

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

Psalm 118:1

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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 Third Sunday of Easter: The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

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 – Forever

V1, V2, PC1, C, V3, PC2, C×2

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2

With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pre-Chorus

Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong Forever God is with us Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God We will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

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 Isaiah 61:1-3

Jesus read this passage from Isaiah at his first sermon in the Nazareth synagogue. Now, in the Easter season, we hear it again as good news for the oppressed and suffering. Life replaces death, gladness replaces mourning, liberty replaces captivity, praise replaces a faint spirit.

A reading from Isaiah:

¹The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

The wisdom and wonder of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 90:13-17

R May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us (Ps. 90:17) R May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us

¹³Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry? Be gracious | to your servants.

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days. R

¹⁵Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works, and your splendor | to their children.

¹⁷May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork. **℟**

EPISTLE Revelation 5:8-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

⁸When [the Lamb] had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹They sing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; 10 you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

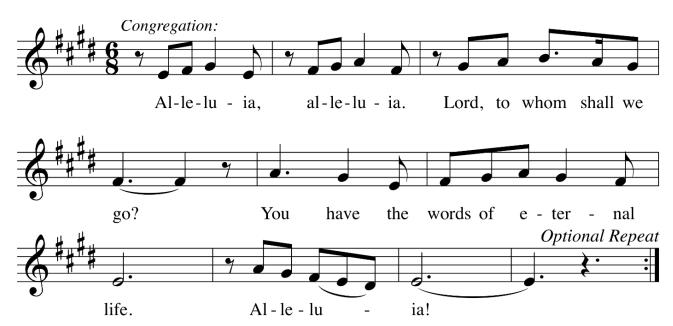
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The wisdom and wonder of God.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Now The Feast And Celebration



GOSPEL John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the earlier fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel, according to Saint John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.

⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - repeated; see above

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – What Wondrous Love Is This



- What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
- When I was sink ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



O my soul! What won-drous love won - drous love is this, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down was I will sing; and to the Lamb to God and to the Lamb, when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



bear the dread-ful curse for my that caused the Lord of bliss to be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ a - side his crown for my laid great I while mil - lions join the theme, I will who is the Aм, I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to soul, for my soul, Christ sing, I will sing, while on, I'll sing on; and bear the dread-ful curse for my soul? laid a - side his crown for my soul. mil - lions join the theme, I will sing. through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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.

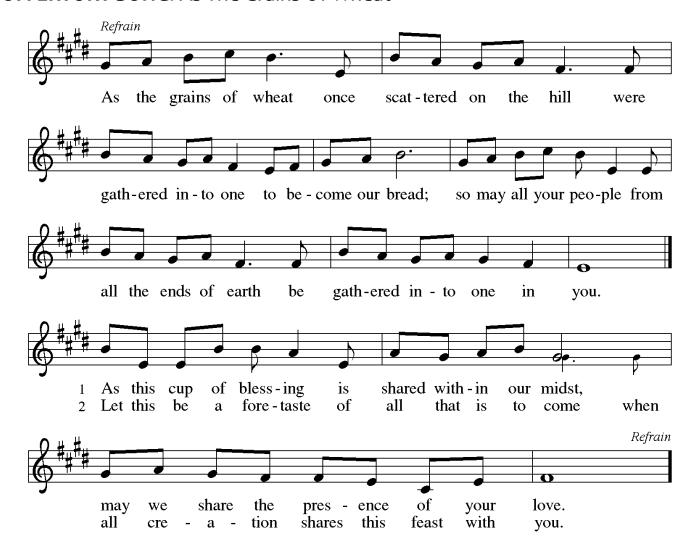
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

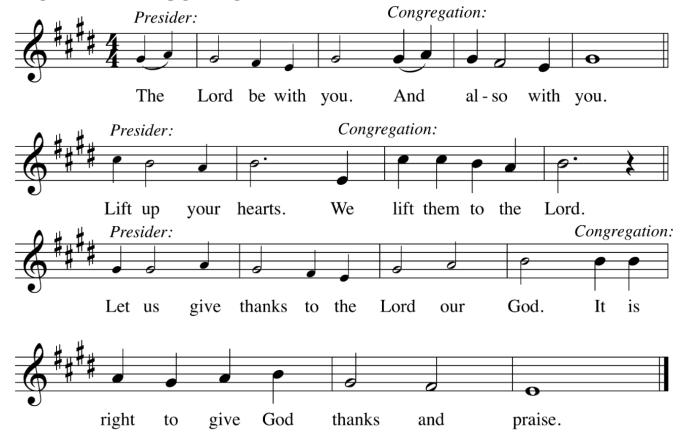
OFFERTORY SONG: As The Grains Of Wheat



OFFERING PRAYER

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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,

