**FRIENDS & ALLIES OF WESTFIELD PRIDE MEETUP** –Today - Sunday, **April 27**, from 6-8pm here at New Joy.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY** – Saturday, **May 3**, starting at 9am with our Scout Troops 1910 & 1920! We will be weeding and mulching and doing other landscaping and other clean-up tasks to beautify our property!

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**FRIENDS & ALLIES OF WESTFIELD PRIDE** are hosting *Ripple Effect Choir* in concert on Sunday, **May 4**, at 4:30pm. The Ripple Effect Choir is an ensemble that encourages acceptance and promotes a sense of community while transforming social awareness through the power of music. The Ripple Effect Choir envisions a world in which every human is treated with respect, kindness, and love.



**JOYFUL GIRLS' MAY DINNER** – Wednesday **May 7**, 6pm, at Wolfie's Grill in Carmel – 1162 Keystone Way, Carmel, IN 46032. Join us for a lovely evening of fellowship. Our Host is Nancy Dickerson. Please RSVP to [Inore58@hotmail.com](mailto:Inore58@hotmail.com).

**NEW SPECIAL EVENT!** Indianapolis Liederkrantz Band to perform at New Joy on Saturday evening, **May 10** at 6:30pm. This will be their second (annual!) visit to bring great German music and a joyful spirit to New Joy.

We're still working on our food and beverage plan – please let Glenn Hoffman or Pastor Chris know if you'd like to assist with food and hospitality for this event.



We're inviting our friends from **Congregation Beth Shalom** to join us for this event. Their Rabbi, Rabbi Justin Kerber, spoke at the Jewish-Lutheran dialogue event we hosted in February. American Lutherans and Jews, with common roots in Germany, share many common cultural bonds.

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



<p><b>Today, Sunday, April 27</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship, 9:30am</li><li>• Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship</li><li>• Creative Faith Presentation – Confirmation Ministry, 4:00-5:30pm</li><li>• Allies and Friends of Westfield Pride Meet-Up, 6:00-7:00pm</li></ul>
<p><b>Monday, April 28</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></ul>
<p><b>Tuesday, April 29</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seasoned Believers, 9:00-10:30am, Chick Fil A in Westfield</li><li>• Preschool 3's, 9:30am</li><li>• Clergy Text Study, 10:00-11:30am</li><li>• Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group, 6:30-8:00pm</li></ul>
<p><b>Wednesday, April 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool 4's, 9:30am</li><li>• Midweek Bible Study, 12:30pm-2:00pm</li></ul>
<p><b>Thursday, May 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool 3's, 9:30am</li><li>• Band Rehearsal, 7:30-8:15pm</li></ul>
<p><b>Friday, May 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool 4's, 9:30am</li></ul>
<p><b>Saturday, May 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Troop Landscaping Project, Spring Cleaning, 9:00am-1:00pm</li></ul>
<p><b>Sunday, May the 4<sup>th</sup> (be with you)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship, 9:30am</li><li>• Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship</li><li>• The <b>Ripple Effect Choir</b> Event, hosted by Allies &amp; Friends of Westfield Pride, 4:30-5:30pm</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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