

FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

March 26, 2023 • 5th Sunday in Lent

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

OPENING

GATHERING SONGS

Oh, Come to the Altar

We Say Yes

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

He Ran to Me (The Prodigal Son) Phillips, Craig & Dean

BIBLE READING Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

We are studying The Parable of The Prodigal Son throughout Lent. Today we focus on becoming like the father We will be reading the parable from different translations of The Bible each week. Today, The Message.

By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, "He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends." Their grumbling triggered this story.

Then he said, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger said to his father, 'Father, I want right now what's coming to me.' "So the father divided the property between them. It wasn't long before the younger son packed his bags and left for a distant country. There, undisciplined and dissipated, he wasted everything he had. After he had gone through all his money, there was a bad famine all through that country and he began to feel it. He signed on with a citizen there who assigned him to his fields to slop the pigs. He was so hungry he would have eaten the corn-cobs in the pig slop, but no one would give him any.

"That brought him to his senses. He said, 'All those farmhands working for my father sit down to three meals a day, and here I am starving to death. I'm going back to my father. I'll say to him, Father, I've sinned against God, I've sinned before you; I don't deserve to be called your son. Take me on as a hired hand.' He got right up and went home to his father.

"When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him. The son started his speech: 'Father, I've sinned against God, I've sinned before you; I don't deserve to be called your son ever again.'

"But the father wasn't listening. He was calling to the servants, 'Quick. Bring a clean set of clothes and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then get a prize-winning heifer and roast it. We're going to feast! We're going to have a wonderful time! My son is here—given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found!' And they began to have a wonderful time.

"All this time his older son was out in the field. When the day's work was done he came in. As he approached the house, he heard the music and dancing. Calling over one of the houseboys, he asked what was going on. He told him, 'Your brother came home. Your father has ordered a feast—barbecued beef!—because he has him home safe and sound.'

"The older brother stomped off in an angry sulk and refused to join in. His father came out and tried to talk to him, but he wouldn't listen. The son said, 'Look how many years I've stayed here serving you, never giving you one moment of grief, but have you ever thrown a party for me and my friends? Then this son of yours who has thrown away your money on whores shows up and you go all out with a feast!'

"His father said, 'Son, you don't understand. You're with me all the time, and everything that is mine is yours—but this is a wonderful time, and we had to celebrate. This brother of yours was dead, and he's alive! He was lost, and he's found!'

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

WORD

SERMON

Pastor Bob Stelter

Becoming the Father (In Grief, Forgiveness and Generosity)

SERMON SONG

Come As Your Are

SENDING OF DEACONS 3/26-4/8

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

Your Grace Is Enough

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.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

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

COUNCIL Q & A SUNDAY, Today, 10:15am & 12:15pm.

FESTUS, THE DONKEY — HERE FOR PALM SUNDAY, NEXT WEEK! He will lead us into both worship services.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, 10:15am. Join our new study of the Book of Revelation, led by John Woods, *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.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

11:11am Contemporary

Altar Guild	Debbie Pinchok
Communion Ministers	Kristie Turner, Amy Monteagudo, Connie Rist, Lisa Stelter, Lois Simmons
Greeter	Karoline Frasch
Ushers	Doug Houck, Earl Kripas
Offering Stewards	Ken Savitz, Gary Mount

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SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY
Open Mondays, April 3, 3-5pm & April 17, 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

Posies for the Pantry Saturday, April 22, 9am-1pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISITS, Tuesday, March 28.

We'll take your donations of treats and men's socks & boxers (sizes m-xl), along with women's underwear (sizes 6-11).

Future Dates: 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/22, 9/26, 10/24, 11/28, 12/19.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION Wednesday, March 29, 5-6pm.

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON LENTEN STUDY & SUPPER Wednesdays during Lent, March 29, 6-7pm.

PALM SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Join Us **10am til 11am** for a delicious Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast prepared & served by our Confirmation Class!

DEACON MEETING Sunday April 2, 12:15pm.

SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP Tuesday, April 4, 6:30pm in the library. Doug Bales will present **The Bark of the Bog Owl** by Jonathan Rogers.

EASTER FLOWERS Large arrangements will adorn our sanctuary on Easter. Suggested donation for memorials or honorariums is \$10.

EASTER BAPTISM FESTIVAL, Sunday, April 9, 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service.

FAITH SERVES KARM Saturday, May 27, noon.
 Future Dates: 7/22, 9/23, 12/2/23 & 1/27/24

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 11,935
Offerings Year to Date \$ 161,810
Walk by Faith through 2/28 \$ 742,674



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PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Peggy Beckwith, Jennifer Berry, Mary Blackburn, Amy Canapa, Leon Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Kim Fransch, Pat & Nick Gary, Mary Beth & Alex Greene, Maret & Leo Hebert, Carmen Larsen, Roger Legako, Kris Lehman, Heather McDonald, Lin & Mike McKinney, Debbie Moore, Carol Nanney, 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, Karleigh Brockman, 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 Damico 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 Slinger, 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, George, Hannah, Irma, Jacob, Jodi, Jolena, Katie, Lynda, Manard, Michael, Mila & family, Sam, Shayna *and those we name to You.*

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL: Season of Lent.

JOY & LOVE: Wedding of Sierra Morris & Karson Dye.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: Judy Colebrook, Randy Feagin, Darrell Slinger, 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.



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WEEK OF MARCH 26-APRIL 2, 2023

Sunday, March 26 5th Sunday in Lent

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

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 29

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

7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous Group <i>The Cup</i>
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Saturday, March 31

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>
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Sunday, April 2 Passion/Palm Sunday

	Palm Sunday Breakfast
9:00am	Traditional Worship with Festus <i>Sanctuary</i>
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i> Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class Cooks & Serves Palm Sunday Breakfast Praise Team Rehearsal
11:11am	Contemporary Worship with Festus
12:15pm	Deacon Meeting
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Zoom</i>

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 143; 1 Kings 17:17-24; Acts 20:7-12. ▪ **Tuesday:** Psalm 143; 2 Kings 4:18-37; Ephesians 2:1-10.

Wednesday: Psalm 143; Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41; Matthew 22:23-33.

Thursday: Psalm 31:9-16; 1 Samuel 16:11-13; Philippians 1:1-11. ▪ **Friday:** Psalm 31:9-16; Job 13:13-19; Philippians 1:21-30.

Saturday: Psalm 31:9-16; Lamentations 3:55-66; Mark 10:32-34.

Passion/Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54.