

## JOIN US FOR LENT!

This Lent, we are exploring Martin Luther's 7 "Marks of the Church".

Join us on Wednesdays (and continued throughout Holy Week) for our 2026 Lenten journey!

2/25: Proclamation of the Word

3/4: Baptism

3/11: The Office of the Keys

3/18: Prayer, Praise & Thanksgiving

3/25: The Office of Ministry

Maundy Thursday, April 2:

The Sacrament of the Altar

Good Friday, April 3:

The Sacred Cross



*We lift up in prayer...*

- Lila Burmeister
- Dave Spears
- Roger & Bev Valentine
- Ron Lutz for health and healing
- Jerrod Quade, grandson of Pastor Katherine and Les Rood
- Jerry Beck & family
- Todd Jackson and family on the death of his mother, Audrey Jackson
- Mary Jo deCathelineau (friend of Phil & Lisa Quam) for health concerns

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, February 22, 2026  
First Sunday in Lent

## Monthly Playtime for Parents, Grandparents & Caregivers

Faith Commons being remodeled has added so much beauty, space options and opportunity for our church. There are also local organizations who utilize the church during the week who have been blessed by being able to use these new spaces. We are excited to announce another way that we will use Faith Commons as an outreach for community.

We will be offering a monthly playtime in the movement area for parents, grandparents and caregivers to be able to have a warm space to play, connect and have fun! Join us last Tuesday of the month on **February 24th and March 31st from 9am-11am.**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Community Garden Leader(s) Needed:

We are looking for an individual or group of people who would lead our Community Garden at Faith. Help coordinate plots, communicate with participants and help lead the future of this amazing garden!

### Pizza Oven Website Volunteer Needed:

We wanted to update you on what has been happening on the west side of the parking lot over the past several or more months. Yes, indeed that is real Woodfired Pizza Oven. While not all the construction is completed, the project is far enough along to begin planning for welcoming the public to enjoy genuine wood fired pizza prepared by volunteers once a week through the coming summer. Watch the bulletin for ways to volunteer.

For now we are seeking someone with the technical skills to help us build a website to invite our community to enjoy a pizza, order one or more pizzas or volunteer their not-for-profit organization to help serve. We have an idea of what the website should look like but lack the skills to make it a reality. If you have experience with WordPress, GoDaddy or something similar we could use your help. Please contact a Steering Committee member: Dean & Paulette Lindquist, Todd & Jill Jackson or Jeff & Chery Johnson for more information on this. Sooner is better than later. Thanks so much.

**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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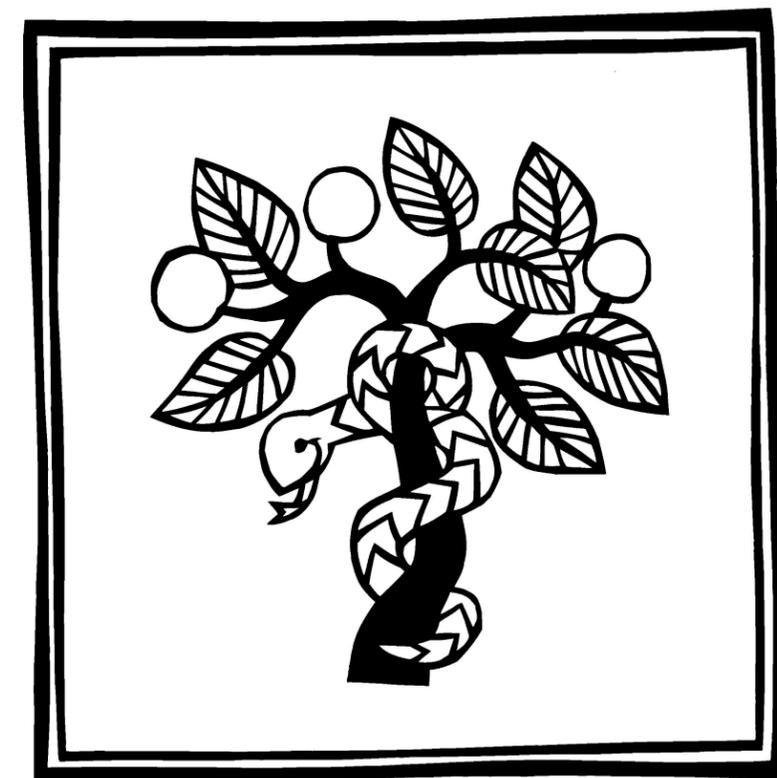
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## WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**      *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table*      ACS 977

### 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. **Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

**PSALM (read responsively):** Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. <sup>2</sup> **Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup> While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. <sup>6</sup> **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.** <sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. <sup>8</sup> **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. <sup>10</sup> **Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 5:12-19

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

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**  
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*      ELW 504

### 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

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, **that we may show forth your glory in the world**

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior, **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

### 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.**

### IMPOSITION OF ASHES & COMMUNION

Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

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

**COMMUNION SONG**      *Beautiful Things*      ACS 925

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**      *Jesus, Still Lead On*      ELW 624

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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