



LOST
AND FOUND

Only God!

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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February 18, 2024 | First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “God of Wonders”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

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

*Confession and Forgiveness

O most merciful God, who has given Your one and only Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To everyone who believes on His Name, He gives power to become the children of God, and blesses them with His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O Lord, unto us all. Amen.

*Prayer of the Day

God our faithful Friend, You are more majestic than human mind can ever conceive, and more loving that our deepest feelings can ever explore. We have come to offer You the best we can in thought and devotion, in songs and prayers. God of time and eternity, speak to our hearts now. We come to You in Jesus' name, Amen.

Song – “This is My Father’s World”

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

New Testament Lesson – Hebrews 4:12-16

Children’s Message

Song – “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

IOLBC Video and Temple Talk

*Gospel – Mark 10:17-31

Sermon – “Only God!”

Song – “Our God”

*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

“Jesus Thank You”

“Lamb of God”

*Blessing

*Closing Song – “Sing Wherever I Go” – *Noisy Band*

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Please stand if you are able.*



Ingham Okobojo Lutheran Bible Camps’ representative Haley Bogh is here today! Haley has a table with information on the camps at the back of the church. We encourage you to talk with her and look at what camp has to offer everyone! To receive the early bird discount, be sure to register by March 1. After the service, she will hang out with the kids and share some camp songs during the children's Sunday School time.

Welcome to Faith Lutheran!

Live Stream: youtube.com/@flcspencer

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 | 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 worshipping 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.

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

¹ I will exalt You, LORD, for You lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me. ² LORD my God, I called to You for help, and You healed me. ³ You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; You spared me from going down to the pit. ⁴ Sing the praises of the LORD, you His faithful people; praise His holy name. ⁵ For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. ¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹² that my heart may sing Your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise You forever.

New Testament Lesson – Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high Priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high Priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet He did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Gospel – Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷ As Jesus started on His way, a man ran up to Him and fell on his knees before Him. "Good Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ "Why do you call Me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good – except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"
²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." ²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," He said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me." ²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³ Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." ²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow You!"

29 "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for Me and the Gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first."



Easter Garden

Order deadline: **March 10**



Easter Lily – \$20.00
Pink or Blue
Hydrangea – \$38.00



In very limited supply so order early! Mixed colors
Hyacinths or Tulips
\$19.00 each



Order Form

Tulips – \$19.00 _____ Hyacinth – \$19.00 _____
 Blue Hydrangea – \$38.00 _____ Pink Hydrangea – \$38.00 _____
 Easter Lily – \$20.00 _____ Total Dollars _____

There is no color choice for the hyacinths or tulips and they are in very limited supply . Order early if you want one of these.

Make checks payable to Faith Lutheran Church, earmark them "Easter Garden."
 Turn in your order form, with payment, to the green box on the Welcome Center.

Name _____

Phone _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____



POP-UP CHOIR SIGN-UP!



We will be performing **“Let the Redeemed of the Lord”**
by Michael Barrett for the Palm Sunday service on March 24.
A sign-up sheet and details are on the Welcome Center or
go to <https://bit.ly/3INslWY> or scan the QR code.



Prayer Chain

Please send your prayer request to
Linda & Dave Susie at 712-363-1130 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 or
office@flcspencer.org

Free WiFi Connection

Network: FAITH_Guest
Password: 7125804316

Christian Counseling

TEAM Restoration Ministries

TEAM Restoration operates out of Faith.
It is a Christian counseling service
facilitating the healing and strengthening
of marriages, families and individuals,
both children & adults. For an
appointment, please call 515-238-9010.

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 per week

\$5 per Wednesdays only.

\$15 per All Day LifeKids on in-service
days only.



Item of the Month ~ 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:

Cereal, oatmeal, canned fruit

Birthday Blessings

Feb. 18 Jamie Rouse,
Cindy Tigges
Feb. 19 Colleen Rouse,
Anne Rosendahl, Gary Jenkins
Feb. 20 Bill Kersting
Feb. 21 Sharon Anderson,
Eric Patten,
Roydal Woodford, Neal Drefke

202 GENERAL OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

BUDGET: \$420,894.00

Date	January	Feb. 1-4	Feb. 5-11	Feb. 12-18	Feb. 19-25
Attendance	118	124	139		
Live Stream Computers	28	20	18		
General Giving		\$7,666.79	\$4,485.50		
Year to Date	\$37,212.36	\$45,037.10	\$49,634.63		

Thank you for generously supporting Faith Lutheran in 2024!

Worship partners for today are ...

*Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Linda Conlon | Children's Message: Troy Rosendahl
Communion Servers: Justin Spieker | Counters: Barb Solberg
Fellowship: Lee & Nancy Ketcham | Greeters: Gary & Connie Jenkins
Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley, Anna Quanbeck
Message: Pastor Ben | Prayer Intercessors: Dave & Linda Susie, Dennis & Sara DeWitt
Prayers of the Church: Joe Simington | Scripture Reader: LaVonne Clark
Camera: Becky Simons | Computer: Brittany Spieker | Sound: Nathan McKenney
Lead Tech: Brett Eilts | Vocalists: Lauren Rouse, Whitney Gray, Trisha Rohmiller
Worship Leader: Bill Neiderheiser*

Worship partners for Wednesday Lenten Worship, Feb. 21, are ...

*Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Linda Conlon | Greeters: Haley Eilts, Brittany Spieker
Instrumentalist: Gloria McKenney | Message: Brittany Spieker
Prayers of the Church: Pastor Ben | Scripture reader: Harper Nolte
Camera: Kent Heazlett | Computer: Katie Eilts | Sound: Brett Eilts
Lead Tech: Cheryl Stueven | Worship Leader: Pastor Ben*

Worship partners for Sunday, Feb. 25, are ...

*Altar Prep: Lora Johnson, Linda Conlon | Children's Message: Jalyce Storley
Counters: Jolynne Eilts, Shanna Kooker | Fellowship: Dave & Linda Susie
Greeters: Trisha Rohmiller, Kevin Swancutt | Instrumentalists: Elliana Antoine,
Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben
Prayers of the Church: Justin Spieker | Scripture Reader: Greg Lear
Camera: Cindy Tigges | Computer: Kent Heazlett | Sound: Cheryl Stueven
Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Jim & Joan Unrau, Kirby Fueston
Worship Leader: Cryss Quanbeck*

This Week at Faith

Monday, February 19 – 12:00 p.m. (noon) - Newsletter deadline

Wednesday, February 21

5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper

6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Service with Brittany Spieker

7:00 p.m. Confirmation, High School Youth Group
Worship Vocalist Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22 – 9:00 a.m. - Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship

Saturday, February 24 – 7:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study

2:00-4:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony

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/



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Lenten Schedule

February 21	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship with Brittany Spieker
February 25	2nd Sunday in Lent	
February 28	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship
March 3	3rd Sunday in Lent	
March 6	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship
March 10	4th Sunday in Lent	
March 13	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship
March 17	5th Sunday in Lent	
March 20	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship
March 24	Palm Sunday	
March 28	6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday with First Communion	
March 29	6:30 p.m. Good Friday worship	
March 31	9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday worship	