

## OWL CAMP - REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

OWL (Older Wiser Learners) Camp is coming **May 6-9**. Adults of all ages are invited. Paper registration forms are available at the Welcome Center or you can go to our website to register online: [faithspicer.org](http://faithspicer.org)

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

- 8:30am **Continental breakfast and fellowship**  
9:00am **Music**  
9:30am **Prayer Study led by the pastors**  
10:30am **Choice Time - choose to learn about/how to:**
- hymns and their histories
  - watercolor painting
  - ukulele camp (learn to play!)
  - outdoor prayer labyrinth
  - write your own prayers
  - ALL will receive a prayer journal for personal use
  - AND MORE!
- 11:20am **Closing Worship**

\*\*A free will offering will be taken each day to help cover costs.

## YOU'RE INVITED TO GET CREATIVE!

The Parish Arts Team would like to invite you to explore Gods imagery by creating a visual art project. Projects can be photographs, paintings, textile arts, wood working, etc., and should include a meaningful phrase or scripture. The theme of the works should be Nurture, Inspire, Share. Artworks need to be turned into the welcome center between September 1- October 6 in a display ready format. They will be displayed for the congregation in the Faith Speaks inspirational art gallery. Please contact the Parish Arts Team if you have questions.

## RESERVE YOUR GARDEN PLOT

Gardeners are invited to rent one plot 15' x 15' at initial sign up. If there is space remaining after that, gardeners will have the opportunity to Rent additional plots for the season. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 is required at time of sign up. Your plot must be planted by June 10th, 2024 or it will be forfeited.

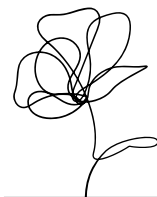
**Sign up at Orientation Meeting on April 22nd at 6:00pm or by reaching out Kelly Rosendahl at 320-905-0746** who will get you the community garden guidelines. If you have additional questions about Faith Community garden please reach out.

## APRIL MISSION OF THE MONTH: COMMUNITY GARDEN

Established in 2010, the Community Garden at Faith has provided an opportunity for people in our congregation and in the community to come together through the raising and harvesting of food. The garden is fenced and irrigated. We also have several compost bins along with a sink to wash off any produce you may have picked.

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Lila Burmeister
- Pat Carlson
- Clifford Wig who has gone on hospice



### Altar Flowers

Given by Sharon and Don Johnson in honor of April birthdays!

The Praise and Play (preschool) wing of our church is nut-free. Please make sure to eat any food that may contain nuts in the other areas.

Nursery care is available. Our nursery is staffed on Sundays from 8:30 am to 11:00 am Wednesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

For our nursing mothers, there is a private nursing room in the back of the nursery available for use.

For communion each week, **there is gluten free wafers and grape juice available** - simply ask the server when you are up at the front.

### 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 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

## WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### GATHERING SONG

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* ELW 385

### 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.**

**KYRIE** ELW pg. 98

**CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *This is the feast...* ELW pg. 101

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:5-12

**PSALM** (read responsively): Psalm 23

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:16-24

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Alleluia...* ELW pg. 102

**GOSPEL READING:** John 10:11-18

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

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ELW 502

### 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

God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERING

Scan QR code to give online.

### OFFERTORY

*Oh God Beyond all Praising*, WOV 797 vs.1



### OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **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

*The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.*

*Come and eat at God's table.*

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

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*Lamb of God* ELW pg. 112

*Come to the Table* ELW 481

*The Lord's My Shepherd* ELW 778

*Be Not Afraid* ELW 388

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again* ELW 536

### DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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