



**LOST**  
**AND FOUND**

***Mary***  
***Anoints***  
***Jesus***

**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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March 17, 2024 | 5th Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;  
**We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Litany (*Rendered from Psalm 118*)

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
**His love endures forever.**

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
**“His love endures forever.”**

I will give You thanks, for You answered me;  
**Jesus has become my salvation.**

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;  
**We open our hearts to the Savior.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Praise and honor, glory and power to Christ Jesus the King!**

The Lord is God, and He has made His light shine on us.  
**We come to the altar of Jesus, who shines His light on us.**

You are my God, and I will praise You;  
**You are my God, and I will exalt You.**

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
**His love endures forever.**

\*Prayer of the Day

**Holy God, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Cleanse our hearts, and forgive us. Fill us with the joy of salvation, and the power of the Holy Spirit as we worship You. Strengthen us to fight the good fight of faith, and to be faithful disciples who answer Your call. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

Song – “Hymn of St. Patrick”

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 61:1-3

Children’s Message

Special Music – “Rise and Shine” (*Sunday School Children*)

\*Gospel – Mark 14:1-11

Sermon – “Mary Anoints Jesus”

Song – “We Fall Down”

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Holy Communion

\*Words of Institution for Holy Communion

\*Lord’s Prayer

Distribution Songs

“You Are My All in All”

“Just As I Am”

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song – “Shout to the Lord”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*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) | Instagram: [@flcspencer](https://www.instagram.com/flcspencer)

Facebook: Faith Lutheran Church LCMC

Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and

Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Text your giving to Faith at 712-214-4317

## ***Welcome Visitors!***

We are glad you are  
worshiping with us  
this morning. Please  
scan the QR code to  
help us connect with  
you, or find the



“Guest Connection Form” on the  
Welcome Center and leave the  
form in the Offering box.

## Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 61:1-3

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, <sup>3</sup> and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of His splendor.

## Gospel – Mark 14:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread were only two days away, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were scheming to arrest Jesus secretly and kill Him. <sup>2</sup> “But not during the festival,” they said, “or the people may riot.” <sup>3</sup> While He was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on His head. <sup>4</sup> Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, “Why this waste of perfume? <sup>5</sup> It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor.” And they rebuked her harshly. <sup>6</sup> “Leave her alone,” said Jesus. “Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to Me. <sup>7</sup> The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have Me. <sup>8</sup> She did what she could. She poured perfume on My body beforehand to prepare for My burial. <sup>9</sup> Truly I tell you, wherever the Gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.” <sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them. <sup>11</sup> They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an opportunity to hand Him over.



FAITH  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Maundy Thursday  
DINNER &  
WORSHIP

We will share a meal  
together while  
remembering Jesus's  
last meal with  
His disciples.

March 28 6:30 p.m.

**Good Friday  
Worship Service  
6:30 p.m.**



FREE-WILL  
DONATION  
**EASTER**  
MARCH 31 2024

**BREAKFAST**  
7:45 - 8:45 AM

**FUNDRAISER**  
PANCAKES  
SCRAMBLED  
EGGS AND  
SAUSAGE



**t<sup>®</sup> Thrivent Members ... Be thinking of where you want your Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> to go!**

Eligible Thrivent members can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These recommendations are shared by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled non-profit organizations, including Faith Lutheran and LifeKids!

A designated minimum of 25 Choice Dollars or a maximum of 5,000 Choice Dollars is available for the period of Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2023.

**Choice Dollars can be directed until March 31, 2024.**

For more information on directing your Choice Dollars, please call your Thrivent representative. You can also go online to your Thrivent account to choose a recipient and make your donation. [www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice](http://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice)

### 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/[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.  
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.



## Item of the Month ~ Dark colored Bath Towels

The towels are used in the personal  
care kits and should be a minimum of  
20" x 40" and a maximum of 27" x 52".  
Donated items for both Lutheran World  
Relief and Upper Des Moines  
Opportunity can be put in the yellow  
Missions box near the front doors.

### **Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry is in need of the following items for our community:**

Cream Soups, Tuna, Egg Noodles

## **Christian Woman Speaks broadcasts over KICD-AM on Sunday, March 31, at 7:50 a.m. Featuring Gloria McKenney**

Women at Faith are involved in the radio  
broadcast *Christian Woman Speaks*. The  
program is a fun experience and a great  
way to reach people with the good  
news of Jesus Christ.



