

Easter
SUNDAY



Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Invocation

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

*Confession and Forgiveness

Jesus, we bare our hearts to You alone.

**We have clutched at our bank accounts, forgetting our funds are Yours ...
and we have missed opportunities for generosity.**

**We have pursued dark paths to pleasure, cutting corners on loyalty,
honesty, sobriety and purity ... and we have lost the simplicity of childlike
trust and obedience.**

**We have achieved success at the expense of others, puffing our
accomplishment and excusing our failure ... and we have missed the
security and joy of living as Your beloved.**

Every offense, every shortcoming, every rebellion was nailed to the cross! By grace through faith you are saved, not by anything you have done but by what Christ has done. Your debt is paid in full. Rise in freedom, peace and beauty to serve the Lord.

*Prayer of the Day

**Wonderful God, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead but the living.
We thank You for Your glorious love that will never be taken from us!
Unlock our hearts to adoration. Direct our energy to serve beside Christ in
this world, which has now become a territory of Your promise. To You be all
thanksgiving, praise and glory, on earth and in highest heaven! Amen.**

Song – “He Lives”

New Testament Lesson – Romans 15:4-13

Children’s Message

Song – “In Christ Alone”

*Gospel – Mark 16:1-9

Sermon – EASTER HOPE! Not “I Hope So”

Song – “At the Cross (Love Ran Red)”

*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 Special Music

“Is He Worthy” – Ellie Spieker and Savannah Ruhs

Song Medley – Gary Klett (“*If That Isn’t Love, Then Came the Morning,
To God bet the Glory*”)

*Blessing

*Closing Song – “Living Hope”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Please stand if you are able.*

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 31, 2024 | Easter Sunday

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

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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.



New Testament Lesson – Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. ⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed ⁹ and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of Your name." ¹⁰ Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol Him." ¹² And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, One who will arise to rule over the nations; in Him the Gentiles will hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel – Mark 16:1-9

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.'" ⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. ⁹ When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had driven seven demons.

Individual Offering Envelopes are Available

Individual offering envelopes are available on the Welcome Center for general use. This could be for those who want to give cash gifts and receive a tax credit for it – to do so, they can write their name on the envelope. They can also write any designation on the envelope as well (for example, "Projectors"). To clarify, any memo on a check or envelope is designated to that purpose. Anything without a memo goes to the general fund.



Easter Garden



Thank you to all who have shared an Easter Lily, Hydrangea, Hyacinths or Tulips to beautify our church in memory of or in honor of a cherished friend or family member. *Please take them home to enjoy after today's Worship Service.*

- ♥ In memory of Jim "Pa" Spieker by Joyce Spieker *(an Easter Lily & a blue Hydrangea)*
- ♥ Doug, Courtney, Sydney & Mia Schwartz *(Tulips)*
- ♥ In memory of all our loved ones by Pat Swancutt, Kevin Swancutt & Trisha Rohmiller *(an Easter Lily & a pink Hydrangea)*
- ♥ In memory of our parents, Kenny & Irene Stevens and Warren & Eline Heazlett by Kent & Carol Heazlett *(a pink Hydrangea)*
- ♥ In memory of Daisy Brenner by Kyle, Jamie, Lauren, Miles, Isaac, Nathan, Annie & Charles Rouse *(2 Tulips)*
- ♥ In memory of our deceased family members by Becky Fear-Hatting *(Tulips)*
- ♥ In honor and in memory of family and friends by Rich & Cheryl Stueven *(Hyacinths)*
- ♥ In memory of our daughter, Monica, by Stan & Jodene Jongma *(a blue Hydrangea)*
- ♥ In memory of Tom Willey by Jean & Dawn Willey *(Tulips)*
- ♥ In memory of Elmer Susie & Robert Bergmann by Dave & Linda Susie *(an Easter Lily)*
- ♥ In memory of Marvin Heikens and Ervin, Colene & Virginia Behrens by Paul & Kris Behrens *(Hyacinths & Tulips)*
- ♥ In memory of my wife, Jean, and son, Curt, by Eugene Berkland *(an Easter Lily)*
- ♥ In memory of Joanne Harders by Al & Kim Rye *(an Easter Lily)*
- ♥ In memory of parents and grandparents by Pam Harris *(a blue Hydrangea)*
- ♥ In memory of Chad Simington & Keith Dannatt, by Dave & Sharon Simington *(a pink and a blue Hydrangea)*
- ♥ In memory of Jim Spieker, Ethan Astor and Bill & Mary Astor by Justin & Brittany Spieker *(2 Easter Lilies)*
- ♥ In memory of A. Wayne Burnham by Barbara Burnham and family *(an Easter Lily)*



