

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 26, 2023 • 9AM

5th Sunday in Lent • Bread of Life, Setting 5

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

INTRODUCTION

We continue our journey through Lent with a story of homecoming. Just like the prodigal son, Lent calls us to repent and return to our heavenly Father. Today, we examine how we can become the father in the story, especially through our grief, forgiveness and generosity.

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus arr. Anna Laura Page

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, #870 *stand*

We Praise You, O God



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
3 With voi - ces u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring,
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been,
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you: we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name: glad prais - es we sing,
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win,
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be 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.

△ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ■ Lord, have mer - cy.

△ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ■ Christ, have mer - cy.

△ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ■ Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

All: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through 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

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

PARISH WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Randy Schaefer, Lector

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pew Bible pg. #791

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'" ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 130 Pew Bible pg. #562

Assistant: ¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Congregation: ²Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

A: ³If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

C: ⁴But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

A: ⁵I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

C: ⁶my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

A: ⁷O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

C: ⁸It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11 Pew Bible pg. #1031

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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 - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Sing twice

GOSPEL: 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.

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

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord!

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!’

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-mem-ber me when you come in to your king-dom.

Sing twice

HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal #588 to tune 582 as shown, stand

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty,
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood,
 and the heart of the e - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind,
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n,
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more sim - ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n,
 there is room for fresh ere - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss,
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the head,
 and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet - ness of our Lord.

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 have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church.
Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe,
and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God,

Congregation: receive our prayer.

A: Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing. Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness. You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation (*specific ensembles may be named*) and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. 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

Amazing Grace arr. John Coates

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.

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.**

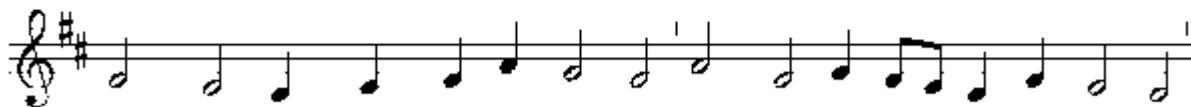
INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR BOB STELTER
Lamb of God

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.

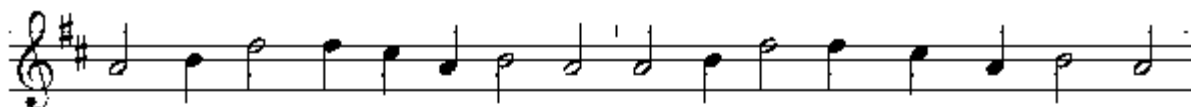
Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us,
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness,
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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

Debbie Pinchok, Ann Stewart
March 26-April 8

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.

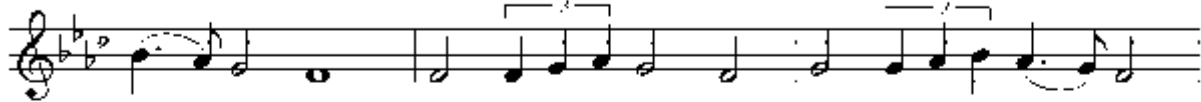
Congregation: Amen.

SENDING HYMN hymnal #327, *stand*

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row on - ward goes the
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on his ran - somed
3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as from the
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers: on - ward, with the



pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion,
peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and ter - ror,
heart of one: one the con - flict, one the per - il,
cross our aid, Bear its shame, and fight its bat - tle



march - ing to the prom - ised land,
bright - ning all the path we tread,
one the march in God be - gun,
till we rest be - neath its shade.



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
One the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
One the glad - ness of re - joice - ing on the far e -
Soon shall come the great a - wak - ning: soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light: pil - grim clasps the hand of pil - grim
nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing for - ward,
ter - ror - ous shore, where the one al - might - y Fa - ther
of the tomb! Then the seat of all of all shad - ows,



step - ping fear - less through the night,
one the hope our God in - spires,
reigns in love for - ev - er - more,
and the end of toil and gloom.

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

Wondrous Love arr. Robert Lau

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

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((())) Faith Guest WiFi Password: beblessed

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Lynn Rognsvoog — Organist
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Lisa Stelter — Worship Graphics

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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=FaithLutheran3329/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 a request for funds or support from him, please report it to the office immediately, 865-966-9626.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

9am Traditional

Altar Guild	Mary Bales
Assisting Minister	Marti Poole
Lector	Randy Schaefer
Communion Ministers	Marj West, Dee Bumpers, Mildred Fenske, Virginia McKinney
Greeter	Carol Schaefer
Ushers	Michael Lee, Stephen Dean Ken Savitz, Gary Mount

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, 12/23 & 1/27/24

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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.