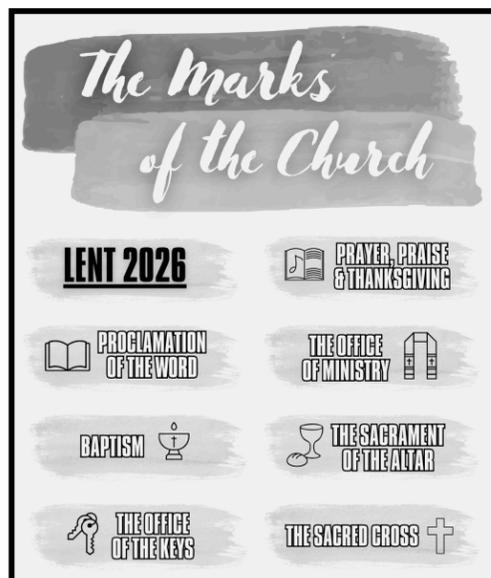


JOIN US FOR LENT!

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



INTERESTED IN YOUR FAMILY HISTORY? JOIN US!

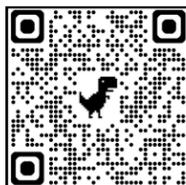
Have you researched your family history—or wondered how to begin? Join us for an informal Genealogy & Family History Gathering - Monday, March 2 at 10:00am in Room #120 of the Faith Commons.

Learn how to get started (or move forward) with your research, label and organize photos, interview your relatives, and write and preserve family stories. Helpful handouts will be provided.

Bring your ideas, questions, and interests—what you'd like to learn, discover, or preserve. Our plan is to continue to meet on a regular basis. No experience required, just curiosity! Talk to Sharolyn Peterson or Lila Burmeister if you have questions.

SPRING ENDOWMENT APPLICATION

The applications for Spring Endowment Grants are now open! To learn more about the Endowment Grants available and to access the application, go to faithspicer.org - CONNECT tab or scan the QR code - deadline is April 9.



ALL CHURCH EVENTS IN LENT

The season of Lent is here and to reflect the church calendar we are changing our Seeds & Sprouts schedule. With confirmation class not having their program after the Feast service **we are doing All Church Events instead of Seeds & Sprouts**. This will give the whole congregation a chance to connect during Lent. So join us (any and all!) after the Feast Worship at around 6:30pm!

Here is our schedule during Lent...

- March 4th: **ALL CHURCH LENT ACTIVITIES**
- March 11th: **ALL CHURCH GAME NIGHT**
- March 18th: *No Seeds+Sprouts (Spring Break)*
- March 25th: **ALL CHURCH EASTER PARTY**
- April 1st: *No Seeds+Sprouts (Holy Week)*

LOOKING FOR THRIVENT ACTION CARD

We are preparing for a March pizza fundraiser with Peace to help send our HS youth to Spark'Dwell in Winston-Salem this summer, and we are looking for Thriven Action Cards (if you're a Thrivent member, you are eligible to apply for a \$250 card!). Please contact the church office for more info!

We lift up in prayer...

- Lila Burmeister
- Jim Moore
- Dave Spears
- Roger & Bev Valentine
- Ron Lunz for health and healing
- Jerrod Quade, grandson of Pastor Katherine & Les Rood
- Jerry Beck & family
- Dennis Fries for healing from knee replacement surgery
- Mary Jo deCathelineau (friend of Phil & Lisa Quam) for health concerns
- Todd Jackson and family on the death of his mother, Audrey Jackson
- Bev Bahr and family on the death of her nephew, Ron Bloomquist

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, March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent



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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 *Come to the Water of Life* ACS 955



1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for



love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,



come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
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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. **O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *God So Loved the World* by Helgen Faith Choir

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
- 2 **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 **The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- 8 **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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

GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-17

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 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* ELW 735

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

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 SPECIAL MUSIC *Psalm 121* by Heather Sorenson Faith Choir

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

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

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

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

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 *Lift High the Cross* ELW 660

DISMISSAL

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

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