

## DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH:

### TUESDAY'S TABLE

Faith hosts Tuesday's Table each month on the third Tuesday. This is a wonderful ministry for the community and serves people from every walk of life - whether they just want an evening of fellowship or are barely making ends meet: this ministry gives them a little financial breathing room. Help support this amazing ministry today!!

### NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY - JANUARY 28.

Sunday School Resumes Sunday, January 4 at 10:00am in the kids worship room in the Faith Commons.

If you haven't attended yet, you can still come! We offer preschool through 5th grade each Sunday at 10:00am.

We start with some songs and prayers that are led by Paul and Katherine Ragan and then we head to our classrooms for the lesson of the day with some fun activities and games.

Got questions? Email Joy White at [jwhite@faithspicer.org](mailto:jwhite@faithspicer.org).

See you January 4th!

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 12 @ 12:00-6:00pm - Sign up at [redcrossblood.com](http://redcrossblood.com)

### ANNUAL REPORTS DUE - THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

If your group or committee writes a report each year for our annual report, the 2025 reports are due by this upcoming Thursday, January 8. Please reach out to the main office if you have any questions or need a copy of last year's report for reference.

### ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW

Join Sonya, our Treasurer, on Sunday, January 18 for a review of the 2025 Financials & the 2026 Budget. This will take place in the Fireside Room following the 9:00am Worship.

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*We lift up in prayer...*

- Lila Burmeister
- Ron Lunz
- Jerrod Quade, grandson of Pastor Katherine and Les Rood
- Sue Dallmann & family on the death of Paul Dallmann
- Brian Gieseke & family on the death of his cousin, David Lais
- Patty Broman & family on the death of her brother-in-law, Gary Roiland
- Janet Hillstrom & family on the death of her husband, Allen Hillstrom

**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.

#### 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*

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, December 28, 2025  
First Sunday of Christmas  
Lessons and Carols Worship



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## WELCOME

The angel said to [the shepherds], "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem's manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

## CONFESION AND FORGIVENESS

Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

**Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

**Forgive our neglect of the poor.**

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

**Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**

With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

In ☩ Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy! Amen.

## GATHERING SONG

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

ELW 288

## GREETING

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

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Love Has Come*

ELW 292

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## "For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 12:2-6

Response: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (refrain only) - ELW 283

Lesson: Matthew 1:18-21

Carol: *That Boy-Child of Mary* - ELW 293

## "For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

Response: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (refrain only) - ELW 283

Lesson: John 1:19-23, 29-34

Carol: *In the Bleak Midwinter* - ELW 294

## "For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Response: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (refrain only) - ELW 283

Lesson: Luke 1:26-35

Carol: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* - ELW 276

## HOMILY

Pastor Tim Routh

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING** - Scan QR code to give online.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior. **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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **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

God is now in flesh appearing. Come to the feast of joy!

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in the everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

The triune God, glorious Mystery, holy Incarnate One, abiding Comforter, ☩ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Cold December Flies Away*

ELW 299

## DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest! **And peace to God's people on earth!** Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. **Thanks be to God.**

