

# JOY to the World this Week

JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH / 717 FM 359, RICHMOND, TX 77406 / (281) 762-3310

Joy is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

## PoWeR SuRGe TAKE HOME TOOLS for October 11, 2009

CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITE — [www.joyrichmond.org](http://www.joyrichmond.org)

### OUR VALUES:

Faithful, Family, Friendly, Fun

### OUR VISION:

Joy to the World!

### OUR MISSION:

Called by God, we reach out joyfully to share Jesus Christ with all people by building healthy relationships with God and one another.

### Office Hours

Monday — Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Joy Worship Schedule

#### CELEBRATION WORSHIP — Sunday, 8:00a

A traditional worship experience using *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the *Lutheran Book of Worship* and *With One Voice*, led by the Joy Choir, organ, lay liturgists, and special music.

#### SPIRIT TOUCHING SPIRIT — Sunday, 10:30a

A contemporary worship experience led by the Joy Worship Team and lay liturgists, using a variety of contemporary Christian music and liturgies.

### Information You Can Use

**COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS** — Refreshments are available in the parish hall between worship services.

**CRY ROOM** — A nursery/cry room is available and staffed during worship. The nursery is available for all children up to and including age 4. It is located just down the hallway on the left side.

**GENERAL INFORMATION** — A variety of information sources are located in the foyer, particularly on the bulletin boards and the tables.

**PRAYER CHAIN** — Call Lou Gross or June Tesch if you have a prayer request.

**QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS & CONCERNS** — Contact council chairperson, Rick Godwin evenings, or Pastor Christ anytime (832-549-4985).

**RESTROOMS** — Both men's and women's restrooms are located just down the hall on the right hand side.

**RECYCLE** — Please recycle your bulletins, etc., in the bin provided in the foyer.

**VISIT DESIRED** — If you would like a visit from the Pastor or a member, call the church office during regular office hours, or contact the Pastor directly at (832) 549-4985.

### Joy Leadership

#### MINISTERS

**Every** Person in the Body of Christ is a Disciple! You are Jesus' front-line disciples who spread Joy in daily life. We firmly believe that God is empowering you every day as you seek to fulfill your divine calling as a disciple who makes disciples!

#### EXECUTIVE TEAM

**Rick Godwin** — Council Chairperson; **Becky Ohm** — Council Vice-Chairperson; **Vacant** — Secretary; **Beth Horstman** — Treasurer; **Dave Willis** — Financial Secretary

#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Bill Barr** — Property; **Vacant** — JoyLife; **Doris Goates** — Worship & Music; **Tracy Posey** — Youth & Family Ministry; **Laura Cabato** — Social Ministry; **Becky Ohm** — Stewardship; **Larry Mikeska** — Communication; **John Garrou** — Evangelism

#### MINISTRY LEADERS

**June Tesch** — Joyful Women; **Tracy Posey** — Coordinator FDIC; **Paula Curry** — Jr. High; **Shena Timberlake** — Sr. High; **Beth Horstman** — NCD Health Team; **Brett Carleton** — Growing in Joy; **Vicki Schoppe** — Staffing Team

#### STAFF

**Tim Christ** — Pastor; **Terri Clark** — Administrative Assistant; **Darin Mielke** — Joy Choir Director; **Lou Gross** — Joyful Tooters; **Carol Boenig & Audrey Stoneburner** — Organists; **Tammy Canterbury, Rick Curry, Ron Light, Milton & Jeanette Richards, Sandy Wohlert** — Worship Team

## ***This week of Joy to the World —***

- Today** — **PENTECOST 19**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Joy 101-5: 6p
- Monday**  
— LaCocina: 6:30p  
— Church Council: 7:30p  
— JW Bible Study: 7p  
— Joyful Tooters: 7p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday**  
— JW Bible Study: 10:30a  
— Joy 201-7: 7p
- Wednesday**  
— Pericope Study: 9:30a  
— Helping Hands Open House: 4-7p
- Thursday**  
— NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
— PB@J: 7:30p  
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **PENTECOST 20**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Blessing of the Pets: 2p  
— Joy 101-6: 6p

***—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!***

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**ADULT CLASSES** — All adult classes will be held in the Gathering Place unless otherwise noted. Sunday Adult Class begins at 9:30 a.m. (No late arrivals, please)

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY** — On All Saints' Sunday we remember those who have been called from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant during the past year. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. All Saints' Sunday is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**STORIES TO TELL & GIFTS TO SHARE STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM** — Stewardship is about being about our Father's business and leading lives to honor Him. Jesus is our model for generosity in every area of life. We would like to invite our adult disciples to attend one of our meetings to explore how God would have us do business on His behalf. Choose one that's convenient for you: Sunday, Oct 11th from 3:30-5:00 pm with dinner after, Monday, Oct 12th from 10:00-11:30 am hosted at the Willis' home, Thursday Oct 15th from 7:30-9:00 pm, and Saturday Oct 17th 9:30-11:00 am with breakfast. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. God gave us gifts that we manage for Him until He returns. Join us in this exploration of His Word.

**MAGAZINES NEEDED** — for local nursing homes. Place in the basket in the Narthex.

**HELPING HANDS OPEN HOUSE** — Visit their new location at 902 Collins Rd., Richmond, Tx on Wed. October 14<sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m.

**BLESSING OF THE PETS** — was postponed due to rain. The new date will be Sunday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m. Jr. High Youth will be available to take care of your pet. They will provide water, snacks and will even give your pet a bath. Be sure pets are on a leash or in a carrier for their safety! All pets are welcome.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS** — presents "Economic and Investment Update" program on Monday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 7-8 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church. Reserve your spot today by calling 713-974-2843 or [suzanne.kocurek@thrivent.com](mailto:suzanne.kocurek@thrivent.com).

**JESUS, JAZZ & JUSTICE MUSIC TOUR** — at TLU on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. The tour features music from the artists at the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The cost of the event is free but attendees are encouraged to bring monetary donations for the ELCA World Hunger Fund as well as non-perishable food for the local food bank. RSVP required, send to [rhruza@tlu.edu](mailto:rhruza@tlu.edu).

**FALL FAMILY RETREAT** — at Lutherhill on Nov. 6-8<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy some time away in God's Creation to relax, learn, laugh and play as a family. Cost is \$70pp (13 and above) and \$40pp (12 and under). Register online at [www.lutherhill.org](http://www.lutherhill.org) or by calling 1-888-266-4613.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS** — are a continual need! Please bring individual juice boxes, individual packages of teddy grahams, cheese nips, etc. (think low sugar!) Please place them in the green tub in the kitchen. Thank you for your continued support of our Sunday school teachers and students.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The focus of the study is the classic work by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "*The Cost of Discipleship*". All men are invited! Contact Mike Meyer for additional information. It's not too late to join us!

**SHADE TREE MINISTRY** — Appreciates your generous donations of Rice and Beans. Donations are always needed and can be placed in the bin in the Narthex for distribution. For info contact David or Martha Willis.

**BIRTHDAYS** — 10/14 Vickie Schoppe; 10/15 Allison Hamner; 10/16 Taylor Currie; Houston Slade & Mark Voyce; 10/17 Mike Meyer

## People of Prayer

Prayer is one of the marks of Discipleship. We invite everyone to grow in your prayer life. Include these persons, needs, concerns and thanksgivings in your prayers this week.

Due the extensive nature of our prayer list, we are changing our routine policy. A name will be placed on the Sunday list once and in our Newsletter list as long as requested. If you wish to have someone included several Sundays, please continue to fill out a prayer request card during worship.

**Our Synod Staff:** Bishop Michael Rinehart, Assistants to the Bishop: Peggy Cantos, AiM; Pr. Don Carlson; Pr. Kerry Nelson

**Our Congregational Leaders:** especially our Pastor, staff, and Church Council leaders.

**Our Sister Congregation:** Iglesia Luterana de Cristo Rey in Reynosa, Mexico; Pr. Bazellel Hernandez

### Serving Jesus This Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	To the Glory of God	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S.Barr/C. Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
<b>Ushers</b>	Chad & Rachel Divin	Bill & Hazel Peska
<b>Acolyte</b>	Emma Gaas	Timmy Hamner
<b>Liturgist</b>	Emily Sattler	Dan Strode
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Gann	Betty Christ
<b>Cantor</b>	Emily Sattler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Laura Parnell	Kathy Strode
<b>Communion</b>	Gregg & Irene Carleton/Lori Hamner	
<b>Audio</b>	B & A Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
<b>Counters</b>	Kathy Gann/Fred Kunzler	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Celebration of Jeff Faucett & Khrys Damien's Birthdays	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S.Barr/C. Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
<b>Ushers</b>	Darwin & Bev Marvin	Larry & Melissa Mikeska
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joshua John	Trey Timberlake
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Strode	Susan Krabbe
<b>Lector</b>	Emily Sattler	Bob Jahn
<b>Cantor</b>	Dan Strode	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Jerry Daniels	Kathy Strode
<b>Communion</b>	Paula Curry/Shirley Morris/Denyse Bray	
<b>Audio</b>		Beth Horstman
<b>Counters</b>	Bob Jahn/Bill Peska	

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# Our Daily Joy!

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## Jesus and the Politics of Two Kingdoms – Week of October 11, 2009

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**Monday, October 12**

**The Crucifixion**

Read Mark 15. When we read of Barabbas being set free, we want to cry, 'Not fair!' but, in a way, each of us is Barabbas: we-the-guilty go free, and Jesus dies in our place (see 1 Peter 3:18). Jesus was on the cross for six hours, and from noon to 3:00 p.m. it was dark. Was the weight and ugliness of our sin so great that even the sun did not shine? And the curtain in the Temple, that separated sinful people from the presence of our holy God, was torn, picturing both the broken body of Jesus and the truth that because of his death, we can approach God without fear (see 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 10:19-23). Consider also reading Psalm 22 and Isaiah 52:13-53:12. Praise Jesus.

**Tuesday, October 13**

**He Is Risen!**

Read Mark 16. Mark's account of the resurrection is the briefest of the Gospel writers.' It's as if Mark is in a hurry to rush on with the urgency of the Kingdom message, just as he has done throughout his Gospel. Notice Mark 16:5-7; in one breath the angel says, "He has risen!" and, in the next, "Go, tell." Then, in verse 15, Jesus himself tells his followers to preach the Gospel to all creation. Quickly, Mark moves to the ascension, and then what? Read Mark 16:20. Do we linger or stall when we hear the Lord's commands? Pray you will tell others of Jesus today.

**Wednesday, October 14**

**In The World But Not Of It**

Paul writes to Titus, a beloved Gentile convert, who ministers to churches on the island of Crete. Paul addresses issues that are as relevant today as they were in the 1st century. We must live in the world/culture without becoming part of it. Scripture is our guide and standard for truth. Paul states his purpose in Titus 1:1. In Titus 1:2, Paul explains that God's redemptive work has been unfolding since before the beginning of time. Our need for a Savior did not catch God by surprise. Paul goes on to write about church leadership, false teachers, and the truth that our actions do matter (1:16a). Read Titus 1. What is the Lord saying to you, today, in the text? Pray.

**Thursday, October 15**

**The Witness of Our Lives**

In Titus 2, Paul exhorts believers to embrace sound doctrine, be in harmony with others, honor God, and live such pure and winsome lives that others will observe them and want to know Jesus. The truth of the Gospel is to be validated by the witness of believers' lives. Even in difficult situations, the lives of believers should point others to Jesus. Read Titus 2. Did you notice mutual encouragement, edification, and mentoring (also Romans 1:12; Hebrews 10:24-25). In regard to slavery: Paul does not condone or applaud it, he simply speaks to living within the culture in ways that glorify God. Reread Titus 2:11-14. Pray your life will be a beacon pointing others to Jesus.

**Friday, October 16**

**Blessed to Be a Blessing**

Two millennia before Jesus' birth, God told Abram (Abraham) that he was blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2). In Paul's letter to Titus, we hear the same message. Read Titus 2:14; 3:8,14. We are not redeemed and blessed simply so we can bask in the blessedness of our redemption and our relationship with the Lord; we are blessed to be a blessing! We are saved by grace (Titus 3:4-7; Ephesians 2:8-9) for God's purposes (Titus 3:8,14; Ephesians 2:10). Read all of Titus 3. Ponder and then pray about how you will live as a child and heir of the King Eternal.

**Saturday, October 17**

**Refresh the Hearts of God's People**

Paul's letter to Philemon is one of Paul's prison letters. What do you learn about Philemon in verses 1-7? Did you notice Paul affirming Philemon as a man of faith and love? Paul begins verse 8 with the word "therefore" (NIV); because of Philemon's faith and love, Paul says he can come to him with a request. Or is it more than a request? Read the rest of Philemon. Paul writes about Onesimus (also mentioned in Colossians 4:9), apparently Philemon's runaway slave, but now a beloved believer because of Paul's testimony. (See slavery comments on October 15). What is Paul's foremost request? Do you think Philemon will comply? Reread verses 4-7; pray this might be said of you.

**Sunday, October 18**

**Our God Who Saves**

The opening verses of Psalm 68 recall pictures of God's people in procession with the Ark of the Covenant before them (Numbers 10:33-36; 2 Samuel 6:11-15). Read all of Psalm 68, noticing God's glory, power, faithfulness, and tender compassion. In David's praises (68:19-20), do you hear promises that comfort and encourage you? Do you know the joy of the Lord that is evident in David's words throughout the Psalm? Do you look to God's past faithfulness when your hope for today begins to flag (68:28)? Stand up and proclaim aloud the words of Psalm 68:32-35 as your affirmation of trust and faith in God's goodness, grace, power, and majesty. Praise the Lord!