

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 • 9AM

1st Sunday of Lent • Now the Feast & Celebration Liturgy • 2024 Lenten Theme: Finding Hope in Suffering

# INTRODUCTION

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. During Lent, we are exploring how God provides hope, even while we suffer

## **PRELUDE**

What Can Wash Away My Sin? Zach Utique

## **CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR LENT**

Pastor: We gather in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and

of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in our sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.

P: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every chain of sin, washes away our wrongs and restores the promise of life. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

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C: Amen.

# PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymnal, #319 stand

# O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



# **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.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray,

Congregation: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved

the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, 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**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS**

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17 Pew Bible page. #7 Mildred Fenske, Lector Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 pew Bible page #492

Lector: <sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I life up my soul,.

Congregation: <sup>2</sup> Oh my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

- L: <sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- C: <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
- L: <sup>5</sup>"Lead me to your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation' for you I wait all day long.
- C: <sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- L: <sup>7</sup>"Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
- C: 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- L: <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
- C: <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

## SECOND 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.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, <sup>4</sup> who 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. <sup>5</sup> For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. <sup>6</sup> If 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. <sup>7</sup> Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

## GOSPEL RESPONSE hymnal #616 Jesus Remember Me



## **GOSPEL**: Mark 1:9-15 Pew Bible pg. #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.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.

# Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

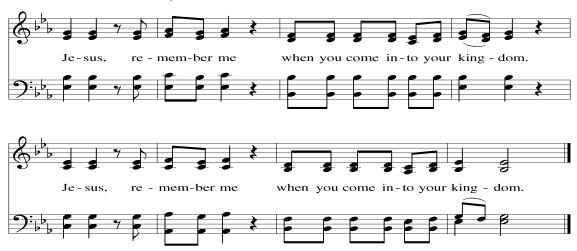
<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

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

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

# GOSPEL RESPONSE hymnal #616 Jesus Remember Me



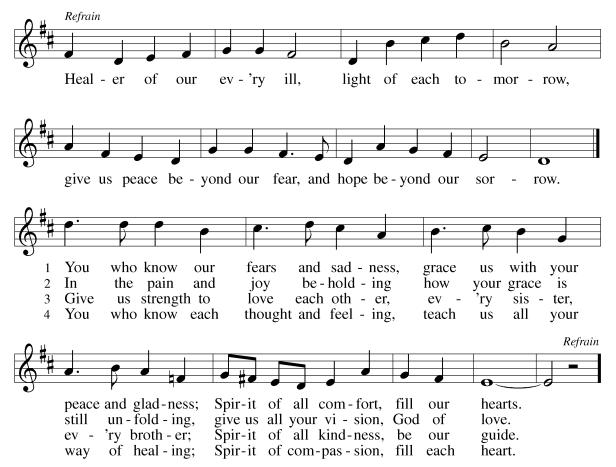
SERMON Pastor Bob Stelter

Lenten Sermon Series on Suffering

A manuscript of this sermon is available on our website: faithloves.org.

# HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal # 612 stand

# Healer of Our Every Ill



## **APOSTLES' CREED FOR LENT**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

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.

## THE PRAYERS stand or kneel

Assistant: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Assistant: God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

- A: God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- A: God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A: God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

Silence for individual prayer petitions.

Pastor: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Congregation: Amen.

# THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

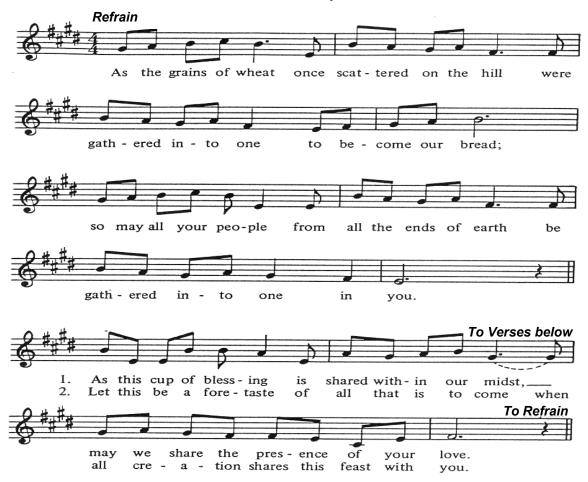
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# OFFERING ANTHEM

A Lenten Walk Hal Hopson

## **OFFERING HYMN** stand

# As the Grains of Wheat

