

Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church  
Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
Commitment Sunday  
November 18, 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 fill out a "Let's Connect" sheet and place it in the offering basket. You may also contact our church office at 333-2004, email us at [info@spiritofjoy.net](mailto:info@spiritofjoy.net), check out our website at [spiritofjoy.net](http://spiritofjoy.net), follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/spiritofjoylutheran](https://www.facebook.com/spiritofjoylutheran) or on Twitter at [@spiritofjoysf](https://twitter.com/spiritofjoysf).

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## **Ushers:**

8:45am: Rick Lundberg & Peg Preston

11:00am: Jon & Tricia Merrigan

## **Greeters:**

8:45am: Arlene Drew & Maris Hauger

11:00am: Josh & Marcy Colwell

## **Communion:**

8:45am: Pam & Mark Schroeder

11:00am: Greg & Nancy Bertsch

## **Reader:**

8:45am: Kevin Nelson

11:00am: Evie Brouwer-Thomson

**Hosts:** Pam Zimmel, Terri Bierman, Suzanne DeBoom

**Offering Counters:** Jared Ducommun, Julie Johnston, Kevin Kittams

**Spirit of Joy Nursery:** We welcome all children to worship with their families. If small children need breaks, parents are welcome to use the nursery at any time. It is located in the first hallway west of the sanctuary, just past the kitchen on the right. There is a remote access TV in the nursery so families may continue to listen to worship.

## Announcements

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*This morning we hear Paul's encouragement to Jesus followers to excel in generosity as they live out their faith. We're called to extravagant generosity in response to "the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ" who, though rich, became poor for our sakes. St. Paul also reminds us that "abundant joy" over God's choosing us overflows into generous living.*

Today is **Commitment Sunday** in our congregation, when we invite our partners to offer financial commitments for our mission and ministry in 2019. Commitment forms are available this morning at our welcome center. As part of our worship this morning, we invite worshipers to come forward with financial offerings and commitments.

Spirit of Joy's **Annual Fall Congregational Meeting** will be held **TODAY at 10:00 a.m.** to elect leaders and vote on a mission plan/ministry budget for 2019. All confirmed partners are urged to attend!

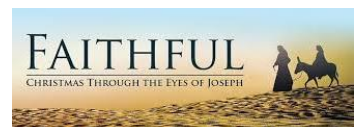


**We are thankful for you!** As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving we give thanks for all of the ways you share your gifts, time, and talents with Spirit of Joy, the community, and our world. Whether it's teaching children, serving on ministry teams, planting flowers, folding bulletins, serving coffee, ushering, greeting, serving at outreach opportunities...the list could go on and on. We could not do it all without each of you. A Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!

**Food on the Fourth NEXT SUNDAY!** Be sure to grab your recyclable grocery bag this week. Take it home and fill it with non-perishable food items for your neighbors in need. All donations will go to Feeding South Dakota.

**Necessities for Neighbors, December 2-3:** Please serve with us! Necessities for Neighbors is a ministry of Peace Lutheran Church, and it provides persons with items not covered through EBT cards (formerly "food stamps")—items such as toilet paper, laundry detergent, feminine hygiene products, and diapers. We need folks to help with set-up at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 2, and to help with shopping at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 3. Sign-up is online at [spiritofjoy.net/signups](http://spiritofjoy.net/signups). Also NEXT week is your last chance to bring in toilet paper!

**All-Congregation Advent Read** is coming soon. This year we will read: **Faithful: Christmas Through the eyes of Joseph**, by Adam Hamilton. Copies will be available later this month.



**Spirit of Joy Tree Decorating Party!** Join us Monday, November 26 at 1:00pm for cider, cookies and tree decorating! The more the merrier! Falalalalalalala! Contact Amy in the office with any questions.

### **Holden Evening Prayer**

Our worship on Wednesday after Thanksgiving will feature the beautiful music of Holden Evening Prayer. Join us Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and the following Wednesdays in December for this service of music, candlelight, and the Word.

The Christmas Season - perhaps the most wonderful season mankind has ever known. A time when we anticipate the coming of The Messiah, child that came to Earth as God wrapped in flesh to shed light in the darkness, bring hope to the hopeless, and peace to the restless. Join us **Sunday, December 2** for a special Christmas Cantada Worship: "God With Us".



**Save the date: "Follow the Star - Advent Festival for Families"** will be happening Sunday, December 2 from 3-5pm. Join us for a story, crafts, games, and goodies. Fun for all ages as we kick-off the season of Advent.

**Family Winter Retreat - February 15-17 at Joy Ranch** (near Watertown, SD). Spirit of Joy partners (families, grandparents, singles, couples, friends) are welcome to join us President's Day weekend (two nights) for fun, delicious meals, cozy fireplaces, sleigh rides, games, time away with your loved ones. Sign up at the kiosk. Contact the office with questions.



**2019 Camp Registration Now Open!** Are you thinking of sending your child to camp next summer? Registration is now open for Lutherans Outdoors. Visit [losd.org](http://losd.org) to register for a wonderful faith-filled experience at a Lutherans Outdoors camp (NeSoDak, Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch, Joy Ranch).

### **Opportunities for the Week:**

Tuesday:	6:00pm - Troop Open House
Wednesday:	10:00am - Spirit of Joy Staff Meeting *No Worship or Activities
Thursday:	<b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> - Spirit of Joy Office is Closed
Friday:	Office Open from 8am-1:00pm