



HOPE  
UNVEILED

***Resurrection  
Changes  
Everything***

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “Come People of the Risen King”

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

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

\*Confession of Sin and Declaration of Forgiveness *(from the book of Acts)*

God commands all people everywhere to repent. For He has set a day when He will judge the world with justice by the Man He has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising Him from the dead.

**Lord, You know everyone’s heart. You made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit. Yet we disowned the Holy and Righteous One. We have not lied just to human beings but to God. We repent and turn to You so that our sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.**

You know the message God sent, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. He has opened your eyes and turned you from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that you may have a place among those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus. Be filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit!

\*Prayer of the Day *(from the book of Acts)*

**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 – “Thine is the Glory”

\*Gospel – Mark 6:7-13

Children’s Message

Song – “Glorious Day”

Sermon Text – Acts 1:1-14

Sermon – “Resurrection Changes Everything”

Song – “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

\*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

“Lord I Need You”

“I Love to Tell the Story”

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song – “What a Beautiful Name”

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

Phone: 712-580-4316 | 2912 Highway Blvd, P.O. Box 1322, Spencer, IA 51301

April 7, 2024 | 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

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.



## **Gospel – Mark 6:7-13**

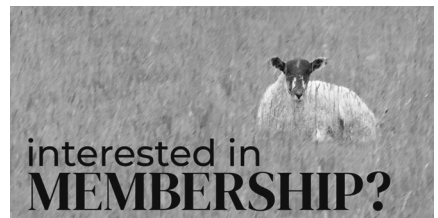
<sup>7</sup> Calling the Twelve to Him, He began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. <sup>8</sup> These were His instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup> Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. <sup>10</sup> Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

## **Sermon Text – Acts 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After His suffering, He presented Himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around Him and asked Him, “Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. <sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.” <sup>12</sup> Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. <sup>13</sup> When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

## ***Interested in Faith Membership?***

If you are interested in becoming a member of Faith Lutheran, Pastor Ben will be hosting a Discovery Class on Sunday, April 14, and Sunday, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. in the Discipleship Room.



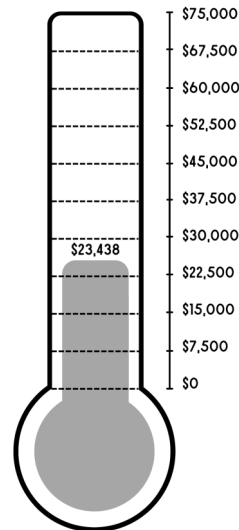
## Confirmation Sunday is April 28

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.



### ***You Made a Difference!***

Thank you for those who have designated Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran. In March, the church received \$2,529 in Thrivent Choice dollars!



### ***Projector Fundraisers***

Thank you for your continued generosity as we raise money for our new projectors. We raised \$2,796.58 last Sunday during our Easter Breakfast Fundraiser, bringing the total up to \$23,438.37, which is nearly 1/3 of our goal of \$75,000.

God is faithful, and thank you for your support!

### ***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!



### ***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.



## 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

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

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

## *Anniversary Wishes*

April 10  
Robert J. & Sarah Wassom

## *Birthday Blessings*

April 9 Steve Doran  
April 10 Eldon Larsen  
Dawn Willey  
April 13 Annie Rouse  
Lindsay Neiderheiser



## 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



**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

Date	February	March 1-3	March 4-10	March 11-17	March 18-24	March 25-31
<b>Attendance</b>	149	148	144	153	189	236
<b>Live Stream Computers</b>	19	21	15	22	28	14
<b>General Giving</b>	\$22,546.56	\$8,920.00	\$5,345.00	\$6,990.42	\$3,273.90	\$7,725.00
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$60,447.18	\$69,414.63	\$75,412.63	\$82,457.25	\$85,866.15	\$96,334.66*

***During Lent, we raised \$1,176.00 for Mission partners GACO & UDMO.  
Thank you for generously supporting Faith and our Mission partners in 2024!***

\*Total includes funds received through Thrivent's Choice Dollars.

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

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

### ***Worship partners for April 14, 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: Cindy Tigges | Computer: Kent Heazlett | Sound: Isaac Storley  
 Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Dennis Larson, Brett & Jolynne Eilts,  
 Lacey Johnson | Worship Leader: Jalyce Storley

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

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## **This Week at Faith**

### **Tuesday, April 9**

5:30 p.m. Executive Team meeting

### **Wednesday, April 10**

11:00 a.m. Staff meeting

6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Council meeting

High School Youth Group

### **Thursday, April 11**

9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship

### **Saturday, April 13**

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

## **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, April 14 10:30 a.m. Discovery Class, Discipleship Room

Sunday, April 21 10:30 a.m. Discovery Class, Discipleship Room

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.