Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

1All the people gathered as one man into the square
before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe
to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD
had commanded Israel. 2So Ezra the priest brought
the Law before the assembly, both men and women
and all who could understand what they heard, on
the first day of the seventh month. 3And he read from
it facing the square before the Water Gate from early
morning until midday, in the presence of the men
and the women and those who could understand.
And the ears of all the people were attentive to the
Book of the Law. 5And Ezra opened the book in the
sight of all the people, for he was above all the peo-
ple, and as he opened it all the people stood. 6And
Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the
people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their
hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped
the LORD with their faces to the ground. 8They read
from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and
they gave the sense, so that the people understood
the reading. 9And Nehemiah, who was the governor,
and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who
taught the people said to all the people, "This day is
holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep."
For all the people wept as they heard the words of
the Law. 10Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat
the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to
anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to
our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the
LORD is your strength."

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

12For just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many, are
one body, so it is with Christ. 13For in one Spirit we
were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks,
slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one
Spirit. 14For the body does not consist of one member
but of many. 15If the foot should say, "Because I am
not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not
make it any less a part of the body. 16And if the ear
should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong
to the body," that would not make it any less a part of
the body. 17If the whole body were an eye, where
would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were
an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18But as it
is, God arranged the members in the body, each one
of them, as He chose. 19If all were a single member,
where would the body be? 20As it is, there are many
parts, yet one body. 21The eye cannot say to the hand,
"I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet,
"I have no need of you." 22On the contrary, the parts of
the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,
23and on those parts of the body that we think less
honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our
unpresentable parts are treated with greater modes-
ty, 24which our more presentable parts do not require.
But God has so composed the body, giving greater
honor to the part that lacked it, 25that there may be no
division in the body, but that the members may have
the same care for one another. 26If one member
suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored,
all rejoice together. 27Now you are the body of Christ
and individually members of it. 28And God has ap-
pointed in the church first apostles, second prophets,
third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing,
helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.
29Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teach-
ers? Do all work miracles? 30Do all possess gifts of
healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?
31But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

Luke 4:16-30

16And He came to Nazareth, where He had been
brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the
synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to
read. 17And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given
to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place
where it was written, 18"The Spirit of the Lord is upon
Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good
news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty
to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to
set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19to proclaim
the year of the Lord's favor." 20And He rolled up the
scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.
And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on
Him. 21And He began to say to them, "Today this
Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22And all
spoke well of Him and marveled at the gracious
words that were coming from His mouth. And they
said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23And He said to
them, "Doubtless you will quote to Me this proverb,
'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you
did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as
well." 24And He said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet
is acceptable in his hometown. 25But in truth, I tell
you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of
Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years
and six months, and a great famine came over all the
land, 26and Elijah was sent to none of them but only
to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who
was a widow. 27And there were many lepers in Israel
in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them
was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." 8When
they heard these things, all in the synagogue were
filled with wrath. 29And they rose up and drove Him
out of the town and brought Him to the brow of the
hill on which their town was built, so that they could
throw Him down the cliff. 30But passing through their
midst, He went away.

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 23, 2022

Joy Lutheran is here to welcome all people,
celebrate Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior,
nourish spiritual growth for all and
serve human needs in every way.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Traditional Service 8 a.m.
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Joy Lutheran Church. **If you are visiting us today, please fill out a white Visitor Information card in the pew.** If you have a prayer request, please use the reverse side of the Visitor Information card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Communion Joy Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion at each regular worship service. This is a special meal that celebrates our unity of faith in Jesus who is our Lord and Savior. In this meal, Jesus gives us His body and blood, in, with and under the bread and the wine to forgive our sins and to strengthen our faith. Confessing this oneness of faith, we invite you to share in this special meal.

Children in Worship We encourage children to participate in worship services. Children's activity bags and bulletins are available.

TODAY
ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING after the service

THESE LEADERSHIP TEAM POSITIONS will need to be filled at the Voters' Meeting:
Chair, Vice-Chair, and two Members-at-Large.
Please prayerfully consider filling one of these positions.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will resume next Sunday.

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are in the narthex. Any remaining after next Sunday will have to be mailed. Please take your statement to help reduce postage costs. Thank you!

CAMBRIDGE PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER (PRC) FUNDRAISER *Women of Joy* invites you to pick up a baby bottle from the table in the narthex and fill it with your donation over the next month. Remember to say a prayer for sanctity of life in our community. The anniversary of Roe v. Wade was January 22. Bring the bottles back by February 13 and we will deliver the proceeds to the PRC. See the bulletin insert for more information.

NEW OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due this Wednesday. Thank you!

THANK YOU CARD from the Isanti County Food Pantry is posted in the narthex.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS for January is in the narthex.
Theme: Male and Female He Created Them

LOOKING AHEAD
Ash Wednesday March 2
Lent Wednesdays March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6
Maundy Thursday April 14
Good Friday April 15
Easter Sunday April 17

FREE "WEIGHT LOSS AND HEALTH" CLASS with Dave Larson in the church basement
This Saturday, 1—4 p.m. After a lifetime of weight problems, the instructor finally lost over 90 lbs. and got healthy by eating real food and without calorie counting or starving. To sign up, please call Dave or Vicki at 763-689-5912.
Note: We will keep our social distance and be safe. Masks are encouraged.

January 23—January 30, 2022

Today	**One 9 a.m. Service** **Voters' Meeting after the service**	
Tuesday	Volunteers at Shalom	12:30—4 PM
Wednesday	Confirmation	7 PM
Saturday	Men's Bible Study "Weight Loss & Health" Class—basement	8 AM 1—4 PM
Sunday, January 30	Traditional Service Sunday School and Adult Bible Class Contemporary Service	8 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM
Tuesday, February 1	New office hours begin: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	
Tuesday, February 8	*Women of Joy* Meeting Elders Meeting	9:30 AM 7 PM

Assisting in Worship

Service	Reader	Ushers	**ELDERS**
Today **One 9 a.m. Service**	Karen Long	***Ministry opportunity***	Robert Severson Rod Elmstrand Ken Wing Greg Thompson Hugh Gibson Sal Meli
Next Sunday 8 a.m. January 30	Warren Kamps	***Ministry opportunity***	
Next Sunday 10:30 a.m. January 30	Barb Poundstone	***Ministry opportunity***	

TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT: Laurie Hoheisel, 763-689-4893.
If Laurie is unavailable, please call the church office—763-689-4355.

In our prayers we remember: Ken and Sandy Wing; Mike Horst's son, Joshua; Ray Hoheisel; Cheryl Severson; Gary Steffenson's sister, Barb and his brother, Dave; Kay Weber; Mary Avre; Emerald Cramsie

Keep these military personnel and their families in your prayers:
Eric Bjorklund; Marcus Bjorklund; Pat & Tricia Cassidy; Kent & Jen Reichle