

## Altar flowers

Given in honor of OWL Camp  
and all **Older, Wiser Learners!**



### ALL CHURCH EVENTS IN MAY

ANY AND ALL are welcome to join us for our All Church Events on  
**Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm!!**

- **May 6th:** ALL CHURCH BINGO NIGHT!
- **May 13th:** ALL CHURCH DESSERT NIGHT

### SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Our high school seniors and their families are invited to attend the  
**9:00am worship service on Sunday, May 17, 2026.** During this service,  
Faith Lutheran's High School Class of 2026 will be recognized and  
seniors will be presented with a beautiful hand-made quilt made with  
love by our Faith Quilters!

The Faith Quilters would love to give you a chance to pick out your own quilt!!  
Starting now through Wednesday, May 13, stop by the church and connect  
with a staff member and pick out which quilt you would like to receive!

### UPCOMING GARDEN WORK DAY

We have set aside **May 9th from 9:00-11:00am** as a time to get the  
garden area cleaned up. We will stop at 11:00 and hold a short meeting in  
the church's meeting space to discuss the wants and needs for the garden  
in this upcoming season. Tilling will happen during the week of May 1st.

If you have any other thoughts or concerns, please let me know.  
*Vera Weber, vera.s.weber@outlook.com*

### THANK YOU TO JOY!!

Joy White, our Education Coordinator, will be stepping down this month.  
We want to say **A HUGE THANK YOU** for all of the amazing ministry that  
she did with Faith this year!! Our Sunday School program was blessed  
by her service! We wish Joy many blessings on whatever comes next.  
If you see her around, make sure to share your thanks with her!

### A WORD FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

A heartfelt thank you to those who participated in our children/youth  
ministry and programming group discussions. I appreciate your  
willingness to dive into this very important ministry! We all agreed that  
Faith Church is committed to nurturing our baptized children, guiding  
them as they grow to become disciples.

I will prepare a summary of the findings and present it to the Council  
during our May meeting. - *Carla Miller*

### MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH: COMMUNITY GARDEN

Established in 2010, the Community Garden has provided an opportunity  
for people in our congregation and in the community to come together  
through the raising and harvesting of food. **Help support this amazing  
ministry of Faith and ensure this ministry lasts for years to come!**

## 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, May 3, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

## 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

*The Day of Resurrection!*

ELW 361

### 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. **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 7:55-60

**PSALM (read responsively):** Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge** for me, a strong fortress to save me.

<sup>3</sup> You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me;

<sup>4</sup> **take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 2:2-10

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

**GOSPEL READING:** John 14:1-14

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

*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

ELW 389

### 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 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

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

ELW 377

#### 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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