

*6th SUNDAY after
PENTECOST
July 5, 2026*

**Come to me
all you who are weary
and burdened
and I will give you rest.**

Matthew 11:28 NIV



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***
STATION COMMUNION IS OBSERVED TODAY

Prelude—"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" -arr. Mark Hayes

***Confession and Forgiveness**

***Gathering Hymn: ELW #888 -"O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"**

***Greeting**

***Hymn of Praise: ELW page 149-"This Is The Feast"**

***Prayer of the Day**

Children's Message

First Reading: Zechariah 9: 9-12

Psalm: 145: 8-14-"Gracious Is God And Merciful" (*Music on Page 4*)

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

Special Music: "Come, Jesus, Come"-Pr. Art Wuertz

***Gospel Acclamation: -ELW page 151-"Alleluia"**

***Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Today's Message is Given by: Pastor Art Wuertz

***Hymn of the Day: ELW #887-"This Is My Song"**

***Apostles' Creed**

***The Prayers of the People**

***Passing of the Peace**

***Offertory: "Father Most Holy"-com. Traditional**

***Congregational Offertory: CCLI-"We Are An Offering" (Blue Binder)**

***Offertory Prayer**

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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

***Sanctus: - ELW page 153-"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

***Invitation to Communion**

***Lamb of God: ELW page 154-"Lamb Of God"**

Distribution Hymns:

ELW # 726-"Light Dawns On A Weary World"

ELW # 609-"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

ELW # 468-"Around You, O Lord Jesus"

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

***Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

***Blessing**

***Sending Hymn: ELW # 650" In Christ There Is No East Or West"**

***Sending**

***Postlude-"The Celebration Of Life"-com. Gary Davidson**

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*Please note the blue binders are underneath the chairs and  
the music is arranged in alphabetical order.*

# Psalm 145:8-14

## Gracious is God and Merciful

1. Gra - cious is God and mer - ci - ful,  
2. All of your works will praise you LORD.  
3. So shall the sons of man be taught  
4. Faith - ful is he in all his words;

5  
plen - teous in love, to an - ger slow.  
Saints will u - nite to bless your name!  
your migh - ty deeds and glo - rious reign.  
kind is the LORD in all his deeds.

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Good is the LORD to all he made;  
They will de - clare your awe - some power,  
Through ev' ry age your reign en - dures;  
All those who fall the LORD up - holds;

13  
mer - cy to all his works he shows.  
prai - sing the glo - ry of your reign.  
end - less your king - dom shall re - main.  
he will up - raise those bowed with grief.

Trinity Psalter Hymnal

DUKE STREET  
John Hatton, 1793

**We received this invitation for the Caregiver Training. Please note the dates and register asap if you intend to participate.**

## Savvy Caregiver Training

**ARE YOU PREPARED TO CARE FOR A LOVED ONE WITH MEMORY LOSS AND CONFUSION?**

The Savvy Caregiver Program is a FREE, seven-week training designed for family caregivers who assist individuals with dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and cognitive decline.



### LOCATION

Marion Senior Services  
1101 SW 20th Court  
Ocala, FL 34471



### DATE

Mondays  
July 6th to August 17th, 2026



### TIME

1:00pm to 3:00 pm



### REGISTER TODAY!

Contact Michelle Johnson

- Email: [johnsonm@agingresources.org](mailto:johnsonm@agingresources.org)
- Phone: 352-692-5250



**MARK THE DATE:**

*Sunday, August 2nd*



We are collecting supplies for the Tools4Teaching store here in Ocala.

Please bring NEW

supplies that can help our teachers start the new year with items they will need in the classroom. The carts will be in the Narthex to accept your donations.

*THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE GLADLY WELCOMED*

*AND ACCEPTED*

School Supplies • Backpacks • Composition books • Flash drives • Loose leaf paper • Pocket folders • Calculators • Crayons • Highlighters • Markers • Protractors • #2 Pencils • Divider tabs • 3-hole punches • Pens • Rulers • Colored pencils • Dry erase markers • Index cards • Pencil cases • Scissors • Compasses • Erasers • Journals • Pencil sharpeners • Spiral notebooks

Arts & Crafts • Clay • Felt squares • Glue sticks • Paint brushes • Chalk • Construction paper • Foam • Oil pastels • Poster boards • Tissue paper • Drawing pencils • Glue bottles • Paint • Scrapbook paper • Watercolors

Teaching Tools & Incentives • Binder and paper clips • Copy paper • File folders • Promotional products • Tape and tape dispensers • Binders • Desk organizers

Accessories • Headphones • Staplers and staples • Tote bags • Bulletin boards • Ear buds – new • Sticky notes • Stickers • Toys and games (educational only)

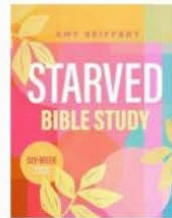
Hygiene Items & Cleaning Supplies • Body wash • Deodorant • Hand sanitizer • Soap • Tissues • Cleaning wipe • Shampoo and conditioner • Toothpaste and Toothbrushes.



## WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT GROUP

LAST TWO SESSIONS OF STUDY 1:  
JULY 11 & JULY 18

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**



**STUDY 1: STARVED BY AMY SEIFFERT**

## WOMEN of JOY



We are excited to invite you to our upcoming WELCA meeting on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in Swenson Hall.

Our guest speaker is Lori Szepelak. She will be sharing her unique experience with photography and the Afterlife.

We hope you'll come join us for our speaker, food and fellowship.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex. We'd love to see your name added.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST**

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| <p><b>Michelle Burkett*-Cancer</b><br/> <b>John Cobb-Health</b><br/> <b>Robert Cretul* – Cancer</b><br/> <b>Lon Fairchild*-Cancer</b><br/> <b>Violet Frey-Health Issues</b><br/> <b>Elaine Grass*-Recovery from stroke</b><br/> <b>Guy Griemey*-Cancer</b><br/> <b>John Henderson-Pain</b><br/> <b>Susan Holmes-Health</b><br/> <b>Mike Kasprzak-Recovery</b><br/> <b>Linda Lushbaugh-Cancer</b><br/> <b>Ginny McCabe*-Recovery from surgery</b><br/> <b>Doris &amp; Raymond Neff*-Health issues</b><br/> <b>Wayne Nelson*-Cancer</b><br/> <b>Abby Owen*-Cancer</b><br/> <b>Debbie Pequignot*-In Hospice</b><br/> <b>Gay Saari*-Surgery for tongue cancer</b><br/> <b>Dolly Schember-Health</b></p> | <p><b>Brian Shull*-Special Circumstances</b><br/> <b>Patti Spellman-Cancer</b><br/> <b>Nancy Spitzack*-Family Issues</b><br/> <b>Debbie Spivey*-Stage 4 colon cancer</b><br/> <b>Kristen Spivey*-Preparing to be a kidney donor</b><br/> <b>Samantha Stafferi*-Possible Cancer</b><br/> <b>Lee &amp; Edie Stewart – Health</b><br/> <b>Helen Vance*-Cancer</b><br/> <b>Ken Warner*- Lung Cancer</b><br/> <b>Dawn Winblad-Cancer Treatment</b></p> <p><b>Bertha Hendrickson-Assisted Living</b><br/> <b>Cynthia Randall-Memory Care</b></p> |
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| <b>ATTENDANCE</b> |                   |                 |            |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  | <b>06/24/2026</b> | <b>6:30 PM</b>  | <b>18</b>  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>     | <b>06/28/2026</b> | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>120</b> |



