ADVENT 2026: AWAITING THE LIGHT

This year our Advent Theme at Faith Lutheran is **"Awaiting the Light"**. Together we will move through the promises God made to Zechariah concerning the birth of a son who would come to be called John the Baptist, to Mary that she would bear a child, the very Son of God, and again in the prophecies given to both of them and the whole of creation. **"Awaiting the Light"** helps us to take a breath, and to push back the ever encroaching dark until, finally, darkness gives way to increasing light. Our journey will help us to prepare for the Greatest Gift of God given to us in Jesus Christ. Come and join us on Wednesday evenings for the Feast Meal at 5:15pm, and our Advent Worship that will follow at 6pm.

IF YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO SIGN UP FOR A PICTURE SLOT, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR OWN PHOTO BY NOVEMBER, 30!!

You can submit your own personal family photo to be included in the directory - **the cost for this option is $15.** Please send this picture to the church office (office@faithspicer.org). This picture should be in portrait orientation, not landscape, if possible.

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: CHRISTMAS JOY

OTHER CALENDAR EVENTS:

SUNDAYS
- **Sunday Morning Worship** @ 9am, **Sunday School** (PreK - 5th) @ 10am
- **Noisy Offering** - Sunday, November 29 - Funds go to Family Promise!
- **PreK-5th Grade Christmas Program** - Sunday, December 13 at 9am
  - REHEARSALS at 10:00am on Sunday Nov. 29 & Dec. 6

MONDAYS
- **Blue Christmas Service** - Monday, Dec. 21 at 6:30pm at First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake *(6338 County Rd. 40 NW, New London)*

TUESDAYS
- **Monthly Family History Group** - Second Tuesday of month @ 10am
- **Tuesday's Table** - Faith hosts the 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:00pm

WEDNESDAYS
- **Wednesday Morning Ecumenical Women's Bible Study** @ 9:00am
- **The Feast Meal & Worship** - meal @ 5:15pm, worship at 6:00pm
- **6th-8th Grade Confirmation** & **Seeds+Sprouts** (PreK-5th) @ 6:30pm
  - Wednesday, December 2 - Confirmation Students will shop for Christmas Joy gifts - meet at church to leave at 6:35pm.
- **Choir Rehearsal** @ 6:45pm

THURSDAYS:
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** @ 9:30am - led by Faith Pastors
- **Rachel Circle Bible Study** - Dec. 17 @ 1:30pm at Sandy George's
- **Foot Care Clinic** - First Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00pm
- **Women, Wine & The Word Bible Study** - December 1 @ 6:00pm (host site: 110 1st Ave NE, New London)
- **Free Family Community Playtime** - Thursday, December 3, 9-11am

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We lift up in prayer...

- Roger & Bev Valentine
- Peggy Morrison
- Michael "Mic" Mickelson
- Bev Bahr
- Mylo Gjerde
- Phyllis & Tom Jacobson
- Joyce Paulson
- Loni Bultman
- Judy Wohlin
- Darlene Lind
- Dean Quale
- The family, loved ones and friends of Gloria Schultz on her death
- The family, loved ones and friends of Norma Harlow on her death

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS NOW!

If you would like to purchase poinsettias in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out an order form online or pick one up from the Welcome Center. We will include names and informaiton in the Christmas bulletin. **The cost per plant is $15 - orders and payments are due back to the office by Dec. 10.**

Nursery care is available. Our nursery is staffed on Sundays from 8:30am to 11:00am and on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. **For our nursing mothers**, there is a private nursing room in the back of the nursery available for use.

Interested in becoming a member here at Faith Lutheran Church? Please connect with a staff member and our main office will reach out to you to answer any questions and get you any information needed!

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Faith Lutheran Church of Spicer, Minnesota is delighted to have you join us for today's worship service. We are a congregation of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. Faith Lutheran seeks to live out this mission:

God gathers us as a family of Faith to nurture, inspire, and share the love of Jesus with all people

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent



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WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING
Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil awaiting the Light. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you long to gather all people into your peace. **Amen.**

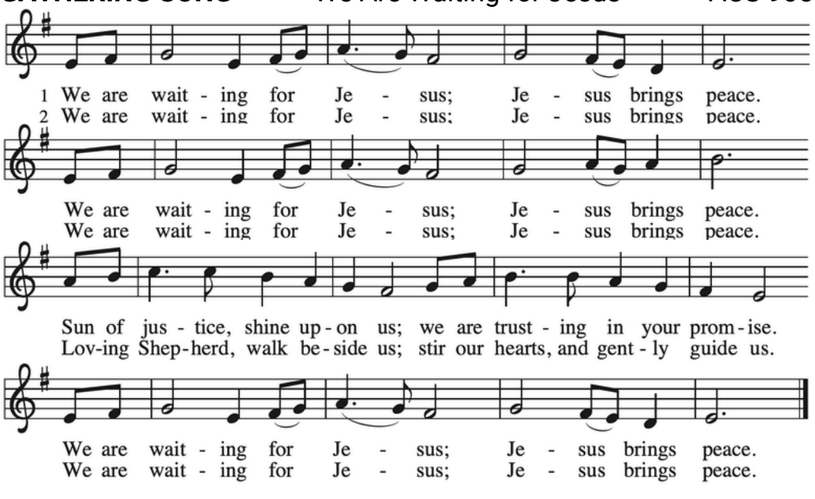
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who calls out to the weary, whose word endures forever. **Amen.**
A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!" We are called to confess our sin and turn back toward God's love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Comforting God, **we are your people, but we have neglected to call on your name. We are your people, but we have not remembered your ways. We are your people, but we have forgotten your hold on us. We are your people, but now we fade like a leaf, and our sins, like the wind, take us away. Restore us as your people. Cleanse us from our sin, and clothe us in your righteousness. Amen.**

"Comfort, comfort my people!" says your God, who has clothed you with the garments of salvation and wrapped you in the robe of righteousness. God has given you a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. In the name of ✠ Christ, your sins are forgiven: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice in the Lord! **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

GATHERING SONG We Are Waiting for Jesus ACS 905



GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *The King Is Coming* Vera Weber & Sharon Willen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9
PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You
who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth 2 **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!**
3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. 4 **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. 6 **You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.**
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
17 **But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**
18 Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. 19 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:24-37
The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *The King Shall Come* ELW 260

BAPTISMS OF CALLAHAN BRIAN & RYDER DAVID KEMEN & RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBER: TYLER KEMEN
Parents: Alyssa & Tyler Kemen
Sponsors: Brianna & Colton Henjum
Congregational Sponsors: Rachelle & Brian Fredrick

Assembly Responses:
People of God, do you promise to support Callahan & Ryder and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them**.

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God...To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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OFFERING PRAYER
Holy Creator, we are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Receive these gifts shape them and our lives for your purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION
(Gluten free wafers & grape juice are available - simply ask your server)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Providing God, you feed your flock like a shepherd and gather your people in your arms. We praise you for the care and sustenance you give at this meal and always. As we leave your table, carry us near your heart, and send us with confidence in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING
God our provider, God our feast, God our companion, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn* ELW 242

DISMISSAL
Go in peace! Bring good news to the brokenhearted! **Thanks be to God!**