



# Tidings of Joy



“Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service”  
Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA

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## Worship Time(s):

### Sunday

Traditional Worship Service  
10:00a.m.

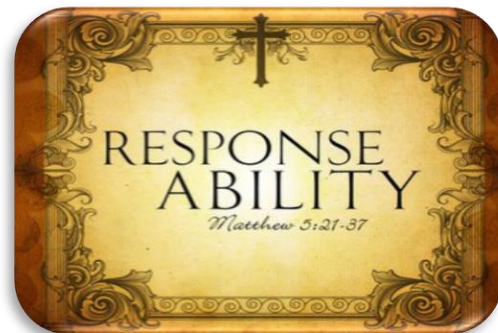
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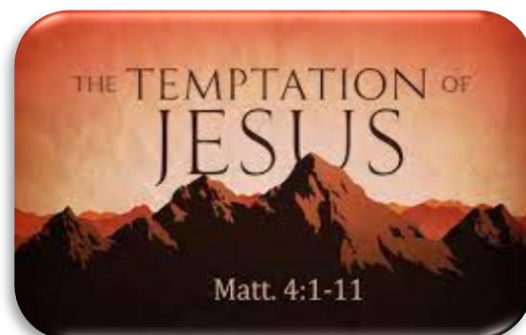
**SALT &  
MATTHEW 5:13-16  
LIGHT**



While he was still speaking,  
a bright cloud covered them,  
and a voice from the cloud said,

**“This is my Son,  
whom I love;  
with him I am  
well pleased.  
Listen to him!”**

Matthew 17:5



**"Office Hours:** Weds and Thurs 9am-2pm, and by appointment. It is strongly suggested to call ahead before dropping by. Pastor is off Mondays. Best means to contact pastor is 321-312-7339 or [prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com](mailto:prjdbryant4tide@gmail.com)."

## Pastor's Point

Pr. J. David Bryant

Friends,

Are you familiar with the DC Comics hero, Superman? Probably so. Take a moment before reading further and think about Superman's strengths and weaknesses.

St. Paul says, "...if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and God will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing God will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."

*(1 Corinthians 10:12-13)*

While you thought about Superman, did you remember that Kryptonite is an element that weakens and disempowers the DC Comics character Superman? Think of three things in your life that are like Kryptonite to you. *(pause)* Think of three things that are like Kryptonite in JOY Lutheran's life. It is important to consider such things, particularly in Epiphany, then Lent.

This week I landed myself in a debate with a friend about whether Superman was the best of heroes or whether it was Captain America. My friend explained how, "No matter how amazing Superman happens to be, Superman has both an enemy and a weakness. Evil is the enemy and Kryptonite is his weakness."

Like Superman, we also have an enemy and a weakness. Our enemy, the devil, uses schemes that appeal to our weakness, hoping that we find ourselves divided, distracted, and defeated; the goal here is to destroy us.

On a personal level, things like social media addiction distract us, weaken us, and take us off mission, keep us from forming solid relationships. On a congregational level, stuff like worship wars over whether the communion wine should be red or white, or whether we should always sing *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* on Palm Sunday, keep us from pointing others to Jesus. These things are common, and they can prove challenging, but God gives us the way out (1 Cor 10:12-13).

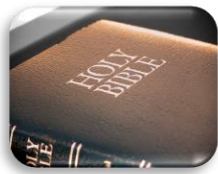
For those who are in Christ, we have the right to be called children of God; we are new creations. And we've received "supernatural" power through the Holy Spirit to live a holy and godly life. Each has the power to overcome temptations and be obedient to Christ---to be neither overpowered nor overcome.

What is your Kryptonite? What are the things that tempt you, that you often give into when under pressure? What makes you weak? What things give the enemy an easy advantage over you? And over our congregation?

Begin to see these temptations as Kryptonite – things that weaken us and derail us from accomplishing God's purposes in our lives and our congregations. And let's avoid them like the plague that they are!

