

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -
March 5, 2023 • 2nd Sunday in Lent

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

OPENING

GATHERING SONGS

*Good, Good Father
Goodness of God*

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. Today we focus on the younger son, the prodigal. This is a story of not only his father's forgiveness, but of his repentance. We will be reading the parable from different translations of The Bible each week. Today, the King James version.

Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them." ³And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

¹¹"A certain man had two sons: ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. ¹³And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. ¹⁴And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. ¹⁵And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. ¹⁷And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, ¹⁹And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. ²⁰And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. ²¹And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. ²²But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: ²³And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. ²⁵Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. ²⁸And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. ²⁹And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: ³⁰But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. ³¹And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. ³²It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found."

SERMON

The Younger Son's Repentance

Pastor Bob Stelter

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

WORD

SERMON SONG

Softly and Tenderly

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

THANKSGIVING

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

OFFERING PRAYER

Pastor: Merciful Father,

Congregation: we bring our 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. Help us to live as agents of your boundless love and mercy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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

You Know My Name

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

Your Love Never Fails

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

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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/atFaithLutheran3329/stream)

Daylight Savings Time springs forward next Sunday!

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.

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.

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

Items needed:

**Small Bags of Easter Candy • Crushed Pineapple, 20oz
 Canned Pasta Sauce • Vegetable Oil 32oz in Plastic
 Cake Mix & Icing (Happy Colors)**

Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at:
shephopepantry@gmail.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON LENTEN STUDY & SUPPER Wednesdays during Lent, March 8-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
 Potluck before the concert starts at 5:30pm

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, 12/23 & 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 HATM can send them cookies to enjoy and share with their unit. Just send their deployment address to our member, 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

11:11am Contemporary

Altar Guild	Debbie Pinchok
Communion Ministers	Scarlett Parrott, Jack Parrott, Carrie Parrott Teensy Weldon, Frank Weldon
Greeter	Joanne Sills
Ushers	David Wyatt, Earl Kripas
Offering Stewards	Brad Nelson, Ken Savitz

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 Offerings Year to Date \$ 121,885
 Walk by Faith through 1/31 \$ 741,083



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PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Peggy Beckwith, Jennifer Berry, Mary Blackburn, Amy Canapa, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Kim Fransch, Pat & Nick Gary, the Green family, 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: Glenn Bird, 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, Thomas Merish, 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, Sliger family, Linda Smith, Austin Stephens, Lynda & Tommy Swayze, Paul Travis, Frank Tyler, Marian Williams, Scott Williams, Andrea Wilson, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Lauren Wolfe, Martha Woodward, the Zehner family, Clarence & Elaine, Darcy, Gayle, Hannah, Irma, Jacob, Jodi, Jolena, Katie, Lynda, Manard, Michael, Mila & family, Sam, Shayna and those we name to You.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL: Season of Lent.

WELCOME: Isaiah, Micah, Sandra & Greg Bohlken.

FAREWELL & GODSPEED: Kyle Wooten.

HAPPY 1ST ANNIVERSARY: Lynn Rognsvoog, organist.

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

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Heather, Kayla, Buffy, Janine, Joan, Marcella, Amy Heather, Brittany, Brandon, Bill, James, Mike, Edward, John, John, Tim, Robert, Brent.

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 MARCH 5-12, 2023

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>

Monday, March 6

9:00am	Sons of Norway
10:00am	Moms Club of Northshore
3-5pm	Food Pantry open

Tuesday, March 7

1:30pm	Bible Study Small Group <i>The Cup</i>
6:00pm	MOPS <i>nursery</i>
6:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>
6:30pm	Spirituality Book Group
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

Wednesday, March 8

10:00am	Little's Group
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 9

7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>
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Friday, March 10

9:30-11:30	Cole Center Caregiver Community <i>Fellowship Hall, library</i>
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous Group <i>The Cup</i>

Saturday, March 11

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>
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Sunday, March 12 3rd 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 Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am	Contemporary Worship
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 128; Numbers 21:4-9; Hebrews 3:1-6. ▪ **Tuesday:** Psalm 128; Isaiah 65:17-25; Romans 4:6-13.
Wednesday: Psalm 128; Ezekiel 36:22-32; John 7:53-8:11. ▪ **Thursday:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:1-8; Colossians 1:15-23.
Friday: Psalm 95; Exodus 16:9-21; Ephesians 2:11-22. ▪ **Saturday:** Psalm 95; Exodus 16:27-35; John 4:1-6.
3rd Sunday in Lent: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.