

God's Lighthouse

When Chaos
Comes
Knocking:
The Lighthouse of
Truth and the Reef
of Relativism



Prelude

Welcome

Prayer

Opening Song – “Come People of the Risen King”

*Invocation

We meet in the strong name of our God;

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

*Litany (*from “All Because of Mercy,” by Casting Crowns*)

I could stand here and try to tell you I found my way here on my own,

Brought to life this heart of stone,

Working my own way to good as if anyone could,

Made up my own mind to change my own life.

But the truth is I've been broken since my very first breath.

The truth is I've been wandering since my very first step.

I know the only reason I can stand here unashamed...

Is not because I'm worthy. It's all because of mercy.

There's no way that I could earn it.

Praise God my debt is paid!

It's not because I'm worthy.

It's all because of mercy. Thanks be to God!

*Prayer of the Day

Dear God, all week long we are flooded by half-truths, lies and messages that do not matter. We have gathered to hear from You. Only Your Word is food for our souls. In this hour, speak to our hearts, and nourish us in Your Word of grace and truth. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song – “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

Baptism of Becker Allen Treybal and Legend William Sorensen

Song – “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

New Testament Lesson – 1 John 5:19-20

*Gospel – John 1:9-17

Children's Message

VBS Youth - “Pharaoh Pharaoh” and “Romans 16:19”

Song – “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 119:89-96

Sermon – “When Chaos Comes Knocking:
The Lighthouse of Truth & the Reef of Relativism”

Song – “Ancient Words”

Prayers of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

*Lord’s Prayer

*Blessing

*Closing Song - “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Please stand if you are able.*

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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June 23, 2024 | 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. | Live Stream: [youtube.com/@flcspencer](https://www.youtube.com/@flcspencer)

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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.



New Testament Lesson – 1 John 5:19-20

¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. ²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true by being in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Gospel – John 1:9-17

⁹ The true Light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. ¹¹ He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God – ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, "This is the One I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.'") ¹⁶ Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 119:89-96

⁸⁹ Your Word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness continues through all generations; You established the earth, and it endures. ⁹¹ Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve You. ⁹² If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. ⁹³ I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have preserved my life. ⁹⁴ Save me, for I am Yours; I have sought out Your precepts. ⁹⁵ The wicked are waiting to destroy me, but I will ponder Your statutes. ⁹⁶ To all perfection I see a limit, but Your commands are boundless.

Item of the Month ~ 30 Centimeter rulers

(can have inches on one side &
centimeters on the other)



School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles.

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

Mac 'n cheese, canned fruit

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



Canvas Painting Fundraiser

Join us on **Thursday, June 27**, at Oneota Park in Spencer for an evening of step-by-step guided painting. See the photo for an idea of what we will be creating! All supplies are provided. **The evening begins at 6:30 p.m.**

Cost is \$40 per person if preregistered; day-of registration is accepted but will increase to \$45. Included in the registration fee is some light snacks and beverages. You are also welcome to bring your own.

Save your spot by filling out the form online (available by scanning the QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/3Rik697>), or by dropping the registration fee of \$40/person in the offering blessing box. Be sure to include your name(s) and note that it is for the Canvas Painting Event.

This event is a fundraiser for the Projector Project, put on by the Stewardship Team.

Oneota Park's address is 420 10th Ave. SE, Spencer.

Directions to the park: Take 10th Avenue (east side of the high school) headed south. Go past Grab & Go, turn east (left) at the Oneota Park sign.



WAYS to **GIVE** at Faith



In Person



- ◆ Use the Blessing Box in back at service time!

Drop Off

- ◆ Use our drop box located on the wall by the south-facing entry doors
- ◆ Drop it off in the Blessing Box during church hours (9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)



Mail-In

Mail your offering:

Faith Lutheran, P.O. Box 1322, Spencer, IA 51301

Christian Woman Speaks

Karen Brandt, Brittany Spieker, Rachel Simington, Nancy Ketcham, Alice Nielsen and Gloria McKenney are involved in the radio broadcast *Christian Woman Speaks*.

