

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

February 18, 2024 • First Sunday of Lent • 2024 Lenten Theme: Finding Hope in Suffering

GATHERING SONGS

Desert Song
Tremble

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

Pastor: It is Lent, the season of repentance.

Congregation: We return to you, O God.

P: From the Prophet Joel: "Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." (*Joel 2:13*)

C: We return to you, O God.

P: You sufferers and sojourners, pilgrims and prodigals, all are welcome here to worship as redeemed children of God. We gather in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: We return to you, O God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

BIBLE READING 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 *pew Bible page #1053*

Paul, who knew much about afflictions, encourages us when we are afflicted in his second letter to the Corinthian church. Since we are comforted by God in our afflictions, we are to comfort each other.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, ⁴who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. ⁵For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. ⁶If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. ⁷Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15 *pew Bible page #912*

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

SERMON

Lenten Sermon Series on Suffering

Pastor Bob Stelter

SERMON SONG

Way Maker

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION SONG

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and
be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG

Joy of the Lord

DISMISSAL

Praise Band: Our mission calls us to love God, love others, serve!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

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Welcome!

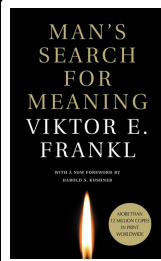
As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve.

**Please sign a
Worship Card
and place it in
offering plate.**



Inquirers
FOR THE CURIOUS NEWCOMER

Sun Feb 25, 10:15am, to learn about Faith Lutheran Church and the process of church membership. For more info or to RSVP, talk to Greg Bohlken, greg@faithloves.org



Lenten Book Study

Book Group Begins Feb 21
6:30-7:30pm
light dinner provided
Book available at Church

First Communion Classes
Wednesdays
Feb 21 & 28
5-6pm
Sign up on the bulletin board near the restrooms



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Open February 19 3-6pm

Current Needs: Dish soap

Boxed potatoes ▪ Syrup (plastic bottles)

Jelly (plastic bottles) ▪ Soup (large cans)

Contact Renee Stone, 865-599-7424.



SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT

Tues Feb 27, depart from Faith 5pm

Current Needs L-XL men's boxer briefs & women's sizes 7-11 briefs & socks

Contact Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945

YOUTH EVENTS

TODAY Faith Lutheran Church hosts 3rd Sunday of month event with Knox-area Lutheran youth for faith and fun fellowship. 3rd-5th grd, 12:30-2pm | 6-12th grd 2:30-4pm



Sign up for AFFIRM camp!

Incredible youth camp June 9-14 for students grade 6 to college. Use sesyouth.org/AFFIRM to sign up. Questions? greg@faithloves.org

**FIRST WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6**

Join us for dinner, fellowship, and growing in faith with classes, choirs, and groups. There's something for everyone! RSVP for dinner with this QR code or at tinyurl.com/FirstWed030624



WORSHIP THEMES

† Feb 18 First Sunday in Lent - a time of repentance and renewal for Easter
Finding Hope in the Midst of Suffering

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- † Adult Bible Class Sundays, 10:15am in The Cup
- † Teen Sunday School, 10:15am in the Youth Room
- † Confirmation, 10:15am in the Library near the Nursery
- † Children's Sunday School, 10:15am in the classroom near the Nursery
- † Tuesday Bible Study, 1:30pm in The Cup

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- † Spirituality Book Group discusses *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* Tues Mar 5, 6:30pm in the church Library
- † 2024 Flower Chart is posted by the library. Sign up now to honor or remember loved ones with flowers on our altar.
- † Columbarium Niches are available for \$1,800 (members) and \$2,500 (non-members). Application forms are found in our *Columbarium Booklet* located in the narthex.
- † Handbell Rehearsal, Wednesdays 5:30pm
- † Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Wednesdays 6:30pm
- † Praise Band Rehearsal, Thursdays 6pm & Sundays 10:15am



Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor
Greg Bohlken — Ministry Associate
Lynn Rognsvog — Organist
Collin Kasefang — Choir Director

Members of Faith Lutheran Church — Ministers
Sandra Bohlken — Contemporary Worship Leader
Trace Taylor — Sound Technician
Tiffany Bryson — Nursery Caregiver
Kim Frasch — Quiet Music Ministry

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Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator
Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Barbara Bird, Mary Blackburn, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Patsy Elmore, Pat & Nick Gary, Green family, Jonas Greenman, Michael Lee, Bonnie Legako, Kris Lehman, Lin & Mike McKinley, Joe Morelli, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Randy Schaefer, Lisa Smith, Bobbie Steele, Ann Stelter, Jim Van Deusen, Dave Willis, Maurice and Rebecca.

