

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -  
February 26, 2023 • 1st Sunday in Lent

Lenten Theme: *The Return of the Prodigal Son, A Story of Homecoming*

## OPENING

### GATHERING SONGS

*Greatness of Our God  
How He Loves*

### CALL TO WORSHIP FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Pastor: Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (*Joel 2:13*)

**Congregation: Like wayward children, we are on our way,  
returning to our loving Father. This is a journey of homecoming!**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### BIBLE READING **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32** Pew Bible pg. #954

*We are studying The Parable of The Prodigal Son throughout Lent. How is this story your invitation to come home to God?*

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'  
<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable.

<sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, 'There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" <sup>20</sup>So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found."

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

## WORD

### SERMON

Pastor Bob Stelter

#### **Casting the Characters**

Goal: That we identify with the characters in the parable and see ourselves living their roles in our lives.

### SERMON SONG

*Beautiful Things*

### SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

#### OFFERING SONG

Sandra Bohlken, Solo

*How Can It Be?*

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Merciful Father,

**Congregation: Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that we have already received the greatest gift of all, the forgiveness of our sins through the sacrifice of your Son. Bless our gifts for your unfinished work. Remind us that the redemption of our lives did not come without a price. Help us to live as agents of your boundless love and mercy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. (Psalm 32)**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

#### COMMUNION SONG

Khyle Wooten, Solo

## SENDING

### BENEDICTION FOR LENT

Pastor: Forty days we journey together through Lent. God welcomes prodigals. Be strengthened and return to the Lord. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

#### SENDING SONG

*Only King Forever*

#### DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*The arrangement on the altar remind us of our penitential sacrifice and determination during the Lenten season.*

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Traditional Worship, 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship, 11:11am

**Faith Guest WiFi Password: beblessed**

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## WELCOME!

As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism and our ministries? Contact Pastor Bob, [pastorbob@faithloves.org](mailto:pastorbob@faithloves.org).

## Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live or online at [YouTube.com/atFaithLutheran3329/stream](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atFaithLutheran3329/stream)

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, 10:15am.** New study of the Book of Revelation, led by John Woods in *The Cup*.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15am.**

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 1:30pm** led by John Woods.

**HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm.** Come join us! Lynn offers piano lessons, too. Contact her at [rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com](mailto:rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com) or call 503-819-0118.

**COLUMBARIUM NICHES** are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our **Columbarium Booklet** in the narthex.

**2023 FLOWER CHART** has been posted. Sign up on the bulletin board by the library.

**NOTICE!** Pastor Bob has never and will never ask for support or funds via email, text or Facebook. If you have received one of these requesting funds or support from Pastor Bob, please report it to the office immediately, 865-966-9626.

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

11:11am Contemporary

Altar Guild	Vicki Adams
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Deb Miller, Connie Rist, Katie Lehner, Richard Lehner
Greeter	Deanne Benorden
Ushers	Eric Johnson, Doug Gerrick
Offering Stewards	Debbie Ragucci, George Herbold

**SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY**  
Open Mondays, March 6, 3-5pm & March 20, 3-6pm

Items needed:

**Canned Beans • Dry Bagged Beans, 1lb.  
Cereal (no added sugar) • Shampoo • Conditioner**

Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at:  
[shephopepantry@gmail.com](mailto:shephopepantry@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISITS Tuesday, February 28, 5pm.** Fresh fruits and treats are always welcome.

**THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON LENTEN STUDY**  
Wednesdays during Lent, March 1-March 29, 6-7pm.  
Books are available in the narthex.

**SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP Tuesday, March 7, 6:30pm.** Mary Bales presents *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger.

**GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERT**  
Performing Here—Monday March 13, 7pm!

**VIA DE CRISTO WEEKEND MARCH 16-19.** Contact Elaine Mount for details, 865-898-1474.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION**  
Wednesdays, March 22 & 29, 5-6pm.  
One parent must attend with their child.

**FAITH SERVES KARM Saturdays: 3/25, 5/27, 7/22, 9/23, 12/2/23 & 1/27/24.**

**HEARTS ACROSS THE MILES**—a nonprofit organization that sends Girl Scout cookies to our military service men and women deployed overseas. If you have a family member or friend deployed through the end of April 2023 and would like for HATM to send them cookies to enjoy and share with their Unit, please send their deployment address to Melissa Russ by **March 20** at [mhruss@msn.com](mailto:mhruss@msn.com). These cookies have already been purchased for service members. Visit Face-

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Offerings Year to Date \$ 113,095  
Walk by Faith through 1/31 \$ 741,083



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## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Peggy Beckwith, Mary Blackburn, Amy Canapa, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Kim Fransch, Pat & Nick Gary, Mary Beth & Alex Greene, Maret & Leo Hebert, Carmen Larsen, Roger Legako, Kris Lehman, Bill Lucas, Heather McDonald, Debbie Moore, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Tim Stone, Kristie & Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Susan Vanacore, Nick Vanacore, Danny Willis.

*This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.*

**FRIENDS:** Kara Bledsoe, Marsha Bode, Sharon Brokenshire, Merriam & Newton Calhoun, Michael Carfi, Harold Chapel, Jack Cleave, Jan & Frank Colangelo, Shirley & Harrel Conneley, Martin Connor, Kathy Conover, Nancy Crain, Bill Crain, the Daminco family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Chris Elkins, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Darrell Foust, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Bea Horion, Larry Hu, Hannah Johnson, Kesey Irwin, Donna Knick, Laura Lehner, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Wilma Parker, Jim Presley, Sandra Prior, Claire Racine, Susan Roig, Terry Rosenberger, the Salles families, Scaglione family, Anne Marie Schrubbe, Tiphinne Shea-Scoba, Marilyn Savilisky, the Sliger family, Linda Smith, Austin Stephens, Lynda & Tommy Swayze, Paul Travis, Frank Tyler, Marian Williams, Scott Williams, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Lauren Wolfe, Martha Woodward, the Zehner family, Clarence & Elaine, Darcy, Gayle, Hannah, Irma, Jacob, Jodi, Jolena, Katie, Manard, Michael, Mila & family, Sam, Shayna and those we name to You.

**SPIRITUAL RENEWAL:** Season of Lent

**COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH:** Ron Fife, Tom Swayze, Barbara Barass, Judy Colebrook, Jeff Belt, Judy Morris, Derrick Russian, Gary Holtz.

**SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS:** Daniel, Bruce, Larry, James, Nicholas, Steve, Edward, Tyler, Floyd, Mike, Roy, Mack, Leo, Geoffery, Tyrone, Vanessa, Joan, Christen, Amanda, Noah, Shyshi, Brook, Ashland, Stephanie, Jenny, Kayla, Rhonda.

**CONCERN & ASSISTANCE:** The people of Ukraine; the earthquake victims in Syria & Turkey.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, Mercy Ships, Iglesia Luterano Augustana de Guatemala & Milagro Women's Education Center, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

**PEACE:** Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.



## 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 5, 2023

#### Sunday, February 26 1st Sunday in Lent

9:00am	Traditional Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
10:15am	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class <i>library</i> Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am	Contemporary Worship
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>

#### Tuesday, February 28

1:30pm	Bible Study Small Group <i>The Cup</i>
5:00pm	Salvation Army Shelter visits
6:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

#### Wednesday, March 1

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
4:00pm	Staff Meeting
5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm	Return of the Prodigal Son Study & Supper
6:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 2

9:00am	Authors Guild of Tennessee <i>The Cup</i>
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

#### Friday, March 3

7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous Group <i>The Cup</i>
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#### Saturday, March 4

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>
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#### Sunday, March 5 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:00am	Traditional Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
10:15am	Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class <i>library</i> Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am	Contemporary Worship
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>

### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18. ▪ **Tuesday:** Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10.  
**Wednesday:** Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14.. ▪ **Thursday:** Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7.  
**Friday** Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31. ▪ **Saturday** Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31.  
**2nd Sunday in Lent** Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5,13-17; Matthew 4:1-11.