

# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

February 25, 2024 • Second Sunday of Lent • 2024 Lenten Theme: Finding Hope in Suffering

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## GATHERING SONGS

*Desert Song*  
*One Thing Remains*

## 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

### THE GOSPEL **Mark 8:31-38** *pew Bible page #921*

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter's response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

<sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

## SERMON

Pastor Bob Stelter

*Lenten Sermon Series: Finding Hope in Suffering*  
*Today: How Suffering Impacts Our Witness*

*A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: [faithloves.org](http://faithloves.org).*

## SERMON SONG

*The Blessing*

## SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

*OUR VISION*  
To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*  
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

## **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**

*I Will Follow*

### **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.

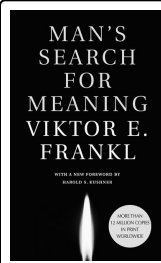
**Please sign a  
Worship Card  
and place it in  
offering plate.**



## 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](mailto:greg@faithloves.org)



### Lenten Book Study

**Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm**  
light dinner provided

**Feb 21 & 28 - foreword thru p. 93**  
**pause Mar 6 for First Wednesday**  
**Mar 13 & 20 - p. 97 thru end**

Large arrangements of beautiful spring flowers will adorn our sanctuary on Easter. Suggested donation for memorials and honorariums is \$15. Please note your intention on your contribution or pew envelope.



**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

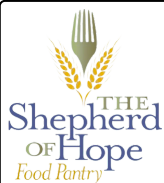
### YOUTH EVENTS

**Mar 6** youth group (grades 6-12) at First Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm  
**Mar 17** Third Sunday Knox Area Lutheran Youth at Messiah 3rd-5th grd, 12:30-2pm | 6-12th grades 2:30-4pm



### Sign up for AFFIRM camp!

Incredible youth camp June 9-14 for students grade 6 to college. Use [sesyouth.org/AFFIRM](http://sesyouth.org/AFFIRM) to sign up. Questions? [greg@faithloves.org](mailto:greg@faithloves.org)



**SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY**  
**Open March 4, 3-6pm**  
Current Needs: Dish soap  
Boxed potatoes ▪ Syrup (plastic bottles)  
Jelly (plastic bottles) ▪ Soup (large cans)  
Contact Renee Stone, 865-599-7424.

### 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](http://tinyurl.com/FirstWed030624)



### WORSHIP THEMES

† Feb 25 Second 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

- † Hearts Across the Miles sends already-purchased Girl Scout cookies to our military members deployed overseas. If you have a family member or friend deployed through the end of April 2024 and would like them to receive cookies please send their deployment address to Melissa Russ at [mhruss@msn.com](mailto:mhruss@msn.com) by March 15.
- † Faith Lutheran Church happily hosts the ordination of Bruce Corrigan into the priesthood of Continuing Evangelical Episcopal Church on Fri March 1, 6:30pm, in our Sanctuary. The denomination's bishop will perform the ordination. Pastor Stelter will be assisting with the service.
- † 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, Thurs 6pm & Sun 10:15am

Dr. Bob Stelter — Pastor  
Greg Bohlken — Ministry Associate  
Lynn Rognsvoog — 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

Mary Boring — Office Manager  
Phylis Garrison — Publications  
Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary  
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, Patricia Mabry, Joe Morelli, Walter Paquet, 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, Judy DiStefano, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Tammy Freeman, Bryan Gansven, Joel Garber, Matt Green & family, Gutelius family, John Hargrove, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, the Hwangbo family, Joy Hymer, Chris Jenkins, Dan Johnson, Rob Keiser, Donna Knick, Liebert family, Loyacano family, Dave Matthews, Pat Miller, Audra Tyler Moore, Mike Morgan, Lee North, Scaglione family, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, Sylvia Smith, Austin Stephens, Frank Tyler, Carla Welch, Lauren Wolfe, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Brooke, Carol, Christi, 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.



### Giving 2/18/24

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 4,285

Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 102,797

Scan this QR code with your phone camera to donate now on our secure webpage

### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 9am Traditional

- Altar Guild: Nancy Dean
- Assisting Minister: Collin Kasefang
- Lector: John Woods
- Communion Ministers: Lisa Stelter, Marj West  
Loni Peters, George Herbold
- Greeter: Shannon Allred
- Ushers: Gary Mount, Alan Berdal
- Projection & Lights: Larry Koran
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

## Week of February 25 - March 2, 2024

### Sunday, February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent

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

### Monday, February 26

- Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group Library

### Tuesday, February 27

- 10am-9pm *The Cup* reserved by member
- 1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
- 5:00pm Salvation Army Shelter Visit
- 6:00pm Mothers of Pre-Schoolers *Nursery*
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Wednesday, February 28

- 4:15pm Staff Meeting
- 5:00pm First Communion Class
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Lenten Book Study & Dinner
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 29

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

### Friday, March 1

- 9:30am UT Cole Center Parkinson Band
- 6:30pm Bruce Corrigan ordination in our Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Saturday, March 2

- 11:00am AL-ANON meeting

### Sunday, March 3 - Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*
- 10:15am Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School
- Confirmation
- Teen Sunday School
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service

### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 11:11am Contemporary

- Altar Guild: Debbie Pinchok
- Communion Ministers: Lisa Stelter, Vicki Adams, Sarah Hester  
Teensy Weldon, Shirley Hahn
- Greeter: Yvette Edwards
- Ushers: Matt Gray, Ethan Gray, Eric Johnson
- Projection & Lights: Hoon Hwangbo
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

## Preparing for Next Week

**Monday:** Genesis 21:1-7, Hebrews 1:8-12, Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 • **Tuesday:** Genesis 22:1-19, Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19, Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45

**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 30:12-22, John 12:36-43, Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45 • **Thursday:** Exodus 19:1-9, 1 Peter 2:4-10, Psalm 19

**Friday:** Exodus 19:9-15, Acts 7:30-40, Psalm 19 • **Saturday:** Exodus 19:16-25, Mark 9:2-8, Psalm 19

**Sunday:** Exodus 20:1-17, 15-16, Psalm 19, I Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22