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

Friends: Bill Birkholz, Marsha Bode, Dee Bohn, Sharon Brokenshire, Ginger Cameron, Donald Cornet, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Errol Dennis, Sr. & family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Tammy Freeman, Bryan Gansven, Joel Garber, Gutelius family, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Joy Hymer, Chris Jenkins, Dan Johnson, Donna Knick, Liebert family, Loyacano family, Dave Matthews, Pat Miller, Audra Tyler Moore, Scaglione family, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, Austin Stephens, Frank Tyler, Lauren Wolfe, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Brooke, Carol, Darcy, Jacob, Jody, Kim & Chris, Mrs. Sue and those we name to you.

Joy: First Wednesday gatherings each month!

Comfort in the Midst of Death for Family & Friends of: Olga Kelso, David Joyce, Klaus Meier.

Salvation Army Friends: Denisha, Carolina, Maggie, Stephanie, Scott, Ty, Brandon, Leo, John, Steve, J. R. , Brad, Colin, Jeffery, Bill, Eddy, Scott, Teddy, Franklin

Prayers, Concern & Assistance: The people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans.

Partnerships: Bishop Pro-Tem Michael Burk & 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, Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

Peace: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Tyler Hitter, Anthony Hu, Chase Linell, HM, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

Week of February 18 - February 24, 2024

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

9:00am	Traditional Worship Service
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
10:15am	Adult Sunday School
	Children's Sunday School
	Confirmation
	Teen Sunday School
11:11am	Contemporary Worship Service
12:30pm	3rd-5th grade Knox Area Lutheran Youth @ Faith
2:30pm	6th-12th grade Knox Area Lutheran Youth @ Faith

Monday, February 19

Noon	Via de Cristo Reunion Group Library
3:00-6pm	Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open

Tuesday, February 20

1:30pm	Bible Study Small Group <i>The Cup</i>
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

Wednesday, February 21

10:00am	Anna Esther WELCA Circle <i>The Cup</i>
10:00am	Office Staff Meeting
5:00pm	First Communion Class
5:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm	Lenten Book Study & Dinner
6:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

6:00pm	Praise Band Rehearsal
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous The Cup

Friday, February 23

9:30am	UT Cole Center Parkinson Band
7:00pm	Narcotics Anonymous The Cup

Saturday, February 24

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting
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Sunday, February 25

9:00am	Traditional Worship Service
10:00am	Fellowship <i>The Cup</i>
10:15am	Inquirer's Class <i>Community Room past Kitchen</i>
	Adult Sunday School
	Children's Sunday School
	Confirmation
	Teen Sunday School
11:11am	Contemporary Worship Service



Giving 2/18/24

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 10,907
Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 98,538

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 9am Traditional

- Altar Guild: Gretchen Sandidge
- Assisting Minister: Collin Kasefang
- Lector: Mildred Fenske
- Communion Ministers: Dee Bumpers, Pat Lyman
Debbie Ragucci, Lisa Stelter
- Greeter: Gloria Fife
- Ushers: Craig Runger, John Woods
- Projection & Lights: Bryan Thompson
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 11:11am Contemporary

- Altar Guild: Debbie Pinchok
- Communion Ministers: Lisa Stelter, Connie Rist, Jennifer Berry
Brad Berry, Christian Berry
- Greeters: Leslie & Rick Smenner
- Ushers: Melissa Horning, Doug Gerrick
- Projection & Lights: Doug Houck
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

Preparing for Next Week

Monday: Job 4:1-21, Ephesians 2:1-10, Psalm 77 • **Tuesday:** Job 5:8-27, 1 Peter 3:8-18, Psalm 77

Wednesday: Proverbs 30:1-9, Matthew 4:1-11, Psalm 77 • **Thursday:** Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18, Romans 3:21-31, Psalm 22:23-31

Friday: Genesis 16:1-6, Romans 4:1-12, Psalm 22:23-31 • **Saturday:** Genesis 16:7-15, Mark 8:27-30, Psalm 22:23-31

Sunday: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:23-31, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38