

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.

BIG DISCOUNTS FOR FAMILIES ATTENDING CAMP THIS SUMMER!

Faith would LOVE for you and your family to experience camp together this summer and we are offering a major discount in order for that to happen! **We will pay 80% of your family's fee if you sign-up for Ordinary Time at Camp House in Brimson, MN and/or Grandparent/Grandchild Camp at Green Lake Bible Camp. You will only need to pay 20% of the entire cost!!**

NEW: ADULT FORUMS - STARTING TODAY AFTER SERVICE!

Sunday, April 7, will be the first Adult Forum with Travis Aufderheide representing Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. He will update us on the many programs and opportunities that GLLM has available to us. **Sunday, May 5**, we will have with us Yadim, a Ukrainian refugee who is now here in the United States. He will share his story of his family and the invasion.

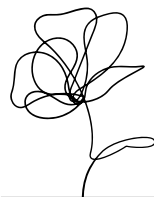
Future Adult Forums will resume in the fall. If anyone has a topic or subject for these future forums, please let the church or council know.

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
- The family and loved ones of Irma Arnesen on her death
- The family and loved ones of Janet Johnson on her death.



Easter Flowers

If you ordered Easter Flowers and would like to take them home, please do so today. Any left after today will be used by our Faith Visitors.

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 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter



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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

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW 384

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...

(Pastor Tim sing)
ELW pg. 101 vs. 1

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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: Acts 4:32-35

PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 133

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia...

ELW pg. 102

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31

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

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

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 & NOISY OFFERING

Scan QR code to give online.

Noisy Offering will go towards annual flowers and plantings around Faith.

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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord...

ELW pg. 108

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

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376

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

I Want to walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

DISMISSAL

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

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