

LISTENING POSTS: CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMMING

- TODAY - 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?

ADULT FORUM: Wood Fired Pizza at THE GIVING OVEN

Learn about The Giving Oven TODAY 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!

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!"**

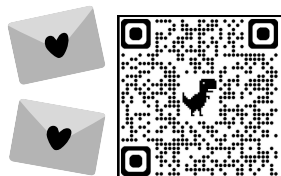
- **Day One:** Pastor Tim with creation in Genesis.
 - Theme: How does the God's sabbath address the "Tyranny of Time?"
- **Day Two:** Pastor Katherine and the prophets.
 - Theme: How the prophets reimagined the world through God's Sabbath and God's people.
- **Day Three:** Dr. Brian Jones and Isaiah 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

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.



GARDEN TOOL COLLECTION - HAPPENING NOW!

To help the gardens be successful, we are collecting garden tools in great condition to be shared amongst the gardeners. We'd love watering cans, rakes, shovels, hoes, pull behind carts, etc. Please bring your donations to Faith and we will place them at the garden site when it is open for the season. Cash donations are accepted as well, you can drop those off at the Welcome Center. Thank you!

MONTHLY FOOT CARE CLINIC

One slot left for our next Foot Care Clinic on Thursday, May 7 at 2:20pm.

We lift up in prayer...

- Lila Burmeister
- Janet Hillstrom
- Gloria Schultz
- Sharon Fostervold
- Roger & Bev Valentine
- Ron Lunz
- Jerry Beck
- Marnie Osmond
- Charles Hey (brother of Marvin Hey)
- Jerrod Quade, grandson of Pastor Katherine and 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

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 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

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 shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Psalm 25

Sunday School Kids!

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

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: 1 Peter 2:19-25

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

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

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

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

ELW 789

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

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 SPECIAL MUSIC

Shepherd of my Life by Joseph Martin

Faith Chancel Choir

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

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

ELW 774

DISMISSAL

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!

Thank you to our Council and Chancel Choir for volunteering at the Easter Breakfast!! What a blessing to serve 114 guests, **with over \$700 going towards Summer Camp Scholarships!!!!**

With appreciation,

Lisa Quam and Faith Staff

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"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing", text: Robert Robinson, music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us", text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, music: William B. Bradbury

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine", text: Elisha A. Hoffman, music: Anthony J. Showalter

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