

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then You showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see Your vengeance upon them, for to You have I committed my cause.

James 3:13—4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. ¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world

makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for He was teaching His disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And when He is killed, after three days He will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask Him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And He sat down and called the twelve. And He said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And He took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



*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.

September 23, 2018



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BRING IT HOME - READING THE GREAT STORIES OF THE BIBLE

How well do you know the stories of the Bible? How about your children or grandchildren? Want to help them know the Bible better? Ask your pastor about “Bring It Home - Reading the Great Stories of the Bible.” Coming soon!

The MN North District is FIRE UP to be in the Word TOGETHER!

The stats are in for the MN North District:

59 congregations signed up to participate.

1256 *The Story Bible* Young Children’s Bibles were ordered

1344 *Know the Bible Now* Children’s Bibles were ordered.

Reading guides begin October 1.

Sign up for the Bible Reading Guide: <https://mnnlcms.360unite.com/bring-it-home>

TODAY YOU’RE INVITED to Donna Thompson’s 60th Birthday Open House from 1– 4 p.m. at Mike and Denesa Spanier’s home, 1004 3rd Ave SW, Isanti. Please stop by to wish Donna a Happy Birthday!

THANK YOU! to everyone who helped with the Garage & Bake Sale. Total amount raised was \$1032. It will be split between the building fund and the youth fund.

TIME CHANGE Choir will meet at **6 p.m.** and Praise Band will meet at **7 p.m.** this year.

ATTENTION *Women of Joy* voted to cancel the October Harvest Festival for this year because of construction. We will maybe do a fundraiser at a later date.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY with Debra Howard (LFC) meets every Thursday at 10:15 a.m. in the parsonage. Please join us!

USHER AND READER SCHEDULES for October—December will be mailed this week. Please let Denice know if you would like to be added to either schedule. **Thank you!**

OFFERING COUNTER SCHEDULES will be emailed this week.

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due this Tuesday. Thank you!

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October—December are in the narthex.

CAREER FAIR AT GRACEPOINTE CROSSING Tomorrow, 11 a.m.—5 p.m.

1545 Riverhills Parkway NW, Cambridge. 763-689-1474

www.GracePointeCrossing.org

Hiring for full-time and part-time CNA, HHA, RN, LPN, cook, and server positions.

On-the-spot interviews will be held. Community tours and refreshments will be provided.

SEPTEMBER 23—SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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| Today | Traditional Service | 8 AM |
| | Fellowship between services | |
| | Sunday School & Bible Class | 9:15 AM |
| | Contemporary Service | 10:30 AM |
| Tuesday | Volunteers at Shalom | 12:30—4 PM |
| Wednesday | Choir | 6 PM |
| | Band | 7 PM |
| Thursday | Women’s Bible Study | 10:15 AM |
| Saturday | Men’s Bible Study | 8 AM |
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| Sunday, Sept. 30 | Traditional Service | 8 AM |
| | Fellowship between services | |
| | Sunday School & Bible Class | 9:15 AM |
| | Contemporary Service | 10:30 AM |
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| Sunday, October 7 | Traditional Service | 8 AM |
| | Fellowship between services | |
| | Sunday School & Bible Class | 9:15 AM |
| | Contemporary Service | 10:30 AM |

Refreshments:
Next Sunday, September 30:

Assisting in Worship

| Service | Reader | Sound/PowerPoint | Ushers |
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| Today 8 a.m. | Warren Kamps | Ministry opportunity | Warren Kamps |
| Today 10:30 a.m. | Dan Solbrack | Ministry opportunity | Ministry opportunity |
| Next Sunday 8 a.m. September 30 | <i>Konnie O’Neil</i> | Ministry opportunity | <i>Joan Burke and Konnie O’Neil</i> |
| Next Sunday 10:30 a.m. September 30 | <i>Irene Bjorklund</i> | Ministry opportunity | <i>Tim Anderson and Jim Long</i> |

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: Iva Lou Fluegel; Elaine Kriesel; Pastor Daniel’s mother, Sandy; Ellie Lewis’ grandmother; Sheri Lundeen; Marlys Moline; Jack Peterson

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