The program is a fun experience and a great way to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

The next *Christian Woman Speaks* broadcast over

KICD-AM will be on

**Sunday, June 30, at 7:50 a.m.
with Nancy Ketcham!**



June 23 Cheryl Stueven

June 25 Grayson Hansen

June 26 Pam Harris

June 27 Drew Sandven

June 28 Elmer Nielsen

June 29 Gary Klett

Birthday Blessings

June 24 Jake & Karen Jacobson

June 25 Gene & Patty Englin

June 26 Gene & Denise Lovitt

June 27 Bill & Deb Neiderheiser

June 29 Troy & Chelsea Schmidt

Anniversary Wishes



Tech Booth

Help Needed!

The Technology Team is looking for members to help in the tech booth on Sundays. You do not need experience to do the different positions as you will be trained. Please contact Lance Storley if you're interested – techteam@flcspencer.org



IOLBC Celebrates Its 100th anniversary!

We are excited to celebrate 100 years of God's work through the ministry of Ingham Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camps (IOLBC) in 2024! Please join us for all or part of this special celebration weekend. *Events are at the Okoboji site unless otherwise noted.*

Friday, June 28

- 7:30 p.m. – Campfires at both sites.

Saturday, Jun 29

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. – Breakfast (*both sites*)
- 9:00 a.m. – Chapel Worship
- 10:00 a.m. – Bible study
- 10:00 a.m. – Group games for kids
- Noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Camp Era Reunions
- 3:00 p.m. – “Looking to the Future”
- 5:00 p.m. – Dinner @ First Lutheran Church, Milford (*pre-purchase of tickets strongly preferred*)
- 7:00 p.m. – Evening Worship at First Lutheran

Sunday, June 30

- 9:30 a.m. – Worship at the Beach
- 10:30 a.m. – Brunch

For more information and to register for events and housing, please go to www.okoboji.org/100

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

Date	May	June 1-2	June 3-9	June 10-16	
Attendance	152	144	140	161	
Live Stream Computers	15	13	17	12	
General Giving	\$20,777.00	\$7,518.00	\$5,822.00	\$9,494.68	
Year to Date	\$140,035.26	\$147,618.36	\$153,539.86	\$163,060.54	

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

To make the budget, we need \$40,247.00 per month for June-December.

Worship partners for today are ...

Altar Prep: Linda Conlon | Children's Message: Bill Kersting
Counters: Larry Wigen | Fellowship: Trisha Rohmiller, Sharon Cameron
Greeters: Craig & Lindsay Neiderheiser | Instrumentalists: Leah Kreutner, Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth
Scripture Reader: Heidi Skadeland | Prayers of the Church: Karen Brandt
Camera: Cassie Simcox | Computer: Kevin Swancutt | Sound: Cheryl Stueven
Lead Tech: Brett Eilts | Worship Leader: Eric Tigges | Vocalists: Joy Kelsch, Troy Rosendahl, Jim & Joan Unrau

Worship partners for June 30 are ...

Altar Prep: Denise Lovitt, Susie Brinkley | Children's Message: Pam Hanson
Counters: Barb Solberg, Jolene Hansen | Fellowship: Dave & Linda Susie
Greeters: Craig & Lindsay Neiderheiser | Instrumentalists: Carolyn Dundas, Gloria McKenney, Kevin Skadeland | Message: Pastor Ben Unseth
Scripture Reader: Kim Wilson | Prayers of the Church: Tim Brinkley
Camera: Paul Wire | Computer: Cindy Tigges | Sound: Brett Eilts
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This Week at Faith

Wednesday, June 19

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Vocalist Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Thursday, June 27

- 9:00 a.m. Thursday Morning Coffee Group
- 6:30 p.m. Canvas Painting at Oneota Park – Fundraiser for new Projectors | Scan the QR code to register!



Saturday, June 29

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

Upcoming Events

Save the Date! Aug. 5 Worship & Fun Day at Ingham Lake Bible Camp!

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/

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 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.

LifeKids Spencer

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday | KinderKids - 5th grade (no preschool age children) that follows Spencer's school calendar.
Register for the 2023-2024 by scanning the QR code.

