

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
*April 19, 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***

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**Prelude—“Softly and Tenderly”- JOY Handbell Choir**

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**\*Gathering Hymn: ELW #377-“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”**

**\*Greeting**

**\*Hymn of Praise: ELW page 204-“Glory to God”**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

***(11:00 am ) Children’s Lesson***

**First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41**

**Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 (Refrain and psalm are on page 4)**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

**Special Music:**

***(8:15 am)- “This is My Father’s World”-arr. Mark Hayes***

***(11:00 am)-“Behold the Lord of Love”- JOY Choir***

**\*Gospel Acclamation: -ELW page 205- “Alleluia”**

**\*Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35**

**Today’s Message is Given by: Pastor Art Wuertz**

**\*Hymn of the Day: “Day of Arising” (Music and lyrics are on page 5)**

**\*Nicene Creed**

**\*The Prayers of the People**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Offertory:**

***(8:15 AM) "Jesus, My Lord"-com. John Fischer***

***(11:00 AM) "Jesus My Lord"-Marcia Miller***

**\*Congregational Offertory: ELW #376-"Thine Is The Glory"- verse 3**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

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

**\*Sanctus: - ELW page 207-"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

**\*Lamb of God: ELW page 208-"Lamb of God"**

***(11:00 am) Communion Meditation***

***"This Is My Father's World" arr. Mark Hayes***

**Distribution Hymns:**

**ELW # 522-"As We Gather At Your Table"**

**ELW # 491- "Come, Let Us Eat"**

**ELW # 488- "Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladne""**

**\*Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

**\*Blessing**

**\*Sending Hymn: ELW #857- "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High" (2 times)**

**\*Sending**

**\*Postlude: "O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly" arr. Anne K. Organ**

## PSALM 116: 1-4, 12-19



Psalm 116:13

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*I will call on the name of the LORD. (Ps. 116:13)*

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has <sup>1</sup> heard my voice,  
and listened to my <sup>1</sup> supplication,
- <sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given <sup>1</sup> ear to me  
whenev- <sup>1</sup> er I called.**
- <sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave <sup>1</sup> came upon me;  
I came to <sup>1</sup> grief and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, <sup>1</sup> save my life.” R**
- <sup>12</sup> How shall I re- <sup>1</sup> pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has <sup>1</sup> done for me?
- <sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup <sup>1</sup> of salvation  
and call on the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**
- <sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup> to the LORD  
in the presence of <sup>1</sup> all God’s people.
- <sup>15</sup> **Precious in your <sup>1</sup> sight, O LORD,  
is the death <sup>1</sup> of your servants.**
- <sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I <sup>1</sup> am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me <sup>1</sup> from my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice <sup>1</sup> of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD. R**
- <sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows <sup>1</sup> to the LORD

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## Day of Arising



1. Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2. When we are walk - ing, doubt-ful and dread - ing,
3. "Lo, I am with you," Je - sus has spo - ken.
4. Christ our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un-known com - pan - ion walks with his own. \_\_\_\_  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, \_\_\_\_  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: \_\_\_\_  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. \_\_\_\_



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us ev - er a - wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known. \_\_\_\_  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part. \_\_\_\_  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine. \_\_\_\_  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise. \_\_\_\_

WORDS: Susan Palo Cherwien

MUSIC: Gaelic melody

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DISCOVERING  
GOD'S VISION  
FOR YOUR  
LIFE

*You and Your  
Spiritual Gifts*

**COMING IN MAY**

## **Spiritual Gifts Discovery Class**

*Come as you are. Leave inspired.*

**Two sessions: Saturday, May 2 & May 9**

(You must attend both sessions)

**Time: 10:00am – Noon    Swenson Hall    Cost: \$10 per person**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 12**



**JOY** Lutheran  
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Thinking about becoming a member of Joy?  
Would you like to learn more about us?

Join us for ...