If you would like to be a part  
of this ministry, please contact  
Alice Nielsen at 712-264-0727.



## *Birthday Blessings*

- March 18 Nancy Newgard  
March 20 Jim Carpenter, Linda Conlon,  
Jesse Rustad  
March 22 Jean Oleson  
March 23 Christin Lee, Sarah Ruhs,  
Susie Brinkley,  
Evelyn Patten

### **Faith Lutheran Staff**

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# 2024 GENERAL OFFERING & ATTENDANCE – BUDGET: \$420,894.00

***Thank you for generously supporting Faith Lutheran in 2024!***

\*Wednesday Lenten Offering Total: \$776.00 for Grand Ave. Community Outreach & Upper Des Moines Opportunity.

| Date                  | February    | March 1-3   | March 4-10  | March 11-17 | March 18-24 | March 25-31 |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Attendance            | 149         | 148         | 144         |             |             |             |
| Live Stream Computers | 19          | 21          | 15          |             |             |             |
| General Giving        | \$22,546.56 | \$8,920.00  | \$5,345.00  |             |             |             |
| Year to Date          | \$60,447.18 | \$69,414.63 | \$75,412.63 |             |             |             |

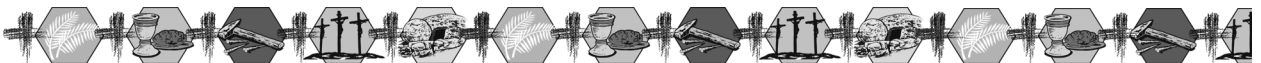
**Worship partners for today are ...** Altar Prep: Gene & Patty Englin  
Children's Message: Pam Hanson | Communion Servers: Bill Neiderheiser,  
Joy Kelsch | Counters: Barb Solberg, Jolynne Eilts | Fellowship: Sharon Cameron,  
LaVonne Clark | Greeters: Dave & Linda Susie | Instrumentalists: Jolynne Eilts,  
Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Eric Patten  
Prayer Intercessors: Jake & Karen Jacobson, Justin Spieker, Dennis Larson  
Prayers of the Church: Brittany Spieker | Scripture Reader: Cryss Quanbeck  
Camera: Nathan McKenney | Computer: Becky Simons | Sound: Cheryl Stueven  
Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Brett Eilts, Lacey Johnson, Whitney Gray  
Worship Leader: Dennis DeWitt

***Worship partners for Wednesday Lenten Worship, March 20, are ...***

*Altar Prep: Gene & Patty Englin | Greeters: Kolton Yungbluth, Eli Franker  
Instrumentalist: Gloria McKenney | Message: Dan Antoine  
Prayers of the Church & Worship Leader: Pastor Ben Unseth  
Scripture Reader: Gavin Patten | Camera: Kent Heazlett | Computer: Cassie Simcox  
Sound: Isaac Storley | Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks*

**Worship partners for Palm Sunday, March 24, are ...**

Altar Prep: Gene & Patty Englin | Children's Message: Bill Kersting  
Counters: Greg Lear, Larry Wigen | Fellowship: Tom & Pam Hanson  
Greeters: Greg & Ann Lear | Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney,  
Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth  
Prayers of the Church: Justin Spieker | Scripture Reader: Rachel Simington  
Camera: Becky Simons | Computer: Cindy Tigges | Sound: Nathan McKenney  
Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Joy Kelsch, Troy Rosendahl, Lauren Lee,  
Kaitlin Sirovy | Worship Leader: Jalyce Storley



## ***This Week at Faith***

### **Wednesday, March 20**

- 11:30 a.m. Community Lenten Lunch at St. Luke Lutheran Home  
12:15 p.m. Worship Service (1301 St. Luke Dr.)  
5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper  
6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Service with Dan Antoine  
7:00 p.m. Confirmation (Mentor Night)  
High School Youth Group  
Pop-Up Choir Rehearsal  
Worship Vocalist Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 21**

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship

### **Saturday, March 23**

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study

### **Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, March 24 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship  
Thursday, March 28 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship  
Friday, March 29 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship  
Sunday, March 31 7:45 a.m. Easter Sunday Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship

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/)

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### ***Lenten Schedule***

- March 20 5:30 Potluck Supper 6:30 Worship with Dan Antoine  
March 24 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship  
March 28 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship  
March 29 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship  
March 31 7:45-8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast (*Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs*)  
9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship