

## **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!

## **HOLY WEEK 2026**

- **Palm Sunday** - March 29 @ 9:00am
- **Maundy Thursday** - April 2 @ 6:00pm
- **Good Friday** - April 3 @ 6:00pm
- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - April 4 @ 10:00am
- **Easter Sunday** - April 5 @ 7:00, 9:00 & 10:30am
  - **Easter Breakfast** from 7:30am-8:45am. All proceeds go to our Summer Camp Scholarship Fund to help support all Faith kids going to camp! **SCAN QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AT EASTER BREAKFAST!**

RSVP FOR THE  
EASTER SUNRISE  
BREAKFAST!



## **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**.

## **JOIN US FOR LENT!**

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

- 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.

## **FOOT CARE CLINIC**

Is it getting harder to bend and reach your toes? Do you have thick toenails that are hard to cut? The Foot Care Clinic is for you! Sign up online or by calling the church office. The clinic will be run by licensed nurses from Bethesda Home Care. Cost is \$20/person. This will be a monthly event. *Please note, this is not a podiatrist appointment. This clinic provides basic foot care, similar to a basic pedicure.* **DATE:** Thursday, April 2, 1:00-3:00pm

*We lift up in prayer...*

- Lila Burmeister
- Sharon Fostervold
- 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
- Congratulations to Christian and Samantha Korsmo on their recent wedding!!

**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 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday in Lent



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

## 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*

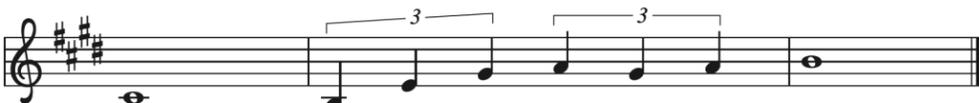
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1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for  
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3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for  
4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst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



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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. **Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Ezekiel 37:1-14

**PSALM (read responsively):** Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup> **Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

<sup>3</sup> If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> **my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

<sup>8</sup> **It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:6-11

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

**GOSPEL READING:** John 11:1-45

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 Wondrous Love is This*

ELW 666

### 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)**

**NOISY OFFERING - Faith's Annual Flowers/Plantings**



## 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

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ELW 773

### DISMISSAL

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

## **EASTER FLOWER ORDER DEADLINE EXTENDED!**

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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