

DIVINE TURNAROUND: GOD'S SURPRISING COMEBACK PLAN

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*Zero
Resources?*

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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October 15, 2023 | 20th Sunday in Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “Way Maker”

*Invocation

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

*Confession and Forgiveness

As the flock of the Good Shepherd, let us call to mind our wanderings and our need for rescue by Christ.

I am the sheep who got lost. I have stepped off your path. I have missed the mark. I have damaged relationships.

I have polluted my heart. I have planted weeds in my mind. I have downloaded viruses into my soul. I have wandered away from my Father’s house.

There are stains that I cannot wash clean. There are moments when I should have spoken up. There are words that I should never have said. There are chains that I cannot break.

But I know that Your steadfast love is offered despite my wanderings. I confess, Lord Jesus, that Your life, death, and resurrection open a better way to live – with clean hands and a pure heart.

Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved! The Holy Spirit welcomes you into His presence and power to renew you in faith and life. In Christ we stand accepted and forgiven. Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

Dear God, thank You that through the power of Christ’s death and resurrection, You wash us clean in baptism. Today and every day, drown our sins and dark desires. Today and every day, give us a sorrow for sin, a heart that turns to You. Today and every day, revive us to live before You in righteousness and purity forever. Amen.

Song – “I’ll Belong to You”

Baptism of Tatum Stephan-Arthur Stykel

Song – “I’ll Belong to You”

Old Testament Lesson – Ruth 2:1-12

Children’s Message

Song – “Day by Day”

*Gospel – Hebrews 2:11-15

Sermon – “Zero Resources?”

Song – “Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor”

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Holy Communion

*Words of Institution for Holy Communion

*Lord’s Prayer

Distribution Songs

“Come As You Are”

“All Who Are Thirsty”

*Blessing

*Closing Song – “Forever”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand if you are able.

Welcome to Faith Lutheran!

Live Stream: www.youtube.com/user/faithlutheranspencer | Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday | 712-580-4316 | office@flcspencer.org

www.flcspencer.org | Facebook: Faith Lutheran Church LCMC | Instagram: @flcspencer

Watch us on SMU: Monday @ 8:30 p.m. and Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m.

Text your giving to Faith at 712-214-4317

Old Testament Lesson – Ruth 2:1-12

¹ Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side, a man of standing from the clan of Elimelek, whose name was Boaz. ² And Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the leftover grain behind anyone in whose eyes I find favor." Naomi said to her, "Go ahead, my daughter." ³ So she went out, entered a field and began to glean behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she was working in a field belonging to Boaz, who was from the clan of Elimelek. ⁴ Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The LORD be with you!" "The LORD bless you!" they answered. ⁵ Boaz asked the overseer of his harvesters, "Who does that young woman belong to?" ⁶ The overseer replied, "She is the Moabite who came back from Moab with Naomi." ⁷ She said, 'Please let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the harvesters.' She came into the field and has remained here from morning till now, except for a short rest in the shelter." ⁸ So Boaz said to Ruth, "My daughter, listen to me. Don't go and glean in another field and don't go away from here. Stay here with the women who work for me. ⁹ Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the women. I have told the men not to lay a hand on you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled." ¹⁰ At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She asked him, "Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me – a foreigner?" ¹¹ Boaz replied, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband – how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. ¹² May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."

Gospel – Hebrews 2:11-15

¹¹ Both the One who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. ¹² He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in Him." And again He says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." ¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.



**VOICES
ON GRAND**

Voices on Grand is a venue for written or oral communication. Just as ceramics, photography and paintings are expressions of communication, so, also, is written and oral communication for many individuals.

Please note: This event is located at Occasions on 1st Ave. East in Spencer (please use the West door).

NEW WEBSITE AND EMAILS!!

Visit our new website at

www.flcspencer.org

New Staff email addresses:

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Birthday blessings to ...

Oct. 15	<i>Joan Loring</i>
Oct. 16	<i>Doug Schwartz</i>
Oct. 19	<i>Dave Susie</i>
Oct. 21	<i>Jim Paulsen, Pat Swancutt</i>

Anniversary wishes to ...

Oct. 15	<i>Isaiah & Whitney Gray</i>
Oct. 19	<i>Mark & Mary Speidel</i>
Oct. 21	<i>Jim & Lisa Carpenter</i>

October Reminders!

♥ **October is**

Pastor Appreciation Month!

Thank you Pastor Ben for leading the flock at Faith!

♥ **Meal Train for Dean Vos and parents, Jake & Tanya Vos.**

<https://mealtrain.com/ekgdel>
gives ways you can help!

♥ **Cherish House's October Baby Bottle Campaign**

Pick up a baby bottle from the table by the front doors. Fill it with spare change, cash or a check. Return to Faith Lutheran by Sunday, Oct. 29.

