

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 • 9AM

1st Sunday in Lent • Bread of Life, Setting 5

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

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' forty-day fast in the desert is the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

PRELUDE

"Largo" from Sonata in E minor A Vivaldi

Lynda Primka, Cello

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS FOR LENT *stand or kneel*

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: The prophet Joel sounds the call for the season of Lent: "Return to the Lord, your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." (Joel 2:13) How do you respond?

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain a willing spirit within me.** (Psalm 51:10-12)

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and each other.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymnal, #319, *stand*

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through-out these for-ty days you prayed and kept the fast:
2 You strove with Sa-tan, and you won: your faith-ful-ness en-dured;
3 Though parched and hun-gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a-bove;
4 Be with us through this sea-son, Lord, and all our earth-ly days.



in-spire re-pen-tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e-ter-nal word.
so teach us to de-ny our-selves that we may know God's love.
that when the fi-nal Eas-ter dawns, we join in heav-en's praise.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

KYRIE hymnal, page 213

Kathy Thompson, Assisting Minister



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

PARISH WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Amy Canapa, Lector

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Pew Bible pg. #2

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1}Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ²The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: PSALM 32 Pew Bible pg. #496

Assistant: ¹Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Congregation: ²Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

A: ³While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

A: ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

C: ⁶**Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

A: ⁷You are a hiding-place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. Selah

C: ⁸**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

A: ⁹Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

C: ¹⁰**Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

A: ¹¹Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19 Pew Bible pg. #1029

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

¹²Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—¹³sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, hymnal #616, *stand*

Jesus, Remember Me

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom, Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The second staff ends with the instruction "Sing twice".

GOSPEL: 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?

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke , the 15th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

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

¹¹Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The 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. ¹³A 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. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.

¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But 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! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰So 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. ²¹Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” ²²But 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.

²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” ³¹Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

³²But 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.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, hymnal #616, *stand*

Jesus, Remember Me

Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

Je-sus, re-men-ber me when you come in-to your king-dom.

Sing twice

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal #759, *stand*

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assistant: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Assistant: You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future.
Merciful God,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Care for those who tend to the needs of others, especially worship greeters, coffee hour hosts, and nursery attendants. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Pastor: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Congregation: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING ANTHEM

Let the Praise Go 'Round arr. Hal Hopson

OFFERTORY *stand*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER FOR LENT

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

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)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE FOR LENT

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call us to cleanse our hearts so that we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR LENT

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. Great is the majesty of your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you
and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond **Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN hymnal, #614

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;
 there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

- 1 Some-times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain.
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul.
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you look for knowl edge he'll ne'er re fuse to lend.

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

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

Congregation: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray,

Congregation: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR SENDING OF DEACONS

Lois Simmons, Donna Deichert
February 26-March 11

Deacons come forward to receive communion kits.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Congregation: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick and homebound. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing be to God our mak - er, source of all
2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have striv - en brings us the
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i - ta - tion; you are the
1 E - ter - nal Word... still by the Fa - ther spo - ken, speak to us
5 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it: one Lord, one



bles - ing, prod - i - gal cre - a - tor. Bap - tize and make your own
peace which you, O Christ, have giv - en. Bap - tize and set a - part;
truth, our hope, and our sal - va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r,
now in this bap - tis - mal to - ken; pro - claim a - new to us
faith, one source of ev - 'ry mer - it. Here now re - new your church



those who come be - fore you, while we a - dore you,
come, O ris - en Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor,
give, O Dove de - scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing,
love di - vine, un - ceas - ing, in us in - creas - ing,
through this syn - bol giv - en: grant peace from heav - en.

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Return to the Lord!

Congregation: We are coming home!

A: Go in peace to love God, love others, serve.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Aria" from Semele G.F. Handel

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

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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.

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 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.

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Items needed:

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

Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at:
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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. These cookies have already been purchased for service members. Visit Facebook at [HeartsAcrossTheMiles](https://www.facebook.com/HeartsAcrossTheMiles) or heartsacrossthemiles.com.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

Altar Guild	Gretchen Sandidge
Assisting Minister	Kathy Thompson
Lector	Amy Canapa
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Pat Lyman, Mildred Fenske, David Mabry
Greeter	Mary Beth Hallahan
Ushers	Jim Hallahan, Brad Nelson
Offering Stewards	Debbie Ragucci, George Herbold

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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.

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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.



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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
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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.