



LOST
AND FOUND

***When the
Rent is Due***

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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March 3, 2024 | Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “Cornerstone”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

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

*Confession and Forgiveness

Jesus, we bare our hearts to You alone. We have clutched at our bank accounts, forgetting our funds are Yours ... and we have missed opportunities for generosity. We have pursued dark paths to pleasure, cutting corners on loyalty, honesty, sobriety and purity ... and we have lost the simplicity of childlike trust and obedience. We have achieved success at the expense of others, puffing our accomplishment and excusing our failure ... and we have missed the security and joy of living as Your beloved. Amen.

Every offense, every short-coming, every rebellion was nailed to the cross! By grace through faith you are saved, not by anything you have done but by what Christ has done. Your debt is paid in full. Rise in freedom, peace and beauty to serve the Lord.

*Prayer of the Day

Holy, holy, holy are You, King of the universe! Lift our eyes from what is broken or boring to glimpse Your beauty and mystery. Holy, holy, holy are You, Lord Jesus Christ! Uncover our moral grime and blind us with Your sinless radiance. Holy, holy, holy are You, True Spirit! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, or call us to receive Your gift of life and forgiveness for the first time. In the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

Song – “He Knows My Name”

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 5:1-7

Children’s Message

Song – “Softly and Tenderly”

*Gospel – Mark 12:1-17

Sermon – “When the Rent is Due”

Song – “Take My Life and Let It Be”

*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

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

“Feed Us Now”

*Blessing

*Closing Song – “Goodness of God”

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: 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
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.

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³ “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.” ⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines He delighted in. And He looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Gospel – Mark 12:1-17

¹² Jesus then began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a pit for the winepress and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ² At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants to collect from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. ³ But they seized him, beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ⁴ Then he sent another servant to them; they struck this man on the head and treated him shamefully. ⁵ He sent still another, and that one they killed. He sent many others; some of them they beat, others they killed. ⁶ He had one left to send, a son, whom he loved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ⁷ But the tenants said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ ⁸ So they took him and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹ What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰ Haven’t you read this passage of Scripture: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ¹¹ the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’” ¹² Then the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders looked for a way to arrest Him because they knew He had spoken the parable against them. But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left Him and went away. ¹³ Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch Him in His words. ¹⁴ They came to Him and said, “Teacher, we know that You are a man of integrity. You aren’t swayed by others, because You pay no attention to who they are; but You teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay or shouldn’t we?” But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap Me?” He asked. “Bring Me a denarius and let me look at it.” ¹⁶ They brought the coin, and He asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. ¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” And they were amazed at Him.



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.
Practice will be held after church this morning at about 10:30.
See the Welcome Center or QR code to sign up!



Easter Garden

Order deadline: **March 10**



Easter Lily – \$20.00

Pink or Blue

Hydrangea – \$38.00



NEXT SUNDAY!



***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 _____



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/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.

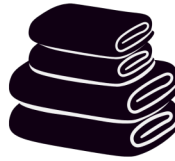
Birthday Blessings

March 4 Laura Yungbluth

March 5 Leah Heikens,

Audrey Hansen

March 6 Mark Vreeman



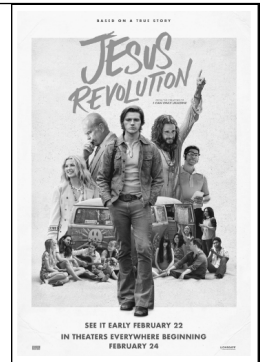
Item of the Month ~ Dark colored Bath Towels

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:

Cream Soups, Tuna, Egg Noodles

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT



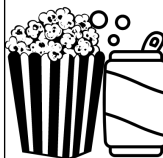
SHOWING:

JESUS REVOLUTION

Saturday, March 16

Dinner 5:30 | Movie 7

Spaghetti and meatball supper provided.
A free-will offering will be taken with
proceeds going toward the projector
project.



2024 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	156	178
Live Stream Computers	28	20	18	16	20
General Giving		\$7,666.79	\$4,485.50	\$3,147.52	\$5,520.00
Year to Date	\$37,212.36	\$45,037.10	\$49,634.63	\$52,933.15	\$58,546.90

**Wednesday Lenten Offering Total: \$400.00 for Grand Avenue Community Outreach and Upper Des Moines Opportunity.*

Thank you for generously supporting Faith Lutheran in 2024!

Worship partners for Sunday, March 3, are ...

*Altar Prep: Gene & Patty Englin | Children's Message: Kent Heazlett
 Communion Servers: Gary & Connie Jenkins | Counters: Jolene Hansen, Greg Lear
 Fellowship: Paul & Kris Behrens | Greeters: Shirley Kooker, Shirley Nelson
 Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley, Anna Quanbeck
 Message: Pastor Ben | Prayer Intercessors: Bill Neiderheiser, Justin Spieker,
 Dennis & Sara DeWitt | Prayers of the Church: Dave Susie
 Worship Leader: Eric Tigges | Scripture Reader: Lindsay Neiderheiser
 Camera: Becky Simons | Computer: Cheryl Stueven
 Sound and Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Rachel Simington, Kirby Fueston,
 Brittany Spieker*

Worship partners for Wednesday Lenten Worship, March 6, are ...

*Altar Prep: Gene & Patty Englin | Greeters: Haley Eilts, Brittany Spieker
 Instrumentalist: Gloria McKenney | Message:
 Prayers of the Church & Worship Leader: Pastor Ben Unseth
 Scripture Reader: Kinnick Friedrich | Camera: Kent Heazlett
 Computer: Kevin Swancutt | Sound: Isaac Storley | Lead Tech: Brett Eilts*

Worship partners for Sunday, March 10, are ...

*Altar Prep: Gene & Patty Englin | Children's Message: Nathan McKenney
 Counters: Shanna Kooker, Larry Wigen | Fellowship: Marlene Thorson,
 Trisha Rohmiller | Greeters: LaVonne Clark, Cindy Essick
 Instrumentalists: Gloria McKenney, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck
 Message: Pastor Ben Unseth | Prayers of the Church: Lindsay Neiderheiser
 Scripture Reader: Cindy Essick | Camera: Cindy Tigges | Computer: Katie Eilts
 Sound: Brett Eilts | Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Emily Quanbeck,
 Brittany & Ellie Spieker, Lisa Buchan | Worship Leader: Jake Jacobson*

This Week at Faith

Wednesday, March 6

- 11:30 a.m. Community Lenten Lunch at Faith Lutheran Church –
12:15 p.m. Worship Service
- 5:30 p.m. Potluck Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Lenten Midweek Service with Dave Susie
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation
High School Youth Group
Worship Vocalist Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Spencer Ministerial Association

Saturday, March 9

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

Upcoming Events: Saturday, March 16–Dinner and Movie Night (*Jesus Revolution*)

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

March 6	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship with Dave Susie
March 10	4th Sunday in Lent	
March 13	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship with Pam Hanson
March 17	5th Sunday in Lent	
March 20	5:30 Potluck Supper	6:30 Worship with Dan Antoine
March 24	Palm Sunday	
March 28	6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner and Worship	
March 29	6:30 p.m. Good Friday worship	
March 31	7:45-8:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast	
	9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday worship	