



# Light Breaks Through

## *Jesus Over Your Enemy*

**WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship – Go and Work*

Pastor – Ben Unseth | Ministers – All

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January 28, 2024 | 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

\*Invocation

\*Litany

\*Prayer of the Day

Song – “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Old Testament Lesson – Exodus 15:1-11

Children’s Message

Song – “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

\*Gospel – Mark 5:1-20

Sermon – “Jesus Over Your Enemy”

Song – “Chain Breaker”

\*Affirmation of Faith

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

\*The Lord’s Prayer

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song – “Mighty to Save”

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## ***Welcome to Faith Lutheran!***

Live Stream: [youtube.com/@flcspencer](https://youtube.com/@flcspencer) | Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday | 712-580-4316 | [office@flcspencer.org](mailto:office@flcspencer.org)

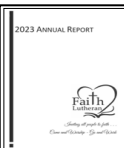
[www.flcspencer.org](http://www.flcspencer.org) | Facebook: Faith Lutheran Church LCMC | Instagram: [@flcspencer](https://www.instagram.com/flcspencer)

Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Text your giving to Faith at 712-214-4317

## **Gospel – Mark 5:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet Him. <sup>3</sup> This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup> For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones. <sup>6</sup> When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of Him. <sup>7</sup> He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” <sup>8</sup> For Jesus had said to Him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!” <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” <sup>10</sup> And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area. <sup>11</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. <sup>12</sup> The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” <sup>13</sup> He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. <sup>14</sup> Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. <sup>15</sup> When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man – and told about the pigs as well. <sup>17</sup> Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. <sup>18</sup> As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with Him. <sup>19</sup> Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you.” <sup>20</sup> So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.



**2023 Annual Report**  
is available on  
the Welcome Center.

The **Annual**  
**Congregational**  
**Meeting is TODAY!**  
**Sunday, Jan. 28, immediately**  
**following the worship service.**

## ***Announcements have moved!***

We are now showing announcements before and after the worship service on the screen in the sanctuary and on the TV in Fellowship. We are also transitioning to putting our announcements online. You can view the announcements on our website at [flcspencer.org/announcements](https://flcspencer.org/announcements) If you are viewing our main website page, hover over “Happenings” and then click “Announcements.”

### ***Worship partners for today are ...***

Altar Prep: Denise Lovitt, Shirley Nelson | Children’s Message: Bill Kersting  
Counters: Jolene Hansen, Larry Wigen | Fellowship & Set-up: Larry Peterson, Cindy Essick  
Greeters/Ushers: Dave & Sharon Simington | Instrumentalists: Carolyn Dundas,  
Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth  
Prayers of the Church: Nathan McKenney | Scripture Reader: LaVonne Clark  
Camera: Brittany Spieker | Computer: Katie Eilts | Sound: Brett Eilts  
Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Joy Kelsch, Troy Rosendahl, Lauren Lee, Kaitlin Sirovy  
Worship Leader: Gary Klett

## **This Week at Faith**

### **Wednesday, January 31**

6:00 p.m.    Worship Vocalist Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m.    Confirmation  
7:00 p.m.    High School Youth Group

### **Thursday, February 1**

9:00 a.m.    Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship

### **Saturday, February 3**

7:30 a.m.    Men's Bible Study

### ***Welcome Visitors!***

We are glad you are here this morning. Please scan the QR code to help us connect with you, or find the "Guest Connection Form" on the Welcome Center.



### **Upcoming Events!**

**February 14**    Ash Wednesday worship @ 6:30 p.m. & Valentine's Day

Please contact the church office (712-580-4316) for a current calendar of events. Or, check the online calendar at [www.flcspencer.org/our-calendar/](http://www.flcspencer.org/our-calendar/)

### **Prayer Chain**

Please send your prayer request to Linda & Dave Susie at 712-363-1130 or [djslrs74@yahoo.com](mailto:djslrs74@yahoo.com) or to Doreen Scribner at 712-262-3488 or [doreenscribner@outlook.com](mailto:doreenscribner@outlook.com). To be placed on the Sunday morning Prayers of the Church, please contact the church office at 712-580-4316 or [office@flcspencer.org](mailto:office@flcspencer.org)

### **Free WiFi Connection**

Network: FAITH\_Guest | Password: 7125804316

### **Christian Counseling - TEAM Restoration Ministries**

TEAM Restoration operates out of Faith Lutheran. It is a Christian counseling service facilitating the healing and strengthening of marriages, families and individuals, both children & adults. For an appointment, please call 515-238-9010.

### **LifeKids Spencer**

Cheryl Jackson, Director – 712-580-4316  
3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

An after-school program for children in KinderKids through 5th grade (no preschool age children) that follows Spencer's school calendar.

Cost: \$30 per week | \$5 per Wednesdays only  
\$15 per All Day LifeKids on in-service days only.