

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Faith Lutheran Church of Spicer 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.

Faith Lutheran Celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion at each of our weekly services. Communion is God's gift to the church and all are welcome at the Lord's Table.

If you have prayer concerns or are in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Seyward Ask at seywarda@faithspicer.org

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays:

8:30 a.m.	Worship @ GLLM Stave Chapel <i>Outdoor fellowship following</i>
10 a.m.	Worship @ Faith Lutheran

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Sunday, July 3, 2022

Happy 4th of July Weekend!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We are gathered to worship our God who loves us abundantly. Let us bring our faults and our failings before God and one another.

Silence for reflection

Merciful God, **we confess that we have put ourselves first. We have not always made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have not always welcomed the stranger. We want material things that won't last. Forgive our mistakes, our misgivings, and our sins. Open our eyes and our hearts, that we may know the love of Jesus that is already within us. Amen.**

In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us! We are God's children, called to be different, called to act different, called to live as new people, forgiven and loved.

We are forgiven and loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ELW #588 vs 1-3

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given

There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind
But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own
And we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Together, let us pray. **Loving God, the wideness of your mercy, the range of your forgiveness, and the abundance of your love overwhelms us. You give these gifts to us freely, without strings, without expectations, simply because you love us. Fill us with your compassion, patience, and love for others. May we share the limitless grace you give to us. All of this we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

READING Psalm 103:1-4, 8-12

With all my heart I praise the Lord, and with all that I am I praise his holy name! With all my heart I praise the Lord! I will never forget how kind he has been. The Lord forgives our sins, heals us when we are sick, and protects us from death. His kindness and love are a crown on our heads. The Lord is merciful! He is kind and patient, and his love never fails. The Lord won't always be angry and point out our sins; he doesn't punish us as our sins deserve. How great is God's love for all who worship him? Greater than the distance

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
The tasks of our everyday life we will face
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring
Embracing God's children, the whole human race
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us
Unite us as one in this life that we share
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear

SENDING

Go in peace, serving others in the name of Jesus. **We will. Thanks be to God!**



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION

BLESSING

PRAYER

Let us pray. Everlasting God, in this meal you have filled us with the word and the bread of life of your Son Jesus Christ. Make us hunger now for his coming in the hearts and the homes of all. Fill us with his spirit of service and selfless love, that through our words and actions, others may know him. All of this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN **Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing
The people of God from this dwelling take leave
The supper is ended, oh now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching
Shall blossom in action for God and for all
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
To work for your kingdom and answer your call

ELW #547

between heaven and earth! How far has the Lord taken our sins from us? Farther than the distance from east to west!

God speaks, we live. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Thy Word Is a Lamp** **W&P #144**

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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GOSPEL **Luke 15:11-24 (CEV)**

Jesus told them yet another story: Once a man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, "Give me my share of the property." So the father divided his property between his two sons. Not long after that, the younger son packed up everything he owned and left for a foreign country, where he wasted all his money in wild living. He had spent everything, when a bad famine spread through that whole land. Soon he had nothing to eat. He went to work for a man in that country, and the man sent him out to take care of his pigs. He would have been glad to eat what the pigs were eating, but no one gave him a thing. Finally, he came to his senses and said, "My father's workers have plenty to eat, and here I am, starving to death! I will go to my father and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. I am no longer good enough to be called your son. Treat me like one of your workers.'" The younger son got up and started back to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt sorry for him. He ran to his son and hugged and kissed him. The son said, "Father, I have sinned against God in heaven and against you. I am no longer good enough to be called your son." But his father said to the servants, "Hurry and bring the best clothes and put them on him. Give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. Get the best calf and prepare it, so we can eat and celebrate. This son of mine was dead, but has now come back to life. He was lost and has now been found." And they began to celebrate.

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SERMON



HYMN Lord Whose Love in Humble Service ELW #712

Lord whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need
Who upon the cross forsaken worked your mercy's perfect deed
We your servants bring the worship not of voice alone but heart
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread
Still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead
As you Lord in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole

As we worship grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show
Hope and health good will and comfort, counsel aid and peace we give
That your servants Lord in freedom may your mercy know and live

APOSTLES' CREED

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 & RESPONSE

O Lord Hear My Prayer (sung after each petition) ELW #751

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, when I call answer me
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG We Are an Offering ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering
All that we have, all that we are
All that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you
We lift our voices, we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering
We are an offering

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, we offer these gifts to you as signs of our love. Take us and use us and all that we have, and transform our lives to reflect more deeply your justice and joy in the life of the world; through 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 God thanks and praise.