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***The Wrong  
Measuring Stick***

Prelude

Welcome & Prayer

Opening Song – “Your Love Never Fails”

\*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

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

\*Confession and Forgiveness *(from Book of Common Prayer)*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have stumbled and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the passions and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us: but You, O Lord, have mercy upon us disgraced offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to humanity in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may from now on live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, desires not the death of a sinner, but rather that we may turn from our wickedness and live; and has given power and commandment to His ministers to declare and pronounce to His people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. And so I declare to you now: God pardons and absolves everyone who truly repents and believes His Holy Gospel, so that at the last we may come to His eternal joy. Wherefore let us beseech Him to change our hearts and to give us His Holy Spirit, that we may do those things that may please Him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*Prayer of the Day *(from Book of Common Prayer)*

**O God, whose Son Jesus is the Good Shepherd of Your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Reception of New Members

Song – “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

New Testament Lesson – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Children’s Message

Song – “They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

Offering Challenge Reports – Al Vanderberg, Joan Unrau and Brittany Spieker

\*“Gospel” – 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Sermon – “The Wrong Measuring Stick”

Song – “The Gift of Love”

\*Affirmation of Faith from Schwabach Articles

**There is only one true God, maker of heaven and earth. In the one, true, divine essence, there are three inseparable persons: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.**

**Only the Son of God became a real human being, born of the pure Virgin Mary with complete body and soul. He suffered for us, was crucified, died, was buried, and on the third day rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, and is Lord over all creatures.**

**There is no doubt that there remains and is on earth one holy Christian church, until the end of the world. On the last day, our Lord Jesus Christ will come to judge the living and the dead. He will redeem those who believe in Him from all evil and bring them into everlasting life.**

**There is only one path to righteousness and redemption from sin and death: that a person, apart from any merit or work, believes in the Son of God, who suffered for us. God intends to impute righteousness to us and regard this faith as our righteousness, uprightness, and holiness. All who have such faith in the Son of God are given the forgiveness of all sins and eternal life. For the sake of the Son of God, they shall be accepted into divine grace and are children in the kingdom of God.**

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Holy Communion

\*Words of Institution for Holy Communion

\*Lord’s Prayer

Distribution Songs: “Jesus Thank You” | “Jesus Paid It All”

\*Blessing

\*Closing Song – “Lord Regin In Me”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## **New Testament Lesson – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. <sup>12</sup> For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

## **“Gospel” – 1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

# **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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May 5, 2024 | 6th Sunday of Easter/Faith Lutheran's New Member Sunday

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 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.



## ***Faith Lutheran Warmly Welcomes Don and Sandy as New Members!***



Faith Lutheran warmly welcomes two new members today,  
Don and Sandy Schnell from Emmetsburg!

## ***Graduation Recognition is Sunday, May 12***

There is a table with baskets in the back for anyone wishing to congratulate Faith's 3 young adults who are graduating from high school. From Sioux Central High School is Lacey Johnson; and from Okobojo High School is Emily Quanbeck and Drew Sandven. Graduation Recognition Sunday will be next Sunday, May 12.

## ***Congregational Forum and Reformation on May 19!***

Faith Lutheran's Church Council will host a **Congregational Forum** on Sunday, May 19. Discussions will include a technology update and the budget.


We will also celebrate **Reformation Sunday** on May 19! It is a time when we wear red in honor of the Christian reformation Martin Luther started in Wittenberg, Germany, with his 95 Thesis.

### ***2024 VBS Day Camp***

**June 17-20 | 12:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**Ages: Preschool Through Those Entering 6th Grade**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**

We are looking for middle and high school helpers and any adults that would want to volunteer too! We are also looking for Thrivent cards for snacks and food!

Registration Forms are available on the Welcome Center, scanning the QR code, or online at <https://bit.ly/3KoG5Fk>



May 6 - Owen Storley

May 7 - Darla Kurtenbach

May 8 - Mark Speidel

May 10 - Shirley Kooker

## Birthday Blessings

### **Encouragement for the newlyweds!**

*Faith Lutheran would like to congratulate Marlee and Ashish Ingale on their marriage!*



Would you like to help them continue to celebrate? On the Welcome Center are cards and envelopes that are each labeled with an anniversary month or year. You are welcome to take a card, write a word of encouragement, advice, or a scripture passage, and return it to the box on the Welcome Center or Gloria's mailbox by her office.