♥ **Stewardship's October Video Ministry Fair**

We are having a Video Ministry Fair so everyone knows what each team does at Faith!

As you watch, be thinking about how you would like to be involved!

If you miss a Sunday or would like to hear the video again, check out church's Facebook or Instagram accounts to watch the video from that Sunday.



Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for the Silent Auction of cookies and pies.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m. October's session includes: Pastor Ben Unseth, Megan Jones, and Molly Brandt & Eric Carranza.

Tickets are available by scanning the QR code or online at artsongrand.org, click on "Events", click on "Voices on Grand."



Thank you to today's worship partners ...

Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

Children's Message: Bill Kersting

Communion Servers:

GA Wagner, Karen Brandt

Counters: Becky Simons, Jolene Hansen

Fellowship & Set-up:

Dave & Linda Susie

Greeters/Ushers: Jim & Lisa Carpenter

Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner,
Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen,
Kevin Skadeland

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Prayer Intercessors:

Dennis Larson, Dave & Linda Susie,
Steve Quattlebaum

Prayers of the Church: Dennis DeWitt

Scripture Reader: Brett Eilts

Camera: Becky Simons

Computer: Kent Heazlett

Sound: Cheryl Stueven

Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks

Vocalists: Cassie & Riley Simcox,
Rachel & Annabelle Simington

Worship Leader: Gary Klett

Worship partners for Sunday, October 22

Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Denise Lovitt

Children's Message: Alice Nielsen

Counters: Larry Wigen, Jolynne Eilts

Fellowship & Set Up: Denise Lovitt,
Pam Harris

Greeters/Ushers:

Lee & Nancy Ketcham

Instrumentalists: Elliana Antoine,
Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley,
Anna Quanbeck

Message: Pastor Ben Unseth

Prayers of the Church: Linda Susie

Scripture Reader: Dennis DeWitt

Camera: Paul Wire

Computer: Cindy Tigges

Sound: Brett Eilts

Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks

Vocalists: Brittany & Ellie Spieker,
Emily Quanbeck, Lisa Buchan

Worship Leader: Matt Essick



Prayer Chain



Please send your
prayer request to Linda & Dave Susie
at 712-262-6621 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.

Item of the Month ~

Bath-sized Bars of Soap



Personal care kits are
specifically designed to help
people coping with poverty,
disaster, conflict and more.

Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO)

Food Pantry is in need of the
following items for our community:

Oatmeal, soup, egg noodles

*Soap & UDMO food items can be
put in the yellow Missions box
near the front doors.*



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meet **our** STAFF

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Guest Connection Card

Dear Visitors,

We are glad you are worshiping with us today! We'd love to connect with you.

Please share your contact information, and a member of Faith will be in touch with you soon.

Please put this form in the offering kiosk at the back of the church. – Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

I'd like to ...

- Visit with the Pastor.
- Learn about becoming a member.
- Hear more about opportunities at Faith.
- Hear about joining a small group.

Thanks for worshiping with us!

2023 GENERAL OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE BUDGET: \$413,959.25

	<u>FELLOWSHIP*</u>	<u>GENERAL GIVING</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE**</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
SEPTEMBER	\$254.50	\$22,679.14	\$256,122.89	129
OCT. 1	\$110.00	\$ 9,145.00	\$264,022.89	152
OCT. 2-8	\$ 38.00	\$ 5,462.00	\$268,755.87	167

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8: YOUTUBE LIVE-STREAMING COMPUTERS – 19

*INCLUDED IN THE YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL. EACH SUNDAY, HY-VEE CHARGES \$90.00 FOR DONUTS.

** YEAR TO DATE TOTAL INCLUDES ALL UNDESIGNATED GIVING.

Thank you for generously supporting Faith Lutheran in 2023!

This Week at Faith!

Today – Sunday, October 15

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Musician Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism of Tatum Stephen-Arthur Stykel
- 10:15 a.m. Fellowship
- 10:20 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study – SON Room
- Mission Team meeting

Monday, October 16

- 7:40 a.m.-5:30 p.m. All Day LifeKids

Tuesday, October 17

- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids After School Program
- 5:00-8:00 p.m. Team Restoration Christian Counseling – 515-238-9010

Wednesday, October 18

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids After School Program
- 5:30 p.m. LifeKids Board of Directors meeting & Parent vote
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal
- Supper for the Confirmation Students
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

Thursday, October 19

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Team Restoration Christian Counseling – 515-238-9010
- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids After School Program

Friday, October 20

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Team Restoration Christian Counseling – 515-238-9010
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. LifeKids After School Program

Saturday, October 21

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

Upcoming Events!

October 25 – Confirmation Mentor Night

October 29 – Reformation 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/