

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -  
March 19, 2023 • 4th Sunday in Lent

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

## OPENING

### GATHERING SONGS

*Forgiveness*  
*One Thing Remains*

### 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 New English Bible.*

Another time, the tax-gatherers and other bad characters were all crowding in to listen to him; <sup>2</sup>and the Pharisees and the doctors of the law began grumbling among themselves: 'This fellow', they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.'<sup>3</sup>He answered them with this parable:

<sup>11</sup>Again he said: 'There was once a man who had two sons; <sup>12</sup>and the younger said to his father, "Father, give me my share of the property." So he divided his estate between them. <sup>13</sup>A few days later the younger son turned the whole of his share into cash and left home for a distant country, where he squandered it in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>He had spent it all, when a severe famine fell upon that country and he began to feel the pinch. <sup>15</sup>So he went and attached himself to one of the local landowners, who sent him on to his farm to mind the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would have been glad to fill his belly with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they can eat, and here am I, starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set off and go to my father, and say to him, 'Father, I have sinned, against God and against you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer fit to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.'<sup>20</sup>So he set out for his father's house. But while he was still a long way off his father saw him, and his heart went out to him. He ran to meet him, flung his arms round him, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>The son said, "Father, I have sinned, against God and against you; I am no longer fit to be called your son." Some witnesses add: treat me as one of your paid servants. <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, "Quick! fetch a robe, my best one, and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us have a feast to celebrate the day. <sup>24</sup>For this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And the festivities began.

<sup>25</sup>Now the elder son was out on the farm; and on his way back, as he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the servants and asked what it meant. <sup>27</sup>The servant told him, "Your brother has come home, and your father has killed the fatted <sup>28</sup>calf because he has him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out <sup>29</sup>and pleaded with him; but he retorted, "You know how I have slaved for you all these years; I never once disobeyed your orders; and you never gave me so much as a kid, for a feast with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But now that this son of yours turns up, after running through your money with his women, you kill the fatted calf for him." <sup>31</sup>"My boy," said the father, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>How could we help celebrating this happy day? Your brother here was dead and has come back to life, was lost and is found."

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

## WORD

### SERMON

*The Father's View*

Pastor Bob Stelter

### SERMON SONG

*Reckless Love*

### 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

## 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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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/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	Debbie Pinchok
Communion Ministers	Lisa Stelter, Shirley Hahn, Deb Houck Richard Lehner, Doug Houck
Greeter	Carol Nanney
Ushers	Linda & John Shoemaker
Offering Stewards	Laura Sproat, Gary Dakolios

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### **SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY** **Open tomorrow, 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**

**INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY MEETING today, 10:15am** library.

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

**THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON LENTEN STUDY & SUPPER** Wednesdays during Lent, March 22-March 29, 6-7pm. Books are available in the narthex.

**THE ART OF WORSHIP** Wednesday, March 22, 5:30-7:30pm in *The Cup*. Youth and Adults welcome.

**FAITH SERVES KARM** this Saturday, March 25, noon.  
 Please sign up to cook or serve.

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

**COUNCIL Q & A NEXT SUNDAY, March 26, 10:15am & 12:15pm.**

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

**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](http://heartsacrossthemiles.com).

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Offerings last Sunday: \$ 18,757**  
**Offerings Year to Date \$ 149,875**  
**Walk by Faith through 2/28 \$ 742,674**



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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 Damasco family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Al Eden, Jon Efreland, 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, Kelsey Irwin, Donna Knick, Laura Lehner, Nina Levenson, 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, 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:** Via de Cristo retreat. Pilgrim, Pat Weaver; Team members, Dee Bumpers, Elaine & Gary Mount.

**COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH:** Darrell Sliger, Suzanne Nicely, Ron Fife, Tom Swayze, Barbara Barass.

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

**PRAYERS, CONCERN & ASSISTANCE:** The people of Ukraine; the earthquake victims in Syria & Turkey; the physically & mentally disabled.

**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 19-26, 2023

#### Sunday, March 19 4th Sunday in Lent

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

#### Monday, March 20

**3-6pm Food Pantry open**

#### Tuesday, March 21

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

#### Wednesday, March 22

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
4:00pm	Staff Meeting
<b>5-6:00pm</b>	<b>1st Communion Class</b>
<b>5:30-7:30</b>	<b>The Art of Worship</b>
5:30pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Return of the Prodigal Son</b>
	<b>Study &amp; Supper</b>
6:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, March 23

7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

#### Friday, March 24

<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Cole Center Caregiver Community</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Narcotics Anonymous Group</b> <i>The Cup</i>

#### Saturday, March 25

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>
<b>Noon</b>	<b>Faith Serves KARM</b>

#### Sunday, March 26 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00am	Traditional Worship <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Council Q &amp; A</b>
	Adult Sunday School
	Children's Sunday School
	Confirmation Class
	Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am	Contemporary Worship
<b>12:15pm</b>	<b>Council Q &amp; A</b>
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>

### PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

**Monday:** Psalm 146; Isaiah 59:9-19; Acts 9:1-20. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 146; Isaiah 42:14-21; Colossians 1:9-14.  
**Wednesday:** Psalm 146; Isaiah 60:17-22; Matthew 9:27-34. • **Thursday:** Psalm 130; Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3; Revelation 10:1-11.  
**Friday** Psalm 130; Ezekiel 33:10-16; Revelation 11:15-19. • **Saturday** Psalm 130; Ezekiel 36:8-15; Luke 24:44-53.  
**5th Sunday in Lent** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.