

## **LISTENING POSTS: CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

To our church family, in our baptismal promises, Faith Lutheran Church has made a commitment to walk alongside our families as we strive to raise new generations of disciples. We would like your feedback in how we can support you, our families, in this time! There will be members of the council present at each listening post.

### **Please join us at one of our upcoming listening posts:**

Wednesday, April 22 at 5:00pm (during the Feast Meal)

Sunday, April 26 at 10:00am (after Sunday worship)

Monday, April 27 at 6:30pm

### **Some of the topics include:**

- The divergency of attendance during the school year
- Do we need more online components?
- Are the times of instruction not fitting your schedule?
- What are our current families looking for from church programming?

### **Thank you for walking with us in this life of faith!**

*Blessings, Pastor Tim and Carla Miller*

## **OWL CAMP 2026 - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

To all the Older Wiser Learners (OWL) within our church family and friends from the community, God be with you! Please join us from some great adult learning with biblical scholarship, music, food, and break out sessions of art, reflection, and comradery. **This year's theme will be on the Sabbath: "God rested and it was good!"**

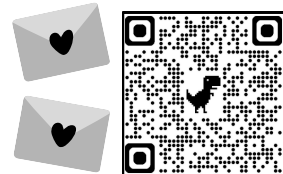
- **Day One:** Pastor Tim with creation in Genesis.
  - *Theme: How does the God's sabbath address the "Tyranny of Time?"*
- **Day Two: Pastor Katherine and the prophets.**
  - *Theme: How the prophets reimagined the world through God's Sabbath and God's people.*
- **Day Three: Dr. Brian Jones and Isaiah 11.**
  - *Theme: How the Sabbath affects our communities in blessing the world. (Image: The Peaceable Kingdom.)*

**REGISTER AT THE WELCOME CENTER OR ONLINE: [FAITHSPICER.ORG](http://FAITHSPICER.ORG)**

## **APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: Bible Camp Scholarships**

Help make camp possible for our youth!! We are building back up our Bible Camp Scholarship Fund so we can help ALL Faith kids attend summer camp! THANK YOU for helping us support our Faith kids!!

To help raise money, we also have an **ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER** to help support our cause! Stop in the Faith Gathering Area, grab an envelope, put the amount of money inside the envelope that is listed on the front & return it to Faith office/offering plate.



## **ADULT FORUM: Wood Fired Pizza at THE GIVING OVEN**

Learn about THE GIVING OVEN at the Adult Forum at Faith on Sunday

April 26 at 10:00am following Sunday Worship. Find out how it benefits Faith Lutheran and the greater community, when it will be opening, and how it will be staffed. This will be a good opportunity to get your questions answered and find out how the area will enjoy wood fired pizza when they Come and Mingle at the Giving Oven. See you on the 26th! — *The Giving Oven Team.*

## *We lift up in prayer...*

- Lila Burmeister
- Janet Hillstrom
- Gloria Schultz
- Sharon Fostervold
- Jerrod Quade, grandson of Pastor Katherine & Les Rood
- Mary Jo deCathelineau (friend of Phil & Lisa Quam) for health concerns
- Parker Randall-Nelson, Deacon Amanda's husband
- Lisa Stahl for recovery from surgery
- Tom Monson & family on the funeral of his sister
- Roger & Bev Valentine
- Ron Lunz
- Jerry Beck
- Marnie Osmond

## *Altar Flowers given by...*

Don & Sharon Johnson: **In honor of Sharon's Birthday - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Pastor Tim & Shari Routh: **In honor of our 28<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!**

**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, April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter



## *Rogation Sunday*

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

## WELCOME

### A LITANY OF PRAISE AND CREATION

Glory to you, O God: you speak a word of power, and so you create the world. We praise you, O God: **We praise you, O God.**

For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life, for the earth ordered from chaos, and for light and dark, we bless you, O God: **We bless you, O God.**

For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers, for the land with its mountains and plains, and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits, we magnify you, O God: **We magnify you, O God.**

For the fish in the sea, for the birds of the air, and for the monsters in the deep, we glorify you, O God: **We glorify you, O God.**

For wild animals and creatures of all kinds, for cattle and all livestock, and for everything that creeps on the earth, we adore you, O God: **We adore you, O God.**

For humankind made in your image, for setting us on your good earth, and for providing us food to eat, we worship you, O God: **We worship you, O God.**

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen. **Amen.**<sup>1</sup>

**GATHERING SONG** *For the Fruit of All Creation* ELW 679

### 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. **God, Creator of all living things, you fashioned a world in which lands and waterways, plants and animals, together meet the needs of all that you made. We pray that such vitality may flourish around the globe. Bless those who work the soil and who manage animals. Uphold their towns and villages. Nurture bees and other pollinators. Protect farmlands and ranches from drought and flood. Free children from forced labor in the fields. Grant an economy that can sustain those families who treasure a rural life. Teach us how to share with everyone the benefits of each harvest, and accept our gratitude for all sustenance you provide, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41

**PSALM (read responsively):** Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
**2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

3 The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**4 Then I called on the name of the Lord, "O Lord, I pray, save my life!"**

12 What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**13 I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;**

14 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

**15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.**

16 O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.

**17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.**

18 I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,  
**19 in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

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

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 24:13-35

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

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Let All Things Now Living* ELW 881

*Blessing of Seed, Soil & Water*

*Blessing of Faith's Community Garden*

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING** - (Online giving with QR Code)

### OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **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 of new life. Receive the risen Lord.  
*(Gluten free wafers & grape juice are available - simply ask your server)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

Let us bless God, the creator of all things. God has given us the earth to cultivate, so that we might receive the bounty of its fruits. Just as the rain falls from heaven and waters the earth, bringing forth vegetation, so God's word will flourish and will not return empty. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *For the Beauty of the Earth* ELW 879

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### GOD'S PRESENCE IN ALL CREATION: MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

*...a sampling of his comments about creation.*

[Note: LW = Luther's Works, a scholarly compilation of his writings.]

God wants to be praised for nourishing and cherishing, for God cherishes all creatures. God is not only the Creator, but is also the Sustainer and Nourisher. (LW 5:197)

God's entire divine nature is wholly and entirely in all creatures, more deeply, more inwardly, more present than the creature is to itself. (LW 37:60)

God is entirely and personally present in the wilderness, in the garden, in the field. (LW 37:61)

God is wholly present in all creation, in every corner, behind you and before you. Do you think that God is [just] sleeping on a pillow in heaven? (LW 51:43)

God is in all creatures, even in the smallest flowers! (LW 54:327)

The power of God is present at all places, even in the tiniest tree leaf. (LW 37:57)

God writes the Gospel, not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in flowers and clouds and stars. (Attributed to Luther; exact source in his writings unknown)

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