## NEXT WEEK'S DATELINE

July 6—July 12



**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. 7/06        | 1:00 PM      | Vacation Bible School Leaders Meeting                  | SH   |
| Tue. 7/07        | 11:00 AM     | Beginners' Bible Study                                 | SH   |
|                  | 1:00 PM      | JOY Journey Small Group Org. Meeting                   | SH   |
| Wed. 7/08        | 9:00 AM      | Joyful Hands Ministry                                  | SH   |
|                  | 6:30 PM      | Worship Service                                        | S    |
| Thu. 7/09        | Afternoon    | Wear Gloves Lunch Share                                | OC   |
|                  | 1:00 PM      | Publicity Ministry                                     | N    |
| Fri. 7/10        | 1:00-3:00 PM | Cleaning Service                                       | S/SH |
| Sat. 7/11        | 10:00 AM     | "Starved" Bible Study                                  | SH   |
|                  | 2:00 PM      | JOY Journey Small Group Org. Meeting                   | SH   |
| Sun. 7/12        | 10:00 AM     | Worship Service                                        | SH   |
|                  | 11:30 AM     | JOY Journey Small Group Org. Meeting                   | N    |
| Altar Angels     |              | Peggy Dietz, Diane Julian, Jean Groth,<br>Anne Burkett | S    |
| Ambassadors      |              | Sarah Logue                                            | N    |
| Ushering<br>Team |              | Heinzen                                                | S    |
| Fellowship       |              | Sweet & Savory                                         | N    |
| Counters         |              | Judy & Joe Spillane                                    | SH   |

**HOW MANY BLOGS** has Joy posted?

We publish through WordPress,  
who tells us that we have posted 3,819 blogs  
beginning in 2015.

That's many writers and readers  
over the years.



**ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY ARE**

**PLACED BY:**

**SARAH LOGUE**

**In Memory Of**

**Her Husband**

**James P. Logue**

*“To worship God in spirit is the service and homage of  
the heart, and implies fear of God and trust in Him.”*

*—Martin Luther*

**REMINDER:**

**EMERALD CROSSING VBS**

**DATES:**

**MONDAY, July 13, through FRIDAY, July 17**

**Hours are: 8:30 am—11:00 am**

**ALL ROOMS IN SWENSON HALL WILL BE IN USE.**

**All meetings for the morning are cancelled.**

**We ask that any groups that will be meeting in the afternoon or evening, to not disturb or move the set up and decorations.**

*Thank you.*



***SMALL GROUP JOURNEY'S BEGINNING***

**Come!! Begin your small group journey by attending one of the meetings listed below and learn what specific interests you share with others in our Joy family. Let's deepen our fellowship with each other and broaden our Christian service inside and outside the walls of Joy Lutheran Church. All are welcome.**

**Tuesday, July 7 @ 1:00 p.m. in Swenson Hall**

**Saturday, July 11 @ 2:00 p.m. in Swenson Hall**

**Sunday, July 12 @ 11:30 a.m. in Sanctuary**

| THANKS TO TODAY'S MINISTRY TEAMS |                                                     |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Trinity Sunday                   | 10:00 AM                                            |
| Assistant Minister               | Paul Hyatt                                          |
| Reader 1                         |                                                     |
| Reader 2                         |                                                     |
| Cross Bearer                     | Deacon Darlene Haines                               |
| Communion Assistant              | Carson Faris                                        |
| Ushering Team                    | Willoughby                                          |
| Food & Fellowship                | Tasty Treats Team                                   |
| Altar Angels                     | Peggy Dietz, Diane Julian, Jean Groth, Anne Burkett |
| Ambassador                       | Mary Wright                                         |
| Counters                         | Carolyn Cummings, Penny Davis                       |

| OUR STAFF                |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Administrative Assistant | Zsuzsanna Jobbagy |
| Director of Music        | Silas Daniel      |
| Choir Director           | Linda Aker        |
| Handbell Choir Director  | Melissa Daniel    |
| Treasurer                | Caroline Bernard  |
| 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."*



Scan the QR code for On-Line Giving Opportunities