

## 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 & ANNUAL MEETING

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 9:00am Worship. **Annual Meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 25.**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATES

**Sunday School Resumes TODAY Sunday, January 4 at 10:00am in the kids worship room.** 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!

*Looking ahead - no Sunday School February 15.*

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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

## QUILTING

January 12 & 13 & January 26 & 27, 9:00am-3:00pm

## RACHEL CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, January 22 at 1:30 pm in the Fireside Room at Faith

## WOMEN, WINE AND THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

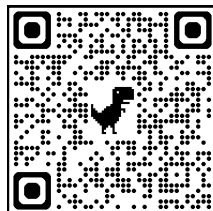
Thursday, January 29 @ 6:00pm | 4495 141st Ave NE, Spicer

Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion, conversation and fun fellowship! Heather Thompson is hosting this month's event. RSVP on Facebook or at [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org).

## JANUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH: SAFE AVENUES

Safe Avenues provides domestic and sexual violence victim advocacy services throughout a five county area in Southwestern Minnesota. Safe Avenues is home to the only emergency safe shelter for victims of domestic and sexual violence in 18 counties in the Southwestern corner of Minnesota.

**Give online to our Mission of the Month by scanning the QR code** or visit [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org).



*We lift up in prayer...*

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

**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*

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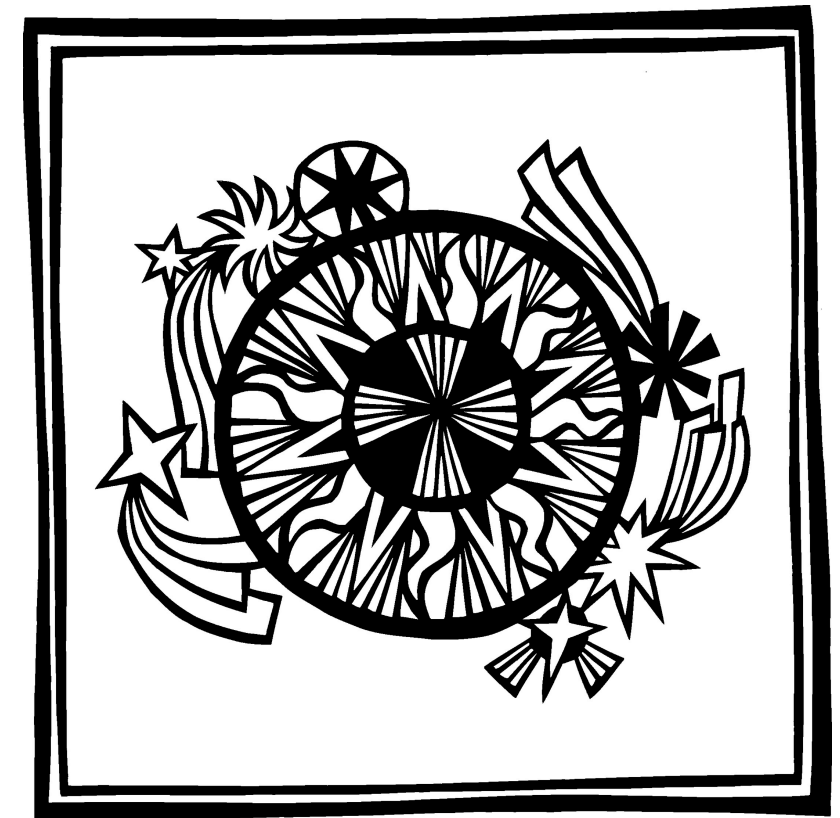
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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, January 4, 2026  
Second Sunday of Christmas



**FAITH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*nurture | inspire | share*

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty Savior, Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

– *Silence is kept for reflection.* –

Reconciling God, **we yearn for your presence to transform our grief, pain, and despair. We confess that we have not always prepared room in our hearts for your love; we have not always recognized your presence among us; we have not always embraced your message of peace.**

**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence, oppression, and fear. We confess our failure to make room for those seeking refuge; our participation in violent systems that harm your innocent ones; our reluctance to embody your good news.**

**Be born in us today and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation. Amen.**

God’s grace upon grace flows over you. ☩ Christ’s presence redeems the whole creation. Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

*God Is Here Today* ACS 993

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. **Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN

*Let the Whole Creation Cry* ELW 876

**FIRST READING:** Jeremiah 31:7-14

**PSALM (read responsively):** Psalm 147:12-20

<sup>12</sup> Extol the Lord, O Jerusalem!

    Praise your God, O Zion!

<sup>13</sup> **For he strengthens the bars of your gates;**

**he blesses your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup> He grants peace<sup>[a]</sup> within your borders;

    he fills you with the finest of wheat.

<sup>15</sup> **He sends out his command to the earth;**

**his word runs swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool;

    he scatters frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> **He hurls down hail like crumbs—**  
    **who can stand before his cold?**

<sup>18</sup> He sends out his word and melts them;

    he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup> **He declares his word to Jacob,**  
    **his statutes and ordinances to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation;

    they do not know his ordinances.

Praise the Lord!

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1:3-14

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING:** John 1:10-18

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*What Feast of Love* ELW 487

APOSTLE’S CREED

Together we confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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. 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 - (Online giving with QR Code)



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

**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

*Baptized and Set Free* ELW 453

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.**

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