

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

<sup>1</sup>All 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. <sup>2</sup>So 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. <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And 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. <sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>Then 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

<sup>12</sup>For 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. <sup>13</sup>For 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. <sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If 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. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>If 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? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The 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." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater

honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

## Luke 4:16-30

<sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, <sup>18</sup>"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, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And 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. <sup>21</sup>And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>And 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?" <sup>23</sup>And 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." <sup>24</sup>And He said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But 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, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And 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. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, He went away.

## Third Sunday after the Epiphany



*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 & Bible Class 9:15 a.m.**  
**Contemporary Service 10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome to Joy Lutheran Church. If you are visiting us today, please sign our lobby guest book and 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 hand it to an usher or put it in the offering plate.

**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. We have children's bulletins and activity bags available for small children.

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**TODAY**  
**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING**  
 Meeting will be after the service.  
*No potluck after the meeting.*  
 Coffee and cookies will be served.

**WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TODAY:**  
**Harry & Lois Harwick**  
**Frank & Jackie Simon**  
**John & Joyce Ellsworth**

**THANK YOU!** to Hugh Gibson and Winston Hansen for installing the diaper changing station in the upstairs bathroom.

**BAKE SALE** *Women of Joy* will have a bake sale of Valentine treats next Sunday before and after services. Proceeds will go to the missionaries that *Women of Joy* support on a monthly basis.

**2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE ON THE NARTHEX TABLE.** Please take yours and help reduce postage costs. Any left after today have to be mailed. Thank you!

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** This Friday, at 9:30 a.m. in the basement of the church. The topic is "Making the Most of Your Christian Life". It will be led by Pat Jaeger.

**FOOD DRIVE** *Women of Joy* is inviting the congregation to participate in a food drive for the Isanti County Food Shelf through Sunday, February 10th. Please bring non-perishable food items and put them in the box in the narthex. Thank you for helping us "love our neighbors" in our local community. *"Truly, I say to you, as you did it (helped) to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."* Matthew 25:40

**HOME DELIVERED MEALS** Joy is scheduled to deliver meals on Feb. 11, 12, 13 & 15. To volunteer, please contact Marlys Moline, 763-689-3884.

**NEEDED: A few** small containers and ice cream buckets to use for leftovers after potlucks, midweek suppers, funerals, etc.— just a few, not large stacks of them. Thank you!

**COMPUTER CLASSES** in the church basement with Dave Larson will start next month. Most of them are scheduled on Thursdays, 10 a.m.—1 p.m., but there's a two-part class on **Thursday and Friday, April 25 & 26**, 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Please check with Denice before you plan to use the church basement.

**JANUARY 27—FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

<b>Today</b>	<b>ONE WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>Voters' Meeting after the service</b> <b>No potluck after the meeting</b>	<b>9 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Volunteers at Shalom	12:30—4 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir Confirmation Band	6 PM 7 PM 7 PM
<b>Friday</b>	Women' Bible Study	9:30 AM
<b>Saturday</b>	Men's Bible Study	8 AM
<b>Sunday, February 3</b>	Traditional Service Fellowship between services Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Contemporary Service Bake Sale before and after services	8 AM  9:15 AM 10:30 AM

**Thursday, February 7** Free "Overview of Computers"- basement 10 AM—1 PM  
**Friday, February 8** Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM

Refreshments: Leadership Team providing cookies for Voters' Meeting  
*Next Sunday, February 3:*

**Assisting in Worship**

Service	Reader	Sound/PowerPoint	Ushers
<b>Today</b> <b>One 9 a.m. Service</b>	Dan Solbrack	<b>Ministry opportunity</b>	Gary Steffenson
Next Sunday 8 a.m. February 3	Pat Jaeger	<b>Ministry opportunity</b>	Gordon Cell
Next Sunday 10:30 a.m. February 3	Barb Poundstone	<b>Ministry opportunity</b>	Mike Spanier

**TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT: Marlys Moline, 763-689-3884.**  
**If Marlys is unavailable, please call the church office—763-689-4355.**

***In our prayers we remember:*** K.C. Bohn; Don Westerberg; Larry Boettcher; Sheri Lundeen; Marlys Moline; Elaine Kriesel

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