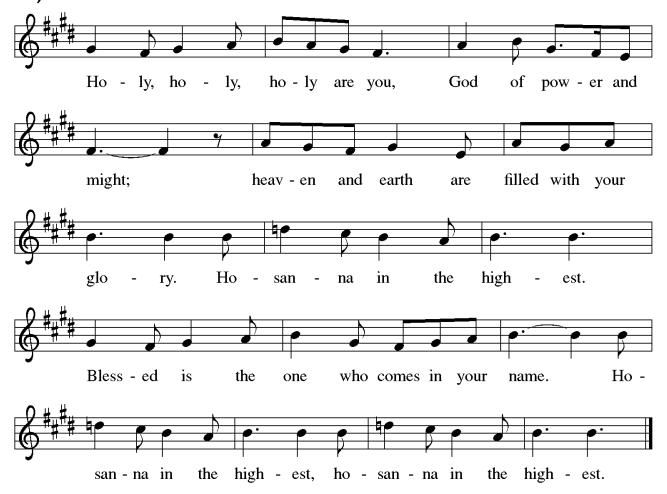
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

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

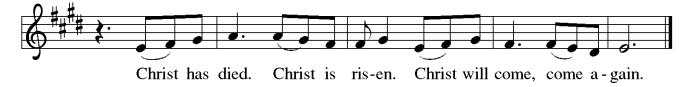


EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

"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 Exodus from Egypt, 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.



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: We Fall Down

V, C, V, C

Verse

We fall down

We lay our crowns

At the feet of Jesus

The greatness of mercy and love

At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy And we cry holy holy holy

And we cry holy holy is the

Lamb

SONG: 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,

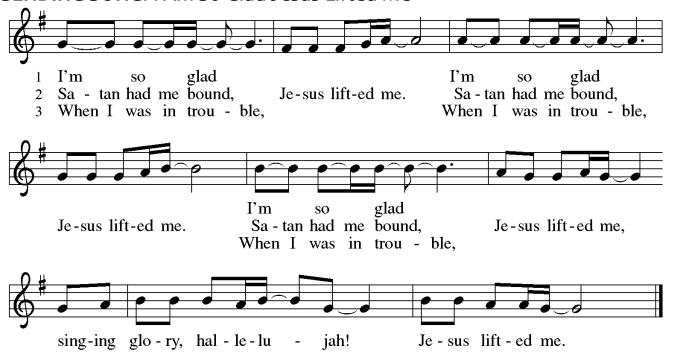
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn,

now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: I Am So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



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.

	Today	May 11
Assisting Minister	Laura Cupp	Chris Studer
Reader	Kristen Abbey	Sylvia Lux
Acolyte	Jane Abbey	Kinzi Jones
Livestream Operator	Naaman Duckworth	<mark>Open</mark>
Altar Guild	Morgan Studer	Jessica Allen
Nursery Care	Lucy Platt	Maybe Anya Verik
Ushers	Sylvia Lux, Kristi Kittilstved	Andrew & Abigail Clark
Greeters	Jennifer Kocolowski, Doug Holland	Jenny Platt, Lyn Nore

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FRIENDS & ALLIES OF WESTFIELD PRIDE are hosting Ripple Effect Choir in concert today, 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.

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 to sign up.



THE INDIANAPOLIS LIEDERKRANZ BAND concert originally scheduled for this Saturday evening, May 10 at 6:30pm is being RESCEHDULED. Please keep an eye out for updated information. Thank you!



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



Today, Sunday, May the 4th (be with you)

- Worship, 9:30am
- Nursery provided for children aged 5 and under during worship
- The **Ripple Effect Choir** Event, hosted by Allies & Friends of Westfield Pride, 4:30-5:30pm

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

- Seasoned Believers, 9:00-10:30am, Chick Fil A in Westfield
- Preschool 3's, 9:30am
- Clergy Text Study, 10:00-11:30am
- Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group, 6:30-8:00pm

Wednesday, May 7

- Preschool 4's, 9:30am
- Midweek Bible Study, 12:30pm-2:00pm
- Joyful Girls May Dinner Wolfies in Carmel, 6:00-7:30pm
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30-8:15pm

Thursday, May 8

- Preschool 3's, 9:30am
- Band Rehearsal, 7:30-8:15pm

Friday, May 9

• Preschool 4's, 9:30am

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

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

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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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