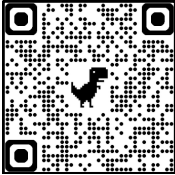


SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH: FREEZER MEALS MINISTRY
This is a creative ministry here at Faith Lutheran Church! Throughout the year, a group gets together to make 4 different delicious meals. Participants get to take home one of each of these meals for their families to enjoy back home, and extra meals are made to be given out for Faith visitation and support visits. These wonderful meals help spread God's love through food!

WOMEN, WINE & THE WORD BIBLE STUDY
Thursday, September 25 @ 6:00pm | 3895 60th Ave NE, Willmar
Join together with some other awesome women for an evening of devotion led by Pastor Katherine and fun fellowship! Jennifer Davenport is hosting the September event!

FALL ENDOWMENT APPLICATIONS
The applications for Fall Endowment Grants are now open! To learn more about the Endowment Grants available and to access the application, go to faithspicer.org - CONNECT tab or scan the QR code - deadline is Oct. 6



FREED TO SERVE
The Stewardship Committee has launched a special effort to pay down the remaining \$430,000 on our building mortgage. Every gift will help lower our monthly costs and free up resources to focus more on people - building connections, supporting families, and creating spaces where everyone can grow and belong. Together, we can make an investment that strengthens our whole community for years to come! Please make sure to mark your gift with a note that it is for the mortgage pay-down. Scan the QR to give online now!



SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SINGING IN WORSHIP
On **Sunday, September 28**, the Sunday School kids will be singing in worship! (Meet outside the kid's worship room at 8:45am that morning!)

THE LUTEFISK OPENER IS COMING!!
Save the date for **Saturday, October 25!** Keep an eye out for volunteer sign-ups – more information coming soon!

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Lila Burmeister
- Bev Valentine
- Iris Johnson
- Louise Stenberg for health concerns
- Marlys Jacobson for upcoming surgery
- Kim Routh, Pastor Tim's sister-in-law
- Mazy Nelson, sister-in-law of Deacon Amanda Randall
- Pastor Paul Idstrom & family on the death of his wife, Ruth Idstrom



Altar Flowers Given By...

Kathy Anderson in honor of hers & Jerry Beckman's first wedding anniversary!

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.

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

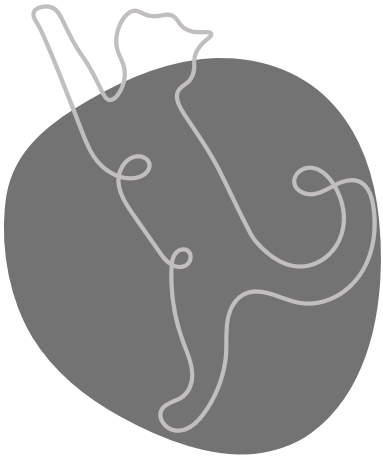
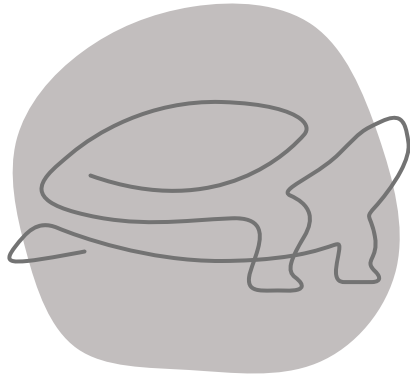
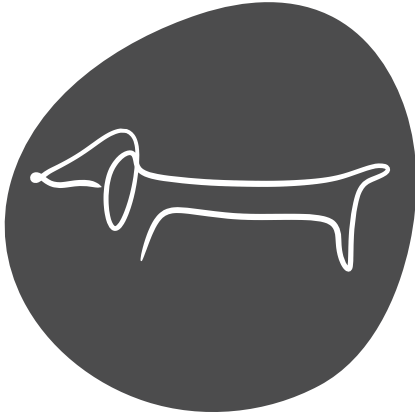
Faith Lutheran Church of Spicer, Minnesota is delighted to have you join us for today's worship service. We are a congregation of the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. Faith Lutheran seeks to live out this mission:

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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Joint Youth Ministry for Faith & Peace: Deacon Amanda Randall
Education Coordinator: Joy White
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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



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Sunday, September 14, 2025 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

-- *Silence is kept for reflection.* --

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. **Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come"; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

GREETING

The joy of our Lord Jesus Christ, the compassion of God, and the creative power of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Hippo Song
Katherine & Paul Ragan

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:3b-10



PSALM (read responsively): Psalm 84:1-7

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

2 My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

3 Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

5 Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

6 As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

7 They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15: 1-10

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

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

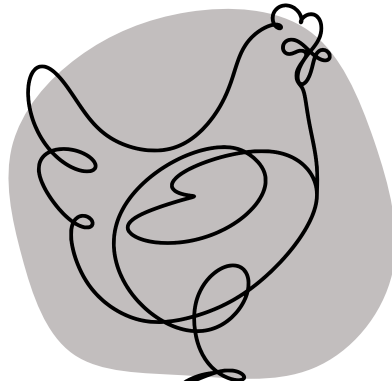
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW 789

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

2 We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Let us pray. Maker and sovereign of all that lives, your animals provide us with sources of food and clothing, guidance and rescue, income, companionship, research and medicine, recreation, and so much more. We ask your blessing on these entrusted to us (*names may be spoken here*), and we again pledge ourselves to their comfort and care. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING - (Give online by scanning QR code)

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. (*Gluten free wafers & grape juice are available - simply ask your server*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *All Creatures, Worship God Most High!* ELW 835

1 All creatures, worship God most high! Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright; sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your fears; still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Do not lose heart! **Thanks be to God!**

