

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS

We kindly ask everyone to be mindful of our Senior Citizens who drive to church services. Please leave the parking stalls **closest to the sidewalks on the East and South sides of the church** available for them, especially during the winter months.

Our team works hard to clear snow from the parking lot and sidewalks, but conditions can still be challenging. Allowing seniors to park near the sidewalks helps ensure they don't have to walk across snow-packed or icy areas.

Thank you for your consideration & for helping keep our church family safe!

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE!

We have an amazing team of volunteers who are helping to revitalize our Community Garden and get it ready for another season! **If you are interested in having your own garden plot this spring, there will be a table set up after worship on Sunday, March 15 from 10:00-11:00am as well as before worship on Wednesday, March 18 from 4:30-6:00pm.** If you are unable to make it to church at that time, simply contact the church office at 320-796-2522.

JOIN US FOR LENT!

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

- 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

ALL CHURCH EVENTS IN LENT

The whole congregation has a chance to connect during Lent this year! So join us (any and all!) after the Feast Worship at around 6:30pm! Join us on March 25th at 6:30pm for the **ALL CHURCH EASTER PARTY**

Wood Fired Pizza is coming to Faith and the greater community and Volunteers are needed especially for assembling the pizza. **If you are remotely interested, please contact one of the Steering Team Members** with questions and to get your name on the list. They are Dean and Paulette Lindquist, Todd and Jill Jackson and Jeff and Chery Johnson. This will be an opportunity to expand Faith's mission in the area and provide an opportunity for non-profits to generate some upside profit. We will be serving 9 times over the course of the summer so spread the word. More information will be coming.

NOISY OFFERING - SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Collect your coins for our next noisy offering on Sunday, March 22. Usually the Noisy Offering happens on the 5th Sunday of the month, but due to Palm Sunday being the 5th Sunday, we are moving our Noisy Offering up a week. Proceeds will go to **Faith's Annual Flowers & Plantings.**

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

We are looking for candy donations for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Saturday before Easter. If you are willing to donate, please bring all candy to the Welcome Center by **Wednesday, March 25.**

We lift up in prayer...

- Lila Burmeister
- Burt Lind
- Jim Moore
- Dave Spears
- Roger & Bev Valentine
- Ron Lunz
- Jerrod Quade, grandson of Pastor Katherine & Les Rood
- Jerry Beck & family
- Dennis Fries for healing from knee replacement surgery
- Jim George for healing after knee replacement surgery
- Mary Jo deCathelineau (friend of Phil & Lisa Quam) for health concerns
- Bev Bahr & 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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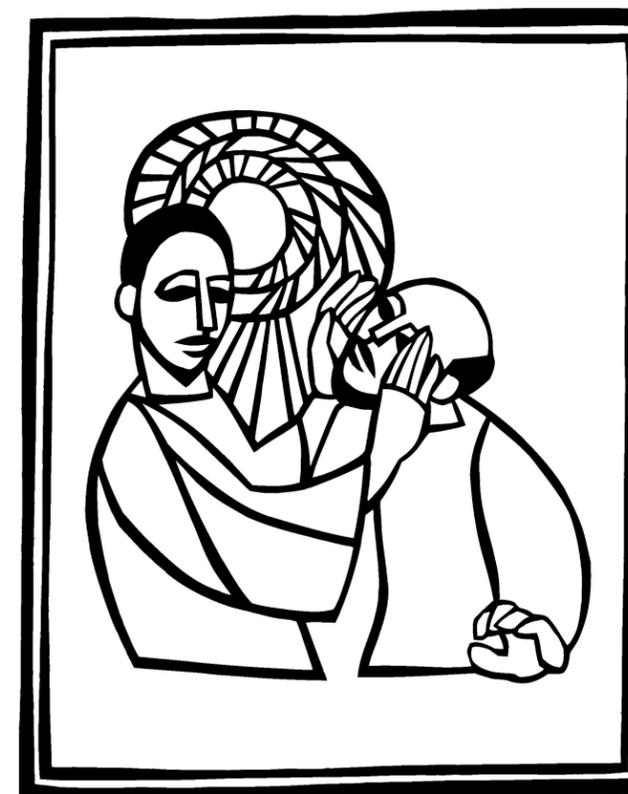
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent



FAITH
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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. **Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

There is a Balm in Gilead arr. Earlene Rentz

Faith Chancel Choir

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41

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

Amazing Grace

ELW 779

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

Beautiful Things arr. M. Engel from Northfield

Faith Chancel 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

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

DISMISSAL

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

ORDER YOUR EASTER FLOWERS BY TODAY 3/15!!!

If you would like to purchase Easter flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill-out an order form online or at the Welcome Center and it will be included in the Easter Bulletin!

The options to purchase this year are: Easter Lilies or Tulips for \$15 each, Calandivia for \$20 each, Hydrangeas for \$30 each.

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