



HOPE  
UNVEILED

***You Don't Vote  
for a King***

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “How Great is Our God”

\*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

**God Most High, You do not live in houses made by human hands. You made the world and everything in it. You are the Lord of heaven and earth. You give everyone life and breath and everything else. Strengthen us, Your disciples, and encourage us to remain true to the faith. Open our hearts to respond to the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Amen.**

Song – “Be Thou My Vision”

New Testament Lesson – Acts 17:1-9

Children’s Message

Song – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Offering Challenge Reports: Barb Solberg, Theone Quattlebaum  
and Kirby Fueston (read by Greg Lear)

\*Gospel – Mark 11:4-10

Sermon – “You Don’t Vote for a King”

Song – “King of My Heart”

\*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

\*Lord’s Prayer

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song – “Build Your Kingdom Here”

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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April 21, 2024 | 4th Sunday of Easter

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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 17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup> As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said. <sup>4</sup> Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women. <sup>5</sup> But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup> But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, <sup>7</sup> and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” <sup>8</sup> When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. <sup>9</sup> Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.

## **Gospel – Mark 11:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, <sup>5</sup> some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” <sup>6</sup> They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. <sup>7</sup> When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, He sat on it. <sup>8</sup> Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup> Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

<sup>10</sup> “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

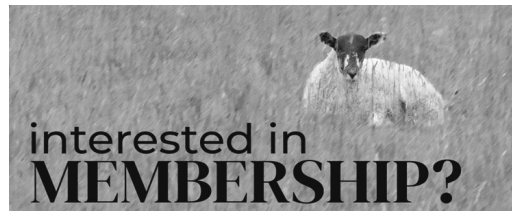
“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”



## ***New Member Discover Class Continues Today!***

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

New member Sunday will be May 5.



# Confirmation Sunday is next Sunday, 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 today.

The cards will be given to the confirmands at the Confirmation Banquet on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m.

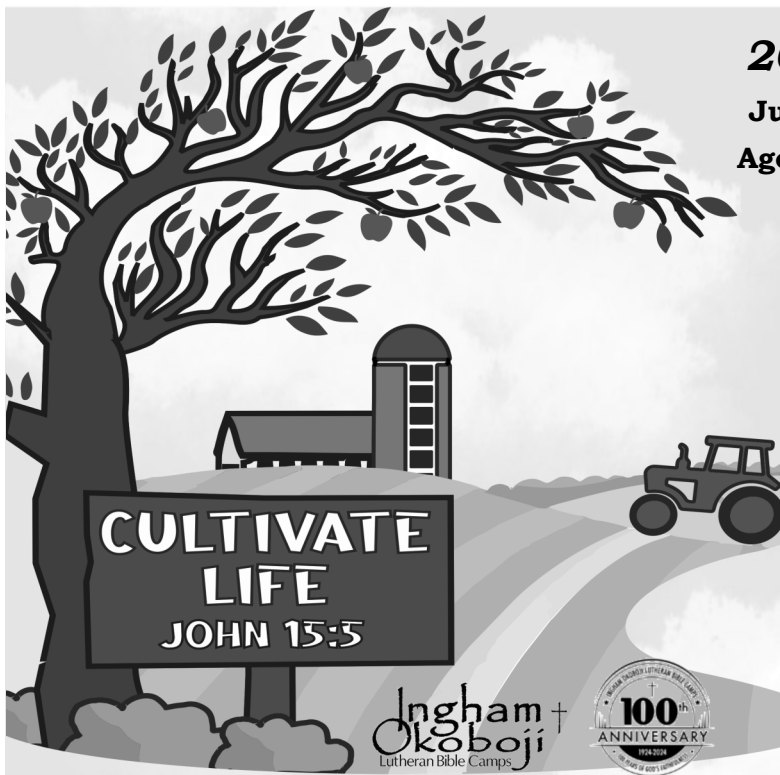
Our 2024 Confirmands are: Jeffrey Franker, Gavin Patten, Isaiah Rustad, Noah Spieker and Kolton Yungbluth.



***In honor of Confirmation Sunday, Holy Communion has been postponed from today, Sunday, April 21 to next Sunday, April 28.***

## Lost and Found ...

Today is the last day the lost and found items will be displayed on a table near the front doors. **Any unclaimed items will be donated to Many Hands Market tomorrow – Monday, April 22.**



## 2024 VBS Day Camp

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

**Ages: Preschool Through Those 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>



## **LifeKids Spencer**

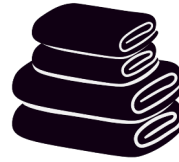
Cheryl Jackson, Director  
712-580-4316

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



## 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

## **Christian Woman Speaks broadcasts over KICD-AM on Sunday, April 28, at 7:50 a.m. Featuring Rachel Simington**

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.

April 24 Riley Simcox

April 26 Alice Nielsen

## *Birthday Blessings*

### **LIFEKIDS ANNUAL PIZZA SALES**

**12" Pizzas on Self Rising Crust  
Pepperoni, Sausage, Special, 3-Cheese,  
All Meat, and Breakfast  
Pasquale's Fundraiser**



**Pizzas are Exclusive & NOT  
Available in Stores!  
ORDERS MUST BE PLACED**

**BY 7:00 P.M. Sunday, April 28**

To place an order, please fill out an order form at the Welcome Center. Please leave the order form and payment in the red box. Cash or checks acceptable. Please make check payable to **LifeKids Spencer**.

### **Individual Offering Envelopes**

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, please write your name on the envelope.

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

Date	March	April 1-7	April 8-14		
Attendance	174	149	163		
Live Stream Computers	20	19	21		
General Giving	\$32,254.32	\$6,680.00	\$3,300.00		
Year to Date	\$96,334.66	\$103,060.55	\$106,432.86		

***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: Leah Kreutner  
Counters: Larry Wigen, Shanna Kooker | Fellowship: Craig & Lindsay Neiderheiser  
Greeters: Terry & Jolene Hansen | Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | 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

### ***Worship partners for April 28, are ...***

Altar Prep: Shirley Nelson, Linda Conlon | Children's Message: Dodo & Emu  
Communion Servers: Matt & Steph Essick | Counters: Jolene Hansen, Greg Lear  
Fellowship: Trisha Rohmiller, Kevin Swancutt | Greeters: Tom & Pam Hanson  
Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck  
Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayer Intercessors: Dave & Linda Susie, Keith & Diane Van Kleek | Prayers of the Church: Lisa Buchan  
Scripture Reader: Carol Heazlett | Camera: Brittany Spieker  
Computer: Becky Simons | Sound: Brett Eilts | Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks  
Vocalists: Rachel Joy Kelsch, Troy Rosendahl, Jim & Joan Unrau  
Worship Leader: Justin Spieker

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

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# ***This Week at Faith***

## **Monday, April 22**

12:00 p.m. (noon) Article deadline for May's newsletter

## **Wednesday, April 24**

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 25**

9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship

## **Saturday, April 27**

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

## **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, April 24 Confirmation banquet  
Sunday, April 28 Confirmation Sunday  
Sunday, May 5 New Member 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.