

# 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 August 23, 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; **Vacant** — Communication; **John Garrou** — Evangelism

#### MINISTRY LEADERS

**June Tesch** — Joyful Women; **Tracy Posey** — Coordinator FDIC; **Jeni Morrison** — 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; **Rick Curry, Ron Light, Milton & Jeanette Richards, Sandy Wohlert** — Worship Team

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

**Today** — PENTECOST 12  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Confirmation Student/Parent Mtg: noon

**Monday** — Joy Choir: 7p

**Wednesday** — Pericope Study: 9:30a  
— Confirmation: 6p  
— PB@J: 7p

**Fri-Sat** — Imagine-Fall Leadership Conference

**Next Sunday** — PENTECOST 13  
— Worship: 8:00a & 10:30a  
— Summer Sunday School: 9:15a  
— Christian Education: 9:15a  
— Flu Shots: 9a-12p

**—Live, Love & Serve with Joy!**

### **Ministry Opportunities**

**CONFIRMATION MEETING** — for students and parents will be held **today** at noon.

**HELPING HANDS MOVING DAY!** — Helping Hands has been blessed with a new building and are in need of volunteers to help move on Sat. August 29<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive at 9 a.m. and park either at the empty lot in front of the police station on Preston St. or the City of Richmond's City Dept. lot across the tracks on 8<sup>th</sup> St. If you have questions, please call Jackie, Marisia or Nancy at 281-232-4904 or 281-341-7536.

**WELCA FALL CLUSTER MEETING** — Sat. August 29<sup>th</sup> at St. John Lutheran Church in Angleton. See JW Bulletin board for more info or contact June Tesch if you are interested in attending and carpooling.

**INCREDIBLE JOURNEY** — Are you interested in becoming a Disciple of Joy Lutheran Church? Join us on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> after late service to learn more about the mission and ministry of Joy. RSVP to office@joyrichmond.org or contact John Garrou for more info.

**FLU SHOTS!** — Randall's Pharmacist will be at Joy on Sunday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-12 to give flu shots. The shots are \$25 and you will receive a 10% grocery voucher if you receive one!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING** — Is scheduled for Monday, Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 7-9 p.m.

**CAMP STORIES** — Be sure to share your camp story with us! A box is located in the Narthex for completed forms. Find out the "why" of this project in September's newsletter!

**RALLYE DAY** — is Sunday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to kick off a new Sunday School year! Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. to greet your teachers and then off to the classrooms. Meet on the deck at 10:10 for a closing song. The Joyful Women will be serving refreshments in the fellowship hall so you can view the artwork done during our Sunday Summer School sessions.

**COLLEGE STUDENT INFO NEEDED!** — Please send updated address info for college students for our records.

**FALL ADULT GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES** — Sign up NOW for **Joy 101**, a basic examination of the Christian Faith from a Lutheran perspective to be offered on Sunday evenings 6-8 p.m., Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Joy 201** is a deeper and more intensive study of the Scriptures to be offered on Tuesday evenings 7-9 p.m. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Sign up now in the Narthex so that materials can be properly prepared.

**FALL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT** — Two day event bringing the synod's new vision for evangelism to every area of congregational leadership August 28-29 at Covenant Lutheran Church in west Houston. The Friday events are for professional leaders (clergy, church staff). The Saturday events are for all congregational leaders, especially church council members and those in other key leadership roles. One fee covers the cost for our whole group. Contact Pastor Tim if you can attend.

**JW BIBLE STUDY** — will begin Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.-Noon for nine weeks. Evening classes to be decided based on interest. Studies will continue the Journey with the Israelites, A Study of Joshua. Cost will be \$9 and sign up is required on the JW bulletin board. Contact June Tesch for more info or if you are interested in an evening class. Babysitting is available.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — will resume on Thursday evening, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The focus of the study will be the classic work by Dietrich Bonhoeffer "*The Cost of Discipleship*". All men are invited! Contact Mike Meyer for additional information.

**"KRISTI'S KREW"** — Join friends & family of Kristi Work in the Komen Houston Race for the Cure 5K non-competitive walk on Sat, Oct. 3, 2009. You can walk, watch, or donate! In Memory of our dear friend, we have formed "Kristi's Krew" and would love to have you join our team. For details, go to [www.komen-houston.org](http://www.komen-houston.org) and look for our team "Kristi's Krew" to get involved, or see Kathy Strode. Thank you!

**BIRTHDAYS** — 8/25 Aspen Timberlake; 8/29 Julie Garrison & Jill Kunzler

## 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

; Johnny B.: Joe Malsey; Ricky McCarter; Nicholas Pier; Kenneth Scattergood; Chris Shanks; Ross Telles; Richard Vasquez

### 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>	D. Bray/K&W Faucett/Bev Marvin/B. McDow/S.Morris	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & June Tesch	Jim & Pam Hill
<b>Acolyte</b>	Kristen Curry	Hayden Posey
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Strode	John Garrou
<b>Lector</b>	Cari White	Sandy Wohlert
<b>Cantor</b>	Dan Strode	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	Jerry Daniels	Tracy Posey
<b>Communion</b>	Marilyn Blaschke/Lori Hamner/Tracy Posey	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	
<b>Counters</b>	Tammy Soward/Fred Kunzler	

### Serving Jesus Next Sunday

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	In celebration of Jill Kunzler's Birthday	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Bray/K&W Faucett/Bev Marvin/B. McDow/S.Morris	
<b>Ushers</b>	B. Horstman & A. Lowe	Chuck & Kyle Canterbury
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joshua John	Abby Timberlake
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dan Strode	Bob Jahn
<b>Lector</b>	Bob Tesch	Dan Strode
<b>Cantor</b>	Dan Strode	
<b>Child Sermon</b>	June Tesch	Shena Timberlake
<b>Communion</b>	Larry Mikeska/Paula Curry/Shirley Morris	
<b>Audio</b>	Beth Horstman	James Goates
<b>Counters</b>	Kathy Gann	

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

E-MAIL — Pastor Tim: [pastor@joyrichmond.org](mailto:pastor@joyrichmond.org) Terri Clark: [office@joyrichmond.org](mailto:office@joyrichmond.org)

# Our Daily Joy!

## Taking Root: Deep Breathing...Temptation – Week of August 23, 2009

### Monday, August 24

#### “Lead Us Not into Temptation”

Slowly, offering your heart to the Lord, pray the Lord’s Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*). Last week we talked about praying for forgiveness; in this petition we admit that we have sinned (past tense). We are sinners in need of a Savior (continuous present tense), and when we pray, “lead us not into temptation,” we recognize the reality of future or potential sins. Temptation is not sin, but yielding to it is, and we are frail; we need to ask for God’s strength to resist temptation, to flee from it. God does not tempt us, but temptation and times of trial are certainties in the world and in our lives. Consider James’ words in 1:2-4, 12-27. Now read Isaiah 41:10 and pray.

### Tuesday, August 25

#### Temptation

Can we sincerely pray, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,” yet still toy with temptation? Do we really want to walk in the light and flee from temptation? Do we sometimes cling to our “little vices and pet sins”? Read Proverbs 4:23-27; John 3:19-21; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14; Philippians 4:8-9; and 1 John 1:5-2:2; 2:15-17. What instruction did Jesus give his disciples to help them resist temptation (*Matthew 26:41*)? What weapon did Jesus use when tempted in the wilderness (*Matthew 4:1-4, 7, 10-11*; see also *Psalms 119:11* and *Ephesians 6:17*)? Are you intentional in dealing with temptation? Pray that you will desire and delight in God’s will for your life today.

### Wednesday, August 26

#### The Tyranny of Temptations; the Anguish of Trials

The Greek word translated temptation also embraces the idea of trial. Temptations test our commitment to the One to whom we pray, “thy will be done;” trials also test our devotion to the Lord. Ponder this as you read Luke 8:11-15 and 1 Peter 1:3-9. What in Jesus’ words, prayer, and example gives us hope when we are assailed by trials or temptations (*John 16:33*; *17:6-17* and *Hebrews 12:1-3*)? Sing or pray Bradbury’s hymn: “Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! ...In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter’s snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!” In prayer, go to the Father for refuge.

### Thursday, August 27

#### Help in Time of Need

Read Psalm 46:1; Romans 5:1-5; 8:10-27; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Hebrews 4:14-16; and Jude 24-25. An old hymn by Horatio Palmer reminds us that Jesus is our strength: “Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin; each victory will help you some other to win...Ask the Savior to help you, comfort, strengthen, and keep you; he is willing to aid you, he will carry you through.” Jesus not only helps us when we are tempted or enduring trials, he also prays for us. Bask in the glorious proclamation of Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 7:25-26. Talk to Jesus.

### Friday, August 28

#### “Deliver Us from Evil”

Did you memorize the Lord’s Prayer with the words, “deliver us from evil” (*KJV*)? Many translations read “deliver us from the evil one” (*NIV, NRSV, NKJV*). It is important to pray for protection from evil and from the evil one. Sometimes we are naïve about our adversary, but Scripture is clear about the one who wants to deceive and destroy us. Read Luke 22:31-32; John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 11:14; Ephesians 4:27; 6:10-18; James 4:7-8; and 1 Peter 5:8-11. We needn’t be fearful, but we must be cautious, wise, and prayerful. Pray the Lord’s Prayer.

### Saturday, August 29

#### Hear and Heed God’s Word; Pray without Ceasing

Read John 17:6-17; Jesus is praying for his followers. Notice Jesus’ references to protecting and guarding his own. Consider that unity within the body is a shield and help in times of temptation and trial. What gift is mentioned in John 17:14a, 17? Notice that the Lord’s name is a place of refuge and safety (*17:11, 12*; *Proverbs 18:10*). Ponder the many aspects of protection we have observed in texts this week: prayer; the Word; the Lord’s name; other believers; the Spirit; the whole armor of God, and even Jesus’ joy (*17:13*). Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; notice the identity of the rock (*10:4*); embrace the promise (*10:13*). Thank Jesus for praying for you.

### Sunday, August 30

#### Victory in Jesus

With a thankful heart, pray E.M. Bartlett’s lyrics: “O, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever; he sought me and he bought me, with his redeeming blood. He loved me ‘ere I knew him, and all my love is due him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.” Now pray the Lord’s Prayer (*Matthew 6:9-13*). Are you experiencing the victory which you just celebrated in song and prayer? John helps us understand temptation (*1 John 2:15-17*); Peter reminds us of our adversary (*1 Peter 5:8-9*); Paul proclaims our victory in Jesus (*1 Corinthians 15:55-57*; *2 Corinthians 2:14*). How will you respond to what God has spoken to you in your devotions this week? Pray.