Peace,  
JDB+

---portions of this pastor's point have been strongly influenced by a devotion from FCA.org.



## Gospel Readings

### Lectionary "A" for February

February 5	Matthew 5:13-20
February 12	Matthew 5:21-37
February 19	Matthew 17:1-9
February 26	Matthew 4:1-11



Next meeting:  
February 15th at 7:00pm

## STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

The Finance Committee would like to graciously thank the person/family that has generously donated \$2,600 to offset the cost of the City of Palm Bay Stormwater Assessment.

The cashier's check was left in the night drop with no name. If you would like to email the treasurer directly, she will be more than happy to apply to your account and the information will go no further.

**Winter/Spring 2023 Bible study,  
"The Ten Commandments"**  
Eve Circle (Bible Study)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, February 21 @ 11:30



Join *Gather* magazine and revive your soul in 2023 with a four-session study of the ten commandments. ELCA pastor and Bible study author Christa von Zychlin will help us see how these commandments are more than they may appear at first glance. For example, Martin Luther taught that the commandment, "Do not kill," means not only refraining from murder, but actively promoting the health and life of others. Get ready to explore old and new interpretations of God's laws, using Luther's Small and Large Catechism and more!

### **February 2023 Session two: Rhythms and respect (Commandments 3 & 4)**

Some might say the Old Testament commands Remember the Sabbath and Honor Your Folks seem outdated and quaint. After all, didn't Jesus routinely break the Sabbath? Didn't Jesus (on occasion) talk back to his mother? Yet these commandments are far from outdated. Find out how these commands offer a source of peace and inspiration in today's often hectic and generationally segregated society and church.

## Did you know.....

Recently a person asked me, "Since our sins are forgiven in Baptism, why do we have Confession every Sunday?" For starters, the Lutheran practice has historically been to offer Confession and Absolution on Communion Sundays. This is the practice of the ancient Church because Confession and Absolution are rooted in Baptism, even after we are Baptized.

Luther tells us: "... adversity assails us in more than one form. There is...the sin remaining in our flesh after baptism, the inclination to anger, hatred, pride and unchastity, and so forth, which assails us as long as we live. Against this we not only need the help of the congregation and of Christ, in order that they may fight with us against it, but it is also necessary that Christ and His saints intercede for us before God, that sin may not be accounted to us according to God's strict judgment. "

This is from Luther's "*Treatise Concerning the Blessed Sacrament of the Holy and True Body of Christ and Concerning the Brotherhoods.*" We confess before eating the "Blessed Sacrament" how we are wrapped up in sin, in bondage to sin, and have been captive to sin, even while we are being saved by God through Baptism. It is our, "...inclination to anger, hatred, pride and unchastity, and so forth," says Luther, that keeps us confessing and absolving one another until the Last Day.

Peace,  
JDB+



## Service Times Lent, Holy Week and Easter

### Ash Wednesday

(February 22<sup>nd</sup>) Noon\* & 6:00pm

**Mid-Week Lenten Service**.....6:00pm

**Palm Sunday** (April 2<sup>nd</sup>).....10:00am

**Maundy Thursday** (April 6<sup>th</sup>).....6:00pm

**Good Friday** (April 7<sup>th</sup>).....6:00pm

**Easter Sunday** (April 9<sup>th</sup>).....10:00am

\* Ash Wednesday "Noon" will be an abbreviated service.

## Young at Heart

Young at Heart will be meeting on **February 16<sup>th</sup> at noon**. All are welcome, especially those fifty-five and over. Invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors. Lunch will be potluck, so please bring your favorite casserole or dessert to share.

Be sure to stay afterwards for fellowship. We always have a wonderful time getting to know each other. So, please come out and join us. Always check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.

## “BREAD OF LIFE” BACKPACK PROGRAM”



The “Bread of Life” backpack program for Turner Elementary School is a wonderful outreach to our community. So, please be generous in your monetary donations, as we provide food for as many as seven families each weekend. This program is so important, especially with families barely making ends meet. The cost is approximately \$190 per week.

Thank you everyone for your donations and helping with the packing and delivery of the backpacks.

## Daily Bread Inc.

815 E. Fee Ave, Melbourne, FL

*“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matt 25:40) so don’t think of it only as doing for others but in doing for others we are doing it for Christ.*

**JOY Lutheran Church Team** serves meals the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month. Please contact Chris Allebaugh (321-388-2555), if you can help. Thanks to each of you for your support of this ministry. Please remember DAILY BREAD depends on volunteers.

Volunteers are needed for dining hall, outreach center, and warehouse. Help needed 7 days a week.

**FREE** hot meals are served 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

*Do something for somebody every day for which you don't get paid.*

Albert Schweitzer

## Men of JOY

We continue to meet for breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. Come and join us. A specific announcement will be made on the prior Sunday morning. We also send out an email about the breakfasts and other meetings. If you have not received it over the past several months, please see Jim Collins to give him your email address. If you do not have email, let Jim know you are interested, and he will call you.

## Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be February 8, 2022, at 11:00am.

If you would like to learn more about this committee, please join us on Wednesday.

You can contact Barbara Herndon if you have any questions.



## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

### **NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2023**

President: Marjorie Maenpaa

Vice President: Ruth Ann Ciecierski

Secretary: Connie Steinhorst

Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Linda Kratzer

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – LWR Collection of quilts & fifty-two backpacks/school bags

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> - Young at Heart Meets @ 12:00

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – WELCA hosting Shrove Tues Evening Pancake & Sausage Supper

### **CIRCLE MEETINGS**

**Eve Circle** (Bible Study) – Bible Study 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:30 a.m.

**Dorcas Circle** (Quilting circle) – every Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m.

**Rachel Circle** (knitting/crocheting circle) - every Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.

**Ruth Circle** (crafts) – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.

**DAILY BREAD Hygiene Kits.** Rachel Circle packed up twenty health kit/hygiene kits for Daily Bread in January. Pr. Norm Holm of Calvary Chapel and several members of our congregation contributed items for the kits. Contributions are Very Welcome. Hygiene kits are made up of shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, hair combs and brushes for women & men, razors for men & women, wash cloths, chap stick or lip balm, fingernail clippers or nail file, sunscreen, gallon size zip lock bags, small (individual) hand sanitizer

**Nemours Children Hospital & the Ronald McDonald House** in Orlando. Baby blankets (crocheted, knitted & quilted), baby hats, baby sets, knitted animals & stuffed animals were delivered in December/January.

**Holiday Festival:** You ask, how did we do? Silent Auction brought in \$1,175.00, Vendor booth fees was \$1,558.01, WELCA's crafts table \$567.30, Bake Sale \$140.35, Food stand \$362.01. Expenses were \$959.49. a total profit of \$2,869.17. A big THANK YOU to all who helped make this a success.

*"When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you answer that for me?"*



*My dear friends at Joy  
 Thank you all for  
 remembering my birthday  
 with so many beautiful  
 cards, and surprising me  
 with the delicious Birthday  
 Cake. It was a wonderful  
 day. Blessings  
 Ruth*



The Corbin-Tolley family would like to thank everyone for the condolence cards and prayers that have been sent to us during this difficult time.

*Kim Tolley*

**Online giving is an option for us, and for others visiting our website.**

A link to our online giving portal is found on the JOY website. The secure link to that portal is:

<https://www.joylutheranelca.com>

Scroll down to the purple box that says, "online giving." Feel free to check it out, even if you do not elect to use it. What can it hurt to learn about something new, right?

Again, this is an option, not just for us but for others beyond JOY. Participate if you feel so led. Do not participate if you are not so led. Give in whatever way works best to suit you.



**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**



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Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink after Worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship," consider signing up to host a Sunday. The sign up sheet is in the narthex.

**Newsletter**

Tidings of Joy is only as good as the input received from Church Council, WELCA, Men's Group, Various Committees, Circles, etc. Please provide David Steinhorst with your news, thankyou's, updates, etc. for the **March 2023 Tidings no later than February 22nd.**

Email David Steinhorst [dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dsteinhorst@cfl.rr.com) or provide a printed copy.

## We care about you!



If you so desire, please let us know when you or your family is in the hospital. If you want to have information about your hospitalization and basic condition released to Joy Lutheran Church, you need to inform the hospital. Also, please have someone call the church at 321-951-0166 and let us know if you have been hospitalized.

Please contact the church office, if you would like to have a visit from Pastor Bryant, or a Stephen Minister, or would like to be listed for prayer support.



We especially pray for Friends, Family, and Members of Joy.

### WHO ARE:

- Suffering the loss of a loved one.
- Suffering from pain or illness.
- Suffering from depression or loneliness.
- Recovering from illness or surgery.

Lord, look upon those in need with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon them, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their body and into the depths of their soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

## JOY CORE VALUES

**Worship:** Joyfully experiencing Christ through word, music, sacrament, and prayer

**Property:** Providing the physical means to fulfill the spiritual needs of church and community

**Outreach:** Extending Christ's compassion and care to others

**Fellowship:** Enjoying each other's company

**Welcoming:** There is a place at Joy for everyone

**Education:** Getting to know the Word

**Relationships:** Everyone is worthy of care and respect

## 2022 Church Council

**Pastor:** Rev. John David Bryant

**President:** Marjorie Mäenpää

**Vice President:** Barbara Herndon

**Secretary:** Kelly Arner

**Treasurer:** Kim Tolley

**Financial Secretary:** Church Secretary

### **Council Members at Large:**

Chris Allebaugh

Kristina Deyette

Sue Getter

Linda Kratzer

Gary Krause

Mary Sherman





**February Birthday Blessings**

- 2/03 Brian Getter
- 2/05 George Christensen
- 2/17 Don Heine
- 2/20 Roy Chin
- 2/22 Kaitlin Embrey
- 2/22 Pat Moerke
- 2/24 Luther Radway

Notify the church office if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.



The Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to have flowers in honor of or in memory of someone please choose the Sunday and sign up. You may put your check for **\$25.00** in your offering envelope and indicate that you are paying for flowers. There may be some dates blocked out by Worship and Music, for the Festival Sundays. If someone has already signed up for the date you wanted, please choose a date close to the one you want, or let the church office know you have signed up, so two vases of flowers can be ordered. Flowers are provided by “**Emma’s Flowers.**”



**Eternal Candle**

If you would like to provide the **Eternal Candle** you may also sign up on the Flower Chart for the month you wish. The cost is **\$30.00 for the month.**

**Joy Financials  
2022**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	January 2022 – December 2022
Income	See 2022 Annual Report
Expenses	
Overage/Shortage	
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS</b>	January 2022 – December 2022
Income	See 2022 Annual Report
Expenses	
Overage/Shortage	

## FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting		8:30am Property Workday	Men of Joy Breakfast (Contact Jim Collins)
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting  11:00am Fellowship Meeting		8:30am Property Workday	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting  11:30am Eve Circle Bible Study	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting  7pm Council Mtg	12pm Young at Heart	8:30am Property Workday	
19	20	21	Ash Wednesday 22	23	24	25
10:00am Worship		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting  WELCA hosting Shrove Tuesday evening Pancake & Sausage Supper	10am Rachel Circle Knitting/Crocheting  12:00pm & 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Services		8:30am Property Workday  10:30am-1:00pm Daily Bread Team	
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
10:00am Worship  First Sunday in Lent		10:00am Dorcas Circle Quilting				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						<b>Check website &amp; messages from Pastor Bryant for changes in schedule.</b>