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UNVEILED

*Who Is  
Your Author?*

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “All Creatures of Our God and King”

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

**We praise You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Litany (*from Psalm 139*)

You have searched me, LORD, and You know me.

**You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar.**

You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.

**Before a word is on my tongue You, LORD, know it completely.**

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb.

**I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when You wove me together.

**Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.**

How precious to me are Your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

**Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. Lead me in the way everlasting.**

Prayer of the Day

**Dear God, meet us in our time of prayer. What we have we give to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, transform our sorrow to praise. By our own power or godliness we cannot accomplish anything of eternal value. Jesus, You are the true Author of my life. Through Your Word, rewrite my plans. Amen.**

Baptism of Jericho Marcella Marie Gray

Song – “Jesus Our Savior”

New Testament Lesson – Acts 3:1-10

Children’s Message

Song – “More Precious than Silver”

Sermon Text – Acts 3:11-20

\*Gospel – Mark 13:31

Sermon – “Who Is Your Author?”

Song – “Mighty to Save”

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

\*Lord’s Prayer

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song – “This is Amazing Grace”

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*

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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 – Acts 3:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. <sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” <sup>7</sup> Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

## **Sermon Text – Acts 3:11-20**

<sup>11</sup> While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. <sup>12</sup> When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus. You handed Him over to be killed, and you disowned Him before Pilate, though he had decided to let Him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the Author of Life, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through Him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. <sup>17</sup> Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup> But this is how God fulfilled what He had foretold through all the prophets, saying that His Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup> and that He may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus.

## **Gospel – Mark 13:31**

<sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.

### ***New Member Discover Classes Begin Today!***

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran, Pastor Ben will be hosting a Discovery Class beginning today, April 14, and continuing next Sunday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. in Pastor Ben’s office.



## ***Confirmation Sunday is April 28***

For those in the congregation who would like to give the confirmands a card, there are baskets in the back. The baskets are labeled with each confirmand's name and will be available through next Sunday. The cards will be given to the confirmands at the Confirmation Banquet on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m.



### ***Easter Photo Booth Pictures***

Thank you to those of you who participated in Faith's photo booth this Easter. The photos are now available to download or share by typing this link into your browser:

<https://www.flcspencer.org/easter-2024-photo-booth/>

We hope you all had a blessed Easter!

### ***Lost and Found ...***

Now through next Sunday, April 21, lost and found items are displayed on a table near the front doors. **Any unclaimed items will be donated to Many Hands on Monday, April 22.**



### ***WEDDING WATCH PARTY***

Next Sunday, April 21, Faith will host a Wedding Watch Party in the SON Room at 8:00 a.m. to watch Marlee Nicholson and Ashish Ingale exchange their wedding vows!

Marlee worked here as interim Worship Director from 2021-2022, and then moved to Scotland to be a missionary. There she met Ashish, her soon-to-be husband. The ceremony will be held in Scotland and will be broadcasted live for those unable to join in person. If you would like to join the watch party, make sure to set your alarms extra early so you can get to church before the ceremony starts at 8:00 a.m. our time!

## 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/week | \$5/Wednesdays only.  
\$15/All Day LifeKids on in-service days

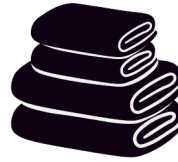
## 2024 VBS Day Camp

June 17-20 | 12:30-5:00 p.m.

**Ages: Preschool-Entering 6th Grade**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**

We are looking for middle and high school helpers and any adults that would want to volunteer too! We are also looking for Thrivent cards for snacks and food!

Registration Forms are available on the Welcome Center, scanning the QR code, or online at <https://bit.ly/3KoG5Fk>



## 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 boxes 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 15     *Kent & Carol Heazlett*  
April 20     *Carl & Becky Simons*

April 15     *Paul Behrens  
Austin Crew*  
April 17     *Sue Peterson*  
April 18     *Brett Eilts  
Ruby Nitzel*  
April 19     *Lois Christman  
Kolton Yungbluth*  
April 20     *Whitney Smith*

## Birthday Blessings

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

| Date                  | March       | April 1-7    |  |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Attendance            | 174         | 149          |  |  |  |
| Live Stream Computers | 20          | 19           |  |  |  |
| General Giving        | \$32,254.32 | \$6,680.00   |  |  |  |
| Year to Date          | \$96,334.66 | \$103,060.55 |  |  |  |

***Thank you for generously supporting Faith and our Mission partners in 2024!***

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

Altar Prep: Shirley Nelson, Linda Conlon | Children's Message: Troy Rosendahl  
Counters: Jolynne Eilts, Jolene Hansen | Fellowship: Larry & Shirley Nelson  
Greeters: Gene & Patty Englin | Instrumentalists: Gloria McKenney,  
Evan Storley, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth  
Prayers of the Church: Karen Brandt | Scripture Reader: Whitney Gray  
Camera: Brittany Spieker | Computer: Kent Heazlett | Sound: Isaac Storley  
Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Brett & Jolynne Eilts, Lacey Johnson  
Worship Leader: Jalyce Storley

### ***Worship partners for April 21, are ...***

Altar Prep: Shirley Nelson, Linda Conlon | Children's Message: Leah Kreutner  
Communion Servers: Matt & Steph Essick | Counters: Larry Wigen, Shanna Kooker  
Fellowship: Craig & Lindsay Neiderheiser | Greeters: Terry & Jolene Hansen  
Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck  
Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayer Intercessors: Dave & Linda Susie,  
Keith & Diane Van Kleek | Prayers of the Church: Greg Lear  
Scripture Reader: Pam Hanson | Camera: Kevin Swancutt | Computer: Cindy Tigges  
Sound: Cheryl Stueven | Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Rachel Simington,  
Cassie & Riley Simcox | Worship Leader: Bill Neiderheiser

### ***Faith Lutheran Staff***

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# ***This Week at Faith***

## **Wednesday, April 17**

- 11:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

## **Thursday, April 18**

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

## **Saturday, April 20**

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

## **Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, April 21 10:30 a.m. Discovery Class, Discipleship Room
- Monday, April 22 Noon deadline for May's newsletter
- Wednesday, April 24 Confirmation banquet
- Sunday, April 28 Confirmation Sunday

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 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.