

*Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026*



Our vision:

*"Joy is a spiritual community sharing the
love of Christ in a challenging world."*

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*Our mission is to share
the Good News of grace and love with
all through worship, service, and fellowship.*

***Worship text is on the screen.
*Indicates Congregation Stands if able***

Items in Italics are only for the service indicated

Prelude— “Drawn to the Cross” - arr. Mark Limburg

***Confession and Forgiveness**

***Gathering Hymn—ELW # 821 -”Shout to the Lord”**

***Greeting**

***Kyrie: ELW page 184-”Kyrie Eleison On Our World”**

***Prayer of the Day**

(11:00) Children’s Lesson

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

(8:15) Psalm 23 (Psalm and refrain are on page 4)

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Special Music:

(8:15) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”- arr. Rachel Chapin

(11:00) “Jesus Paid It All”-JOY Choir

***Lenten Acclamation: -ELW page 189-”Let Your Steadfast Love”**

***Gospel: John 9:1-41**

Today’s Message is Given by: Pr. Art Wuertz

***Hymn of the Day: CCLI # 7121852-”Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”**

***Apostles’ Creed**

***The Prayers of the People**

***Passing of the Peace**

Offertory: "At The Foot Of The Cross"-com. Derek Bond

***Congregational Offertory: ELW #801-"Change My Heart, O God"**

***Offertory Prayer**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

***"It is indeed right....."**

***Sanctus: - ELW page 190-"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Invitation to Communion**

***Lamb of God: ELW page 191-"Lamb of God"**

(11:00) Communion Meditation-

"The Prayer"-Phil & Bev Kriner

Distribution Hymns:

ELW # 856- "How Great Thou Art"

ELW # 742-"What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

ELW # 483-"Here Is Bread"

***Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

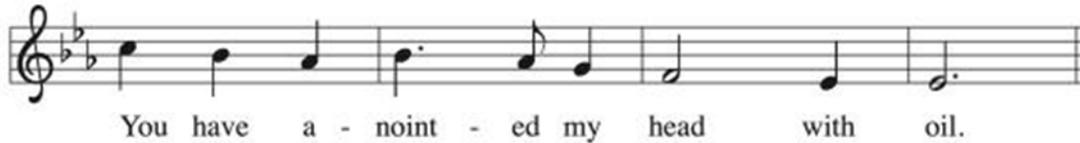
***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn: ELW # 324—"In The Cross of Christ I Glory"**

***Sending**

***Postlude: "Adagio" - arr. Lani Smith**

PSALM 23



Psalm 23:5

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R:

You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)

¹ The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³ You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

LIFE SOUTH BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH, 2026 7:30 AM-1:00 PM

Magic number is 15!



ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE PLACED BY:

DIANE JULIAN

IN MEMORY OF:

BRIAN JULIAN

ATTENDANCE

WEDNESDAY	03/04/2026	5:30 PM	47
SUNDAY	03/08/2026	8:15 AM	55
	03/08/2026	11:00 AM	106

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THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

Dale Anders & family*-Health issues
Brenda Bal*-Cancer
Patty Braswell*-Illness
Bob Bleau--Recovery
John Caputo*-Heart Issue
John Cobb-Health
Robert Cretul* – Cancer
Carol Daruna*-Cancer Diagnosis
Virginia Dockus' Granddaughter*-
Bleeding in Brain
Aud Enslow*-Healing
Violet Frey-Health Issues
Elaine Grass*-Recovery from
Stroke
Guy Griemey*-Cancer
Norm Halvorsen-Recovery
Hansen Family-Bereavement –
passing of Grace
Trudie Herzog*-Illness
Susan Holmes-Health
Bruce Hopkins & Family*-LOMS
Bob Irish – Health
Jake's Grandfather Bob-Concerns
Barbara Johnson - Stroke
Nancy Kraft-Hospice Care
Linda Kraigenow-Recovery
Gary Linton*-Severely Ill
Ed Mathena-Surgical Recovery
Julie Mugherman*-Hospitalization
Steven Mendez*-Recovery
Drew Miller*-Mental Health

Doris & Raymond Ness*-Health
Issues
Abby Owen*-Cancer
Deb Pequignot*-Brain Tumor
Randall family-Bereavement-
passing of Tom's mother
Pam Rodriguez*-Cancer
Dolly Schember-Health
Katie Schoenfelder-Health
Brian Shull*-Special
Circumstances
Nancy Spitzack*-Family Issues
Debbie Spivey*-Cancer
Kristen Spivey*-Preparing to be a
kidney donor
Samantha Stafferi*-Possible
Cancer
Lee & Edie Stewart – Health
Helen Vance*-Cancer
Ken Warner*- Lung Cancer
Mary Wilson*-Illness
Dawn Winblad-Cancer Treatment

Bertha Hendrickson-Assisted Liv-
ing
Cynthia Randall-Memory Care

Seasons of JOY

Concert Series

2025-26 Season

A New Musical Adventure

Paul Hyatt, *bass-baritone*



Join us when we welcome our very own Paul Hyatt back to the stage. He will be sharing a program of songs covering everything from classical, sacred and spiritual, musical theater and more! Come be moved by the man with the golden voice, you will not be disappointed! Paul regularly performs with the OTOW Chorus, the Ocala Symphony Chorus, and this will be his third concert at Joy.

March 22, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
at JOY Lutheran Church (7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala, FL 34476)

Free Admission. Reception follows concert.



**JOY FAMILY FUN DAY
WILL BE HERE SOON!
Saturday, March 28th,
9:30-am-1:00 pm
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!**

- 1) Setting up on Friday, March 27th,
 - 2) Parking directors on March 28th,
- Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



Gentle reminder.

**Please bring bake goods for the
WELCA bake sale to Swenson Hall
on Friday, 3/27 between 10 - 2.**

**If you would like to help with getting the
eggs ready for the Easter Egg hunt, come join
us at 10, same location.**

Thank you, Carson Faris





NEXT WEEK'S DATELINE

March 16, 2026-March 22, 2026



DATELINE LEGEND: SH= SWENSON HALL; S=SANCTUARY; N=NARTHEX;
OR= OUTREACH ROOM; MG=MEMORIAL GARDEN; CG=CHURCH GROUNDS; OC=OFF CAMPUS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOC
Mon. 3/16	1:00 PM	Bible Study with Charlie	N
Tue. 3/17	11:00 AM	Beginners' Bible Study	SH
	1:00 PM	Council	SH
	3:30—5:30 PM	Tutoring (Closed)	SH
Wed. 3/18	9:00 AM	Happy Hands Ministry	SH
	9:30 AM	Joyful Hands Ministry	SH
	11:00 AM	Mr. Piano– Tuning	S
	3:00-4:30 PM	JOY Choir Rehearsal	S
	5:00-6:00 PM	Soup Supper	SH
	6:30 PM	Worship Service	S
Thu. 3/19	2:00-3:00 PM	Off Key Chorale	S
	6:30 PM	Brick City Ringers Rehearsal	S
Fri. 3/20	10:00 AM	JOY Handbell Choir Rehearsal	S
	1:00-3:00 PM	Cleaning Service	S/SH
Sun. 3/22	8:15 & 11:00 AM	Worship Service	S
	3:00 PM	Paul Hyatt Concert	S
Ushers 3/22	8:15/11:00 AM	Voyles/Willoughby	S
Altar Angels	8:15/11:00 AM	Donna Schmidt/Vicki Valli, Sally Wheeler	S
Fellowship	8:15/11:00 AM	Penny Davis/ LCD's	N
Ambassadors	8:15/11:00 AM	Becky Spees/ Mary Wright	N



There are only 2 more weeks left for you to enjoy the wide variety of homemade soups. Remember to spread the word. These suppers are for everyone!

If you have not already done so, consider signing up for one or more of the upcoming evenings.

MARK THE DATES: *Wednesday, March 18, 2026*
Wednesday, March 25, 2026

TIME: *5:00 PM—6:00 PM*
PLACE: *SWENSON HALL*

Everyone is invited to attend our worship service at 6:30 pm



BLESSING BAGS

Today is the last day for your monetary donations to help Outreach fill the blessing bags. Look for the special box on the table in the Narthex.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THEM IN THE OFFERTORY PLATES.

***IF YOU WISH TO WRITE A CHECK MAKE IT OUT TO
SUSANNE ZUMBAHLEN AND PLACE IN THE BOX.
(DO NOT MAKE CHECKS OUT TO JOY OR ISAIAH HOUSE)***

Thank You.

Outreach Ministry Team

Joy!Blast Is Looking For You!



We need a volunteer to serve as a backup to send out church messages when Bob Rowland is out of town. No experience required. Extensive support provided. Call or text Bob any time at: (203) 788-4303.

FIGHT HUNGER SUNDAY

**THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS OUR FIGHT HUNGER SUNDAY.
YOU CAN HELP!**

- 1) ELCA WORLD HUNGER-MONETARY DONATIONS USING YOUR NUMBERED DONATION ENVELOPES OR THE PEW ENVELOPES.**
- 2) INTERFAITH FOOD BANK-NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS CAN BE PLACED ON THE CARTS PROVIDED**

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

OUR NEXT FIGHT HUNGER SUNDAY DATE:

March 29th



THANKS TO TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAMS		
	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
Assistant Minister	Mike Beaver	Patty Willoughby
Reader	Jean Beaver	Bev Kriner
Cross Bearer	Deacon Darlene Haines	
Communion Assistant	Edie Heinzen	
Ushering Team	Groth	Faris
Food & Fellowship	Ethel Kleiner	WVZ
Altar Angels	DONNA SCHMIDT	VICKI VALLI, SALLY WHEELER
Counters	Carolyn Cummings, Tom Ittner	

OUR STAFF	
Administrative Assistant	Zsuzsanna Jobbagy
Director of Music	Silas Daniel
Choir Director	Linda Aker
Handbell Choir Director	Melissa Daniel
Treasurer	Terry Owen
Sexton	Carson Faris

OFFICE HOURS:-
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am—3:30 pm CLOSED ON FRIDAY



FOR OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS

Our bulletin and music for the hymns is available on our website and can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the LEFT. It will take you to our Worship Tools : click on [HYMNS](#) You can view the music for the entire service on your phone or i-pad.

Our Sanctuary is 'hearing aid-friendly' and also connects with Bluetooth devices."



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