

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

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 by reaching out to 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
- Carla Lagerstedt
- Pat Carlson
- Clifford Wig who has gone on hospice
- Ray & Nona Oie and family on the death of Ray's brother



Altar Flowers

Given by Odetta Hanson in honor of her great grandson's birthday!

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

Lead Pastor: Tim Routh
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FAITH
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Sunday, April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This is the feast...* ELW pg. 98
ELW pg. 101

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 *This Is My Father's World* Faith Chancel Choir

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 22:25-31

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia... ELW pg. 102

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC *Make This Child Yours* Faith Chancel Choir

BAPTISM OF CARSON CHAD HENJUM



Parents: Brianna & Colton Henjum

Sponsors: Alyssa & Tyler Kemen, Courtney Henjum

Congregational Sponsors: Daryl & Arlys Winkelman

Assembly Responses:

People of God, do you promise to support Carson and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **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.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God...

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Carson with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Carson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

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

I've Just Come from the Fountain WOV 696

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death ELW 452

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

Let All Things Now Living ELW 881

DISMISSAL

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

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