

Welcome & Prayer

*Sharing of the Peace

*Opening Song – “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

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

*Confession and Forgiveness:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Our Almighty and Merciful God grants to you, being penitent, forgiveness for all your sins. May He bless you with time to change your ways, and with the wisdom and strength of His Holy Spirit.

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song – “King of Kings”

New Testament Lesson: Acts 16:6-15

Children’s Message

Song presented by Children’s Sunday School – “The New Testament Books of the Bible”

Mission Overview

Josh & Whitney Smith

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: “Purpose Driven: Moving Forward and Glorifying God”

Josh Smith

Song – “I Love to Tell the Story”

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

Words of Institution for Communion

*The Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

Distribution Songs: “Jesus Thank You” / “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

*Communion Blessing

*Closing Song – “Go Light Your World”

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Please stand if you are able*

New Testament Lesson: Acts 16:6-15

⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ³ About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around.

(Continued on back page)

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16 (continued)

He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'
7 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'
8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'
9 The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.
10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.
11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.
12 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'
13 But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?'
14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.
15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'
16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Thank you to today's Worship Partners

Altar Prep: Terry Frerichs, Linda Conlon

Children's Message: Alice Nielsen

Communion Servers: Al Vanderberg, Tom Hanson

Counters: Jolene Hansen, Joan Unrau

Fellowship: Terry & Jolene Hansen

Greeters: Todd & Shanna Kooker

Instrumentalists: Elliana Antoine, Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland, Joshua Antoine

Message: Josh Smith

Prayer Intercessors: Dennis Larson, Diane Van Kleek, Jake & Karen Jacobson

Prayers of the Church: Cryss Quanbeck

Scripture Reader: Justin Spieker

Tech Booth: Nathan McKenney (Lead, Sound), Anna Quanbeck (Computer), Kent Heazlett (Video)

Vocalists: Allison Antoine, Amara Antoine, Brittany Spieker

Worship Leader: Craig Neiderheiser

Worship Partners for April 26

Altar Prep: Terry Frerichs, Linda Conlon

Children's Message: Bill Kersting

Counters: Greg Lear, Don Schnell

Fellowship: Jim & Joan Unrau

Greeters: Dave & Linda Susie

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Instrumentalists: Leah Kruetner, Gloria McKenney, Anna Quanbeck, Evan Storley

Prayers of Church: Brittany Spieker

Scripture Reader: Nancy Ketcham

Tech Booth: Lance Storley (Lead),

Isaac Storley, (Sound), Andrew McKenney (Computer), Kent Heazlett, (Video)

Vocalists: Corbin and Otto Maaland, Trisha Rohmiller, Troy Rosendahl

Worship Leader: Karen Brandt

God-Sightings



SEEING JESUS IN THE SEASON OF EASTER

WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Inviting all People to Faith ... Come and Worship - Go and Work
Pastor - Ben Unseth | Ministers - All

April 19, 2026 | Third Sunday of Easter

www.flcspencer.org | 712-580-4316

2912 Highway Blvd, P.O. Box 1322, Spencer, IA 51301

Office Hours: 9am-1pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays; 9am-5pm Wednesdays
Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.