LifeKids Spencer

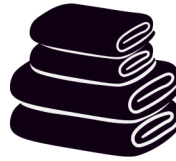
Cheryl Jackson, Director
712-580-4316

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



Item for April ~ **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:

Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, mac 'n cheese

Anniversary Wishes

April 3 Steve & Theone
Quattlebaum
Neal & Cindy Drefke

Birthday Blessings

April 1 Hannah Campbell
LaVonne Clark
April 3 Sara Franker
Heidi Skadeland
April 4 Kevin Swancutt
April 5 Sara DeWitt
April 6 Lucy Simington



**CULTIVATE
LIFE**
JOHN 15:5

DAY CAMP



DATE: JUNE 17-20

TIME: 12:30-5:00PM

**VBS LOCATION:
FAITH LUTHERAN
2912 HWY BLVD**

**SIGN UP
ONLINE:**



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

Thank you for generously supporting Faith Lutheran in 2024!

Date	February	March 1-3	March 4-10	March 11-17	March 18-24	March 25-31
Attendance	149	148	144	153	189	
Live Stream Computers	19	21	15	22	28	
General Giving	\$22,546.56	\$8,920.00	\$5,345.00	\$6,990.42	\$3,273.90	
Year to Date	\$60,447.18	\$69,414.63	\$75,412.63	\$82,457.25	\$85,866.15	

Worship partners for Easter Sunday, March 31, are ...

Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Linda Conlon | Children's Message: Jamie Rouse
Counters: Shanna Kooker, Becky Simons | Greeters: Craig & Lindsay Neiderheiser
Communion Servers: Dave & Barb Solberg, Greg Lear, Cindy Essick
Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley, Kevin Skadeland
Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayer Intercessors: Dave & Linda Susie,
Dave Simington, Justin Spieker | Prayers of the Church: Larry Peterson
Scripture Reader: Evan Storley | Camera: Kent Heazlett | Computer: Isaac Storley
Sound: Cheryl Stueven | Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Brittany & Ellie Spieker,
Rachel Simington, Corbin Maaland | Worship Leader: Karen Brandt

Worship partners for April 7, are ...

Altar Prep: Shirley Nelson, Linda Conlon | Children's Message: Bill Kersting
Communion Servers: Ross & Beth Brockshus | Counters: Barb Solberg, Greg Lear
Fellowship: Anne Rosendahl | Greeters: Greg & Ann Lear
Instrumentalists: Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck
Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayer Intercessors: Barb Solberg, Dave Simington
Prayers of the Church: Jim Paulsen | Scripture Reader: Cindy Essick
Camera: Becky Simons | Computer: Cassie Simcox | Sound: Nathan McKenney
Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Kirby Fueston, Emily Quanbeck, Lauren Rouse,
Whitney Gray | Worship Leader: Gary Klett

Faith Lutheran Staff

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This Week at Faith

Wednesday, April 3

- 9:00 a.m.-Noon Hands-On Mission Work Day
- 11:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Executive Team meeting (rescheduled to Tuesday, 4/9)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, April 4

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

Saturday, April 6

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

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, April 9 6:00 p.m. Executive Team meeting
- Wednesday, April 10 7:00 p.m. Council

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/

Prayer Chain

Please send your prayer request to Linda & Dave Susie
at 712-363-1130 or djslrs74@yahoo.com or to
Doreen Scribner at 712-262-3488 or 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

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 that has a God-driven commitment and passion for facilitating the healing and strengthening of marriages, families and individuals, both children and adults.
To schedule an appointment, please call 515-238-9010.