## **JOY!FORMATION**

**Our Joy!formation classes offer a welcoming space for information, conversation, and connection. These two sessions are a chance for us to get to know one another, answer your questions, and share the wonderful ways God is at work in our congregation.**

Class Dates

**Tuesdays, May 12 & 19**

**7:00–8:30 pm • Swenson Hall**



## NEXT WEEK'S DATELINE

April 20, 2026 — April 26, 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. 4/20/26	11:00 AM	WELCA Brunch	SH
	1:00 PM	Bible Study With Charlie	N
Tue. 4/21/26	11:00 AM	Beginners' Bible Study	SH
	1:00 PM	Council	SH
	6:00 PM	"More About Marty"	SH
Wed. 4/22/26	9:00 AM	Happy Hands Ministry	SH
	9:00 AM	Joyful Hands Ministry	SH
	3:00-4:30 PM	JOY Choir Rehearsal	S
	6:30 PM	Worship Service	S
Thu. 4/23/26	2:00-3:00 PM	Off Key Chorale Rehearsal	S
	6:30 PM	Brick City Ringers Rehearsal	S
Fri. 4/24/26	10:00 AM	JOY Handbell Choir Rehearsal	S
	1:00-3:00 PM	Cleaning Service	S/SH
Sat. 4/25/26	10:00 AM	Sam Music Lesson (Closed)	S
Sun 4/26/26		FIGHT HUNGER SUNDAY	
	8:15/11:00 AM	Worship Service	S
	4:00 PM	Concert-Raresong	S
Ushers	8:15/11:00	Voyles/Willoughby	S
Alter Angels	8:15/11:00	Susanne Beech, Peggy Dietz/ Linda Neblock, Vicki Valli	S
Ambassadors	8:15/11:00	Donna Schmidt/Irene Henderson	N
Fellowship	8:15/11:00	Penny Davis/ WYZ Girls	N
Counters		Doreen and David Robinson	SH

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST


John Cobb-Health  
Robert Cretul\* – Cancer  
Violet Frey-Health Issues  
Guy Griemey\*-Cancer  
Jennie Halvorsen-Hospitalization  
Susan Holmes-Health  
Linda Kraigenow-Recovery  
Ed Mathena-Surgical Recovery  
Abby Owen\*-Cancer  
Dolly Schember-Health  
Schiavone family-Breavement passing of Eugene  
Brian Shull\*-Special Circumstances  
Patti Spellman-Cancer  
Nancy Spitzack\*-Family Issues  
Kristen Spivey\*-Preparing to be a kidney donor  
Samantha Stafferi\*-Possible

Cancer  
Lee & Edie Stewart – Health  
Helen Vance\*-Cancer  
Maggie Vanek-Recovery  
Ken Warner\*- Lung Cancer  
Dawn Winblad-Cancer Treatment

Bertha Hendrickson-Assisted Living  
Cynthia Randall-Memory Care



<b>ATTENDANCE</b>			
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>04/08/2026</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>04/12/2026</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>53</b>
	<b>04/12/2026</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>98</b>

	<p><b>FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY ARE PLACED BY</b></p> <p><b>IRENE HENDERSON</b></p> <p><b>IN CELEBRATION OF ALL THE APRIL BIRTHDAYS HERE AT JOY!</b></p>
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**A 7-week Journey Through Acts  
Beginning TODAY! April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 in the  
SANCTUARY**



The next WELCA meeting is tomorrow, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

All women of Joy are members of WELCA!

Our April Speaker is Pam Driggers, Battalion Chief with MCFD. Her topic will be Community Risk Education.

After her presentation we will have food and an opportunity to talk with the Chief.

Carson Faris,

**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:**

**April 26th**



# Seasons of JOY

## Concert Series

### 2025-26 Season

### *A New Musical Adventure*




RareSong, the First Coast Renaissance Ensemble, will present *Greetings from the First Coast*, a concert that will illustrate why that part of Florida has that nickname. Their program features Spanish and French vocal and instrumental music from the 16th century using recorders, violas da gamba, and harpsichord. They know that these transplanted Europeans brought a variety of musical instruments with them and they indulged in dances and social gatherings. They will evoke their spirit in our performance of lively and lyrical music.

**April 26, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary  
at JOY Lutheran Church (7045 SW 83rd Place, Ocala, FL 34476)  
Free Admission. Reception follows concert.


THANKS TO TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAMS		
	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
Assistant Minister	Donna Schmidt	
Reader	Jim Hessel	
Cross Bearer	Deacon Darlene Haines	
Communion Assistant	Kim Hessel	
Ushering Team	GROTH	FARIS
Food & Fellowship	Ethel Kleiner	Dessert First
Altar Angels	Susanne Beech, Peggy Dietz	Linda Neblock, Vicki Valli
Ambassadors	Jean Beaver	Doris & Lee Bay
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

	<p><b><u>FOR OUR MEMBERS &amp; GUESTS</u></b>          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 <u>HYMNS</u>          You can view the music for the entire service on your phone or i-pad.</p>
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*Our Sanctuary is 'hearing aid-friendly' and also connects with Bluetooth devices. "*

	
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