

*Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026*



Our vision:

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



*7045 SW 83rd Place
Ocala, Florida 34476
Tel. 352.854.4509*

**W
E
L
C
O
M
E**

Pastor Arthur Wuertz

352.854.4509 ext. 3

email: joyocalafl@gmail.com

web site: www.joylcocala.org

www.facebook.com/joylutheranchurch.ocala

www.instagram.com/joylutheranchurch.ocala

Photos & Videos to: Joyocalaconnect@gmail.com

*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—

(8:15 am) -"Just As I Am Without One Plea" arr. Nancy Raabe

(11:00 am)-"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"-arr. Lloyd Larson,-Bev Kriner

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

***Gathering Hymn: "Ten Thousand Reasons" -(Music on page 6)**

***Greeting**

***Hymn of Praise: ELW page 204-"Glory to God" - *Prayer of the Day**

(11:00 am) Children's Lesson

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (Refrain and psalm are on page 4)

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Special Music:

(8:15 am)- " Jesus Paid It All"—Isabella Wallmow

(11:00 am)-" Christ Lives On" —JOY Choir

***Gospel Acclamation: -ELW page 205- "Alleluia"**

***Gospel: John 17:1-11**

Today's Message is Given by: Pastor Wayne Kofink

***Hymn of the Day: ELW # 482-"I Come With Joy"**

***Nicene Creed**

***The Prayers of the People**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Offertory: (8:15 am) - "Abba, Abba, Hear Us"- Traditional Korean
(11:00 am)-"As We Gather At Your Table"-Bev & Phil Kriner**

***Congregational Offertory: "Like a Shepherd" -(Music on page 7)**

***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

"Jesus Paid It All"- Isabella Wallmow

"Bind Us Together"- arr. Mark Hayes; Bev Kriner

Distribution Hymns:

ELW # 638-"Blessed Assurance"

CCLI # 25156- "In Remembrance of Me"

ELW # 697- "Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

***Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn: ELW # 392- "Alleluia! Sing To Jesus"-vv. 1, 4, and 5**

***Sending**

***Postlude: (8:15 am) -"Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart" arr. Colin Curtis**

***(11:00 am) "Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" arr. Alfred Fedak ;
Bev Kriner***

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35



Psalm 68:4

Psalm refrain reproduced from *Psalter for Worship Year A* © 2007 Augsburg Fortress
May be reproduced by permission for local use only.

R: Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

¹ Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.

² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at
the pres- | ence of God.**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who |
rides the clouds;**

I AM is that name, rejoice | before God! R

⁵ In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

⁶ **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into
freedom;**

but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

⁷ O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the ¹ God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the ¹ God of Israel.

⁹ You sent a bountiful ¹ rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance ¹ when it languished.

¹⁰ **Your people found their ¹ home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision ¹ for
the poor. R**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms ¹ of the earth;
sing praises ¹ to the Lord.

³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ¹ ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your ¹ mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe pow- ¹ er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is ¹ in the skies.

³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O ¹ God of
Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! ¹ Blessed be
God! R**

Ten Thousand Reasons

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

1097

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
 name... is ... great, and your heart is kind. For all ... your
 end ... draws near, and my time has come; ... still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
 good-ness, I will keep... on ... sing-ing— ten thou-sand
 soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

Refrain

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 rea - sons for my heart to find.
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

Like a Shepherd 402

Refrain

Like a shep - herd he feeds his flock and gath - ers the
lambs in his arms, hold - ing them care - ful - ly
close to his heart, lead - ing them home.

Verses 1, 2

1. Say to the cit - ies of Ju - dah: Pre - pare the
2. I my - self will shep - herd them, for oth - ers have
way of the Lord. Go to the moun - tain top,
led them a - stray. The lost I will res - cue and
lift your voice; Je - ru - sa - lem, here is your God.
heal their wounds and pas - ture them, giv - ing them rest. **D.C.**

Verse 3

3. Come un - to me if you are
heav - i - ly bur - dened, and take my yoke up -
on your shoul - ders, I will give you rest. **D.C.**

Text: Isaiah 40:9ff, Ezekiel 34:11, Matthew 11:28ff; Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943
Tune: Bob Dufford, SJ, b.1943; acc. by Sr. Theophane Hytrek, OSF, 1915-1992, alt.
© 1976, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

John Cobb-Health Don Conner-Surgeries Robert Cretul* – Cancer Lon Fairchild*-Cancer Violet Frey-Health Issues Guy Griemey*-Cancer Susan Holmes-Health Linda Kraigenow-Recovery Ed Mathena-Surgical Recovery Abby Owen*-Cancer Debbie Pequignot*-In Hospice Dolly Schember-Health Schiavone family-Bereavement 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 Liv- ing Cynthia Randall-Memory Care
--	---

*“Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth;
 help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart.”*

—Martin Luther

ATTENDANCE			
WEDNESDAY	05/06/2026	6:30 PM	17
SUNDAY	05/10/2026	8:15 AM	58
	05/10/2026	11:00 AM	104



NEXT WEEK'S DATELINE

May 18, 2026 — May 24, 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
Tue. 5/19	11:00 AM	Beginners' Bible Study	SH
	1:00 PM	Council	SH
	3:30 PM	Tutoring (Closed)	SH
	6:00 PM	"More About Marty"-Discussion Group	SH
	7:00 PM	JOY!Formation	SH
Wed. 5/20	9:00 AM	Happy Hands Ministry	SH
	9:00 AM	Joyful Hands Ministry	SH
	6:30 PM	Worship Service	S
Thu. 5/21	6:30 PM	Brick City Ringers Rehearsal	S
Fri. 5/22	10:00 AM	JOY! Handbell and Choir Rehearsal	S
	1:00-3:00 PM	Cleaning Service	S/SH
Sat. 5/23	10:00 AM	Music Lesson (Closed)	S
	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Isaih 117 Meeting (Closed)	SH
Sun. 5/24		Pentecost/New Member Sunday	
	7:30AM-1:30 PM	LifeSouth Blood Drive	CG
	8:15 / 11:00 AM	Worship Services	S
	9:30 AM	"Bearing Witness In Acts"-Discussion	N
Altar Angels	8:15/11:00 AM	Diane Julian, Anne Burkett/ Irene Henderson, Vicki Valli	S
Ambassadors	8:15/11:00 AM	Donna Schmidt/Lee & Doris Bay	N
Fellowship	8:15/11:00 AM	Penny Davis/Tasty Treats	N
Ushering	8:15/11:00 AM	Voyles/Willoughby	S
Counters		Doreen and David Robinson	SH

EMERGENCIES DON'T WAIT



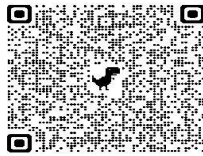
GIVE BLOOD

MAGIC
NUMBER
IS
15

Sunday, May 24th

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Joy Evangelical Lutheran Church



T-shirt for all
May donors!

\$40 e-gift card and
t-shirt for platelet and
double red cell donors.



colors may vary • while supplies last



LIFESOUTH
Community Blood Centers

Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.





JOY Lutheran
Church

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

ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE PLACED BY:



**JUDY REMY
IN MEMORY OF
BERTHA BROCKS HIGGINS
(HER MOTHER'S)
BIRTHDAY**

THANKS TO TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAMS		
	8:15 AM	11:00 AM
Assistant Minister		Irene Hendersen
Reader		Jill Davis
Cross Bearer	Deacon Darlene Haines	
Communion Assistant		
Ushering Team	Groth	Faris
Food & Fellowship	Ethel Kleiner	3 Cooks + 3 Stooges
Altar Angels	Diane Julian, Anne Burkett	Irene Henderson, Vicki Valli
Ambassadors	Sarah Logue	Lynne Shineman
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 align="center"><u>FOR OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS</u></p> <p>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>
	<p><i>Our Sanctuary is 'hearing aid-friendly' and also connects with Bluetooth devices. "</i></p>



Scan the QR code for On-Line Giving Opportunities