*Please return the cards to Gloria by Sunday, May 19.*

Gloria will collect all of the cards and mail them back to Scotland for Marlee and Ashish to read on the corresponding anniversary of their marriage.

### **Blessing of the Quilts on Sunday, May 12**

In honor of all mothers, we will display the quilts we have sewn and tied this past year. We hope you enjoy them. Picture a mother wrapping one of these quilts around her child to keep them warm. We pray the recipients will feel God's love and know they haven't been forgotten and someone cares.

### **Item of the Month ~ Bath-size Bars of Soap**

Soap is used in the personal care kits. Being driven from home means devastating loss. Even the most basic necessities for cleanliness can be out of reach. A personal care kit provides much needed self-care, critical germ fighting and a chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.

### **Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Pantry is in need of the following items for our community:**

Canned fruit, rice (any kind), green beans

Donated items for both Lutheran World Relief and Upper Des Moines Opportunity can be put in the yellow boxes near the front doors.



### **Individual Offering Envelopes**

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, please write your name on the envelope.

## 2024 GENERAL OFFERING & ATTENDANCE – BUDGET: \$420,894.00

| Date                  | March       | April 1-7    | April 8-14   | April 15-21  | April 22-28  |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Attendance            | 174         | 149          | 163          | 174          | 236          |
| Live Stream Computers | 20          | 19           | 21           | 16           | 17           |
| General Giving        | \$32,254.32 | \$6,680.00   | \$3,300.00   | \$3,822.00   | \$6,194.75   |
| Year to Date          | \$96,334.66 | \$103,060.55 | \$106,432.86 | \$110,301.26 | \$116,556.01 |

**Thank you for generously supporting Faith and our Mission partners in 2024!**

*Thank you for designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Faith Lutheran!*

*In the month of April, we received **\$1,409** in Thrivent Choice Dollars.*

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

Altar Prep: Susie Brinkley, Lora Johnson | Communion Servers: Marv & Janet Schutter  
Children's Message: Bill Kersting | Counters: Barb Solberg, Jolynne Eilts  
Fellowship: Terry & Jolene Hansen | Greeters: Larry & Shirley Nelson  
Instrumentalists: Jolynne Eilts, Jared Hansen, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben  
Prayer Intercessors: Jim Paulsen, Dave Simington, Jake & Karen Jacobson  
Prayers of the Church: LaVonne Clark | Scripture Reader: Darrel Heckathorn  
Camera: Kent Heazlett | Computer: Becky Simons | Sound: Cheryl Stueven  
Lead Tech: Brett Eilts | Vocalists: Lauren Rouse, Corbin Maaland, Trisha Rohmiller,  
Whitney Gray | Worship Leader: Greg Lear

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Counters: Greg Lear, Larry Wigen | Fellowship: Paul & Kris Behrens  
Greeters: Jake & Karen Jacobson | Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner,  
Gloria McKenney, Evan Storley, Anna Quanbeck | Message: Pastor Ben  
Prayers of the Church: Darrel Heckathorn | Scripture Reader: Emily Hoppe  
Camera: Brittany Spieker | Computer: Paul Wire | Sound: Isaac Storley  
Lead Tech: Jacob Weeks | Vocalists: Rachel & Annabelle Simington,  
Cassie & Riley Simcox | Worship Leader: Jim Paulsen

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# ***This Week at Faith***

## **Wednesday, May 8**

- 11:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship vocalist rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Council meeting  
High school youth group

## **Thursday, May 9**

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning coffee fellowship

## **Saturday, May 11**

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

## **Upcoming Events**

**Sunday, May 12** Mother's Day, High School Graduation Recognition and Blessing of the Quilts

**Sunday, May 19** Reformation Sunday and Congregational Forum

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.