

# 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 4, 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 18**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Jr. High Chill & Spill: 9:15a  
— Sr. High Coffeehouse: 9:15a  
— Blessing of the Pets: 2p  
— Global Mission Festival: 2-6:30p  
— Joy 101-4: 6p
- Monday** — JW Bible Study: 7p  
— Joyful Tooters: 7p  
— Joy Choir: 7:30p
- Tuesday** — JW Bible Study: 10:30a  
— Joy 201-6: 7p
- Wednesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a  
— Confirmation: 6:30p
- Thursday** — Social Ministry Meeting: 6:30p  
— PB@J: 7:30p  
— Men's Bible Study: 7:30p
- Next Sunday** — **PENTECOST 19**  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Joy 101-5: 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)

**JR HIGH CHILL & SPILL** — today at 9:15. Chill with us in the Jr. High room and spill your highs and lows.

**SR. HIGH COFFEEHOUSE** — today at 9:15. Join us for Fun, Food & Fellowship.

**BLESSING OF THE PETS** — **today** at 2:00 p.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.

**MEALS FOR FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE** — Meals are needed for homeless families thru 11<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex for those interested in preparing food. Monetary donations are also accepted and appreciated if you are unable to prepare a meal. For more info contact Shirley Morris.

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GLOBAL MISSION FESTIVAL** — is being held at Living Word Lutheran Church **today** from 2-6:30 p.m. Will include a multi-cultural worship service with Dr. Leonard Sweet, preacher and author. Music, ministry, mission and more! For more info go to [www.livingwordkaty.org](http://www.livingwordkaty.org).

**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: Wed. Oct 7th from 7:00-8:30 pm (same night as Confirmation), Sun. Oct 11th from 3:30-5:00 pm with dinner after, Mon. Oct 12th from 10:00-11:30 am hosted at the Willis' home, Thurs. Oct 15th from 7:30-9:00 pm, and Sat. Oct 17th 9:30-11:00 am with breakfast. Please 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.

**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** — Resumed on 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!

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

**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.

**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.

**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).

**CAMP STORIES** — Be sure to share your camp story with us! A box is located in the Narthex for completed forms.

**BIRTHDAYS** — 10/4 Gabriella Champion; 10/5 Chuck Canterbury; 10/6 Alice Lynch & Melissa Mikeska; 10/8 Jessica Christ & Ashley Hong; 10/10 Bill Barr & Janis Simmons

## 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>	In celebration of Jessica Christ's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	S.Barr/C. Bolner/R.Divin/M.Mikeska/M.Peveto/P.Shipp	
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Kathy Gann	Mike & Kayla Posey
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kelsey White	Abby Timberlake
<b>Liturgist</b>	Fred Kunzler	John Garrou
<b>Lector</b>	Weldon Faucett	Doris Goates
<b>Cantor</b>	Fred Kunzler	
<b>Child Sermon</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	Marilyn Blaschke/Kathy Strode/Tracy Posey	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	James Goates
<b>Counters</b>	Kathy Gann/Allen Schoppe	

### Serving Jesus Next 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>		
<b>Communion</b>	Gregg & Irene Carleton/Lori Hamner	
<b>Audio</b>	B & A Walquist	Aspen Timberlake
<b>Counters</b>	Kathy Gann/Fred Kunzler	

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# Our Daily Joy!

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## Jesus: King of Glory – Week of October 4, 2009

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### Monday, October 5

#### Servant of All

The disciples needed to hear important lessons over and over. So do we! Read Mark 8:34-37; 9:33-35; and 10:43-45. Did you hear Jesus say that he came to serve and to be a ransom? Ponder this as you read 8:34-35 and 10:43-45 once again. Consider that Jesus asks us to offer him our all; when we do so, he sends us out to be his hands, feet, voice, and heart in a hurting world. Read Mark 10:32-52, fixing your eyes on Jesus and asking him what it means for you to follow him and 'go and do likewise' (*Luke 10:27,37; John 15:12-13*). Pray.

### Tuesday, October 6

#### House of Prayer

Is your home a 'house of prayer'? We consider our churches prayer sanctuaries, but what about our homes? Jesus was a man of prayer (*Luke 5:16; 6:12; 9:28-29*). If Jesus, in whom the fullness of God dwelled (*John 1:14,18; Colossians 1:19*) needed to pray, so do we! Read all of Mark 11, considering first the Palm Sunday account. Some who shouted, 'Hosanna!' probably later cried, 'crucify him.' Pray your heart will be forever true to Jesus. In Mark 11:12-33, notice Jesus' authority and his teaching about forgiveness and prayer; did these encourage you? Consider reading Mark 11:24 with John 15:7 (notice the word 'if ') and 1 John 5:14-15. Pray.

### Wednesday, October 7

#### The Greatest Commandment

Consider how we have broken the heart of God as you read Mark 12:1-12. Now read Mark 12:13-17 and ponder what this means for today. The Sadducees, who did not believe in resurrection, tried to entrap Jesus with a question that flows from the teaching in Deuteronomy 25:5-6; read Mark 12:18-27. Are you challenged to draw nearer to Jesus when you read 12:24? Now read Mark 12:28-44. What does it mean to love the Lord above all else and others as ourselves? Is love simply a warm, fuzzy feeling, or is real love active, searching for ways to express itself? Consider the teachings in John 14:15,21; 15:13; 1 Corinthians 13; and Ephesians 5:1-2. Does the story of the widow's offering help you understand what it means to love God with an undivided heart? Pray.

### Thursday, October 9

#### Watch!

Sometimes, when we view something distant, it is hard to discern just what in the vista is the most distant of all. So it is with prophecy. In Mark 13, Jesus speaks of future things; some, like the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., happen within some of the disciples' lifetimes. Others are still awaiting fulfillment today. Seven times in Mark 13, Jesus tells his followers to watch, be on guard, and be alert. We live with the tension of eager anticipation of Jesus' return but also with the call to live purposeful, productive lives as we watch and wait. Read Mark 13. Rejoice in the affirmation of Mark 13:31 and 2 Corinthians 1:20. Pray you will live for Jesus today!

### Friday, October 9

#### Final Days and Hours

Often we read the accounts of Jesus' final hours only during Lent. Today, ponder the American folk hymn lyrics: "What wondrous love is this, O my soul...that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul...Christ laid aside His crown for my soul..." Now pray you will glean new depths of understanding and, in awe, worship Jesus as you read Mark 14:1-31; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-20; and Revelation 5:12. Think again on the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples. What does it mean for you, today? Talk to Jesus; thank him.

### Saturday, October 10

#### "Not My Will but Thine Be Done"

Recently we studied the Lord's Prayer. Consider again Matthew 6:9-10; now read Mark 14:35-36 and John 10:11,17-18. Think about Jesus' submission to the Father's will as you read Mark 14:32-72. How should we respond to such ineffable love and sacrifice? Jesus knew what was ahead; Jesus was not a victim; he willingly went to the cross to pay the price of our redemption. Consider that 'Son of Man' is a term for the Messiah (*Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:13*); reflect on how it is used in the passages we have been studying: Mark 13:26; 14:21,41,62. Ponder the glimpses of glory that we see in the midst of agony and betrayal. Pray about all this.

### Sunday, October 11

#### God's Sovereignty

This week we have watched Jesus move toward the cross and the fulfillment of God's plan for redemption. Many, no doubt, thought they were silencing Jesus; Satan, perhaps, thought he was thwarting God's eternal plan, but God is sovereign, and God's victory is sure. Consider this as you read Psalm 2 and Acts 4:23-31. Scripture, from beginning to end, affirms God's absolute sovereignty over history. What evidence of God's sovereignty did you notice in Psalm 2? Ponder it in light of Acts 4:28 and Revelation 11:15. We live in tumultuous times, and many are afraid. Pray your peace and hope will be in God, who is sovereign, holy, omnipotent, loving, and true.