

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

March 12, 2023 • 3rd Sunday in Lent

Installation of Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate • Installation of Sandra Bohlken, Contemporary Worship Leader  
Lenten Theme: *The Return of the Prodigal Son, A Story of Homecoming*

## OPENING

### GATHERING SONGS

*Holy Water*

*Canon of Grace* arr. Linda R. Lamb

Handbell Choir

### 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

*We are studying The Parable of The Prodigal Son throughout Lent. Today we focus on the elder brother.*

*We will be reading the parable from different translations of The Bible each week. Today, the Cotton Patch version.*

Jesus went on to say, "A man had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Dad, give me my share of the business.' So he split up the business between them. Not so long after that the younger one packed up all his stuff and took off for a foreign land, where he threw his money away living like a fool. Soon he ran out of cash, and on top of that, the country was in a deep depression. So he was really hard up. He finally landed a job with one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into the fields to feed *hogs!* And he was hungry enough to tank up on the slop the hogs were eating. Nobody was giving him even a hand-out. One day an idea bowled him over. 'A lot of my father's hired hands have more than enough bread to eat, and out here I'm starving in this depression. I'm gonna get up and go to my father and say, 'Dad, I've sinned against God and you, and am no longer fit to be called your son—just make me one of your hired hands.' "So he got up and came to his father. While he was some distance down the road, His father saw him and was moved to tears. He ran to him and hugged him and kissed him and kissed him.

The boy said, 'Dad, I've sinned against God and you, and I'm not fit to be your son any more—.' But the father said to his servants, 'You all run quick and get the best suit you can find and put it on him. Get his family ring for his hand and some dress shoes for his feet. Then I want you to bring that stall-fed steer and butcher it, and let's all eat and whoop it up, because this son of mine was given up for dead, and he's still alive; He was lost and is now found.' And they began to whoop it up.

But his older son was out in the field. When he came in and got almost home, he heard the music and the dancing and he called one of the little boys and asked him what in the world was going on. The little boy said, 'Why, your brother has come home, and your daddy has butchered the stall-fed steer, because he got him back safe and sound.' At this he blew his top, and wouldn't go in. His father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look here, all these years I've slaved for you, and never once went contrary to your orders. And yet, at no time have you ever given me so much as a baby goat with which to pitch a party for my friends. But when this son of yours—who has squandered the business on whores—comes home, you butcher for him the stall-fed steer.' But he said to him, 'My boy, my dear boy, you are with me all the time, and what's mine is yours. But I just can't *help* getting happy and whooping it up, because *this brother of yours* was dead and is alive; he was lost and has been found.'"

### SERMON

*The Case For & Against the Elder Brother*

Pastor Bob Stelter

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

## WORD

### SERMON SONG

*Less Like Me*

INSTALLATION OF SANDRA BOHLKEN, Contemporary Worship Leader  
& GREG BOHLKEN, Ministry Associate

### 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

*Build My Life*

## 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

*My Lighthouse*

#### 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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**Dr. Bob Stelter** — Pastor  
**Greg Bohlken** — Ministry Associate  
**Lynn Rognsvoog** — Organist  
**Collin Kasefang** — Choir Director  
**Lisa Stelter** — Worship Graphics

**Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers**  
**Sandra Bohlken** — Contemporary Worship Leader  
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**Barbara Birkholz** — Financial Secretary  
**Mildred Fenske** — Prayer Chain Coordinator  
**Alicia & David Brondos** — Missionaries

Thanks to our volunteers who help assemble these bulletins.

**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/atFaithLutheran3329/stream)

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** springs forward today!

**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.**

**COUNCIL Q & A SUNDAY MARCH 26, 10:15AM & 12:15PM.**

**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**

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| Altar Guild         | Debbie Pinchok  |
| Communion Ministers | Cortlyn Titsworth, Cadence Titsworth, Ethan Gray<br>Dawn Titsworth, Matt Gray |
| Greeter             | Yvette Edwards  |
| Ushers              | Shirley Hahn, Eric Johnson  |
| Offering Stewards   | Gary Dakolios, George Herbold   |

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**SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY**

**Open Monday, 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](mailto:shephopepantry@gmail.com)

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**GRAND VIEW UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERT**

**Performing Here—Monday March 13, 7pm  
 Potluck before the concert starts at 5:30pm**

**THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON LENTEN STUDY & SUPPER Wednesdays during Lent, March 15-March 29, 6-7pm.** Books are available in the narthex.

**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 Saturday, March 25**

**5/27, 7/22, 9/23, 12/2/23 & 1/27/24**

**SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISITS, Tuesday, March 28.**

**4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26, 10/24, 11/28, & 12/19**

**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](mailto:mhruss@msn.com). These cookies have already been purchased for service members. Visit Facebook at [HeartsAcrossTheMiles](https://www.facebook.com/HeartsAcrossTheMiles) or [heartsacrossthemiles.com](https://www.heartsacrossthemiles.com).

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**Offerings last Sunday: \$ 9,233**  
**Offerings Year to Date \$ 131,118**  
**Walk by Faith \$ 741,083**



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## PRAYER CONCERNS

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*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, Hilda Chapel, Jack Cleave, Jan & Frank Colangelo, Shirley & Harrel Conneley, Martin Connor, Kathy Conover, Nancy Crain, Bill Crain, the Damingo family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Al Eden, Chris Elkins, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Rita Flynn, Darrell Foust, Sandra & Joe Garber, Gregory Goodall, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Bea Horion, Larry Hu, LaMont Jibben, Hannah Johnson, Joe Jones, 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, Dyann, Darrell, Tina & Denise Sliger, 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.

**RENEWAL:** Upcoming Via de Cristo retreat. Pilgrim, Pat Weaver; Team, Dee Bumpers, Elaine & Gary Mount.

**COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH:** Suzanne Nicely, 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.



## 2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

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### WEEK OF MARCH 12-19, 2023

**Sunday, March 12** 3rd Sunday in Lent  
**Installation of Greg Bohlken,  
Ministry Associate**

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

#### Monday, March 13

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| 5:30pm | Potluck Dinner before Concert |
| 7:00pm | Grand View Choir Concert      |
| 6:00pm | Property Team meeting         |

#### Tuesday, March 14

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

#### Wednesday, March 15

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| 10:00am | Anna Esther Circle <i>The Cup</i>            |
| 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<br>Study & Supper |
| 6:30pm  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal                      |

#### Thursday, March 16 Newsletter Deadline

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| 9:30am | Handy Faithfuls                    |
| 6:00pm | Executive Committee meeting        |
| 6:30pm | Council meeting                    |
| 7:30pm | Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i> |

#### **March 16-19 Via de Cristo Weekend**

#### Friday, March 17

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| 7:00pm | Narcotics Anonymous Group <i>The Cup</i> |
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#### Saturday, March 18

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| 11:00am | AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i> |
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#### Sunday, March 19 4th Sunday in Lent

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| 9:00am  | Traditional Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>  |
| 10:00am | Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>   |
| 10:15am | International Ministry meeting <i>library</i><br>Adult Sunday School, New Study Begins<br>Children's Sunday School<br>Praise Team Rehearsal |
| 11:11am | Contemporary Worship  |
| 3-7pm   | Sons of Norway <i>The Cup</i>   |
| 5:00pm  | AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>   |

### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** Psalm 81; Genesis 24:1-27; 2 John 1:1-13. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 81; Genesis 29:1-14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4.

**Wednesday:** Psalm 81; Jeremiah 2:4-13; John 7:14-31, 37-39.

**Thursday:** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:10-21; Ephesians 4:25-32. • **Friday** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:22-31; Ephesians 5:1-9.

**Saturday** Psalm 23; 1 Samuel 15:32-34; John 1:1-9.

**4th Sunday in Lent** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.