



Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018



Welcome to Spirit of Joy!

God has gathered us together to live as God's beloved daughters and sons, and to:

WELCOME people *into a community of followers of Jesus Christ;*
GROW with one another *in faith and hope in Him;*
SEND out one another as Jesus' compassionate *servants in the world.*

We're glad that you have joined us for worship today to meet the God who meets us in the Risen Christ and the Holy Spirit of Joy. If you would like to know more about Spirit of Joy, please indicate your interest on the clipboards sitting in our chairs. You may also contact our church office at 333-2004, e-mail us at info@spiritofjoy.net, check out our website at www.spiritofjoy.net, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/spiritofjoylutheran or on Twitter at [@spiritofjoysf](https://twitter.com/spiritofjoysf).

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8:45am: Jeremy & Theresa Fischer

11:00am: Kris & Larry Schoeszler

Communion:

8:45am: Gene & Karen Kruse

11:00am: Aaron & Heather Johnson

Reader:

8:45am: Laci Dahl Thompson

11:00am: Alec Boyce

Hosts: Emily Learing, Brenda Eden, Deb Nelson

Spirit of Joy Nursery: Spirit of Joy welcomes all children to worship with their families. If small children need breaks, parents are welcome to use the nursery at any time Sunday morning. There is a remote access TV in the nursery so families may continue to listen to the worship.

Announcements

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Lord's day. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.



Women of Spirit! The next Women of Spirit event will be held THIS Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30pm. The theme will be “Families: Hopes, Dreams, and Unexpected Surprises” –a panel discussion. All women are welcome! Refreshments served.



Discovery Class/Introduction to Membership: Interested in becoming a Spirit of Joy ministry partner or learning more about SoJ? Our next Discovery Class will meet on Saturday, April 28th from 9:00am-12:30. We'd love for you to join us! Please RSVP to Amy Orr, our Office Manager (333-2004 or info@spiritofjoy.net).

TODAY: Sunday Forum continues with “How Lutherans Interpret the Bible.” We've had some lively conversations. All sessions are stand-alone & you're invited to this excellent DVD and discussion. 10 am Galilee Room.

NEXT Sunday is our monthly Food on the 4th collection! Grab a recyclable grocery bag from the gathering space today. Fill the bag with non-perishable food items and return next Sunday during offering.

Annual Spring Clean-up Days! Join us Friday, May 4 from 5:00-8:00pm and Saturday, May 5 from 9:00am-Noon for our annual spring clean-up days. Projects will include both inside and outside tasks including but not limited to cleaning light fixtures, wiping down walls, tables and chairs, spreading mulch, trimming bushes, weeding, cleaning the storage shed, picking up trash and raking. Sign-up on the board in the gathering space.



Bring your bike and join the preschool on **Monday, May 14, 6:30pm** for a **Bike-a-Thon Fundraiser and Open House** with chalk art, smores, bike helmet education, and garden walks. Funds raised will help purchase trikes and outdoor toys. For more info or to join the bike ride fundraiser, visit spiritofjoy.net/preschool. Forms also available at the preschool table in Gathering Space.

Houston Mystery Sponsorship Fundraiser – Thank you to everybody who took an envelope to sponsor a teen. Please remember to return the \$30 donation & the note by April 27.

Upcoming Faith Milestones:

5th Grade Earthcare Milestone April 22nd at noon following worship for pizza and activities.

Teens and Traffic for new (and almost new) drivers, **Sunday May 6 at noon** for pizza and guest Officer Joey Larson. Please RSVP to family@spiritofjoy.net so we have a count for pizza.



High School Graduation Milestone, either **May 20 or June 3 at 8:45 or 11:00**. You may choose either date and either time. Senior quilts will be presented. Please RSVP! family@spiritofjoy.net



Save the Date: Tuesday, April 24th for the third of our gatherings in the spirit of Martin Luther's Table Talks: we'll join in some theological reflection on the topic of the night. Enjoy food and/or a refreshment of your choice. Information on location and topic coming soon!

Opportunities for the Week:

- Sunday-Wednesday: Pine Ridge Retreat
- Tuesday:
 - 6:30pm – Women of Spirit
 - 7:00pm – Preschool Advisory Team Meeting
- Wednesday:
 - 10:00am – Spirit of Joy Staff Meeting
 - 6:15pm - Worship
 - 7:00pm – Sprouts & Confirmation
 - 8:00pm – HS Youth Group
- Thursday:
 - 6:30am – Thursday Men’s Bible Study @ Fryn’ Pan
 - 7:00pm – Greatest Story
- Friday:
 - 9:00 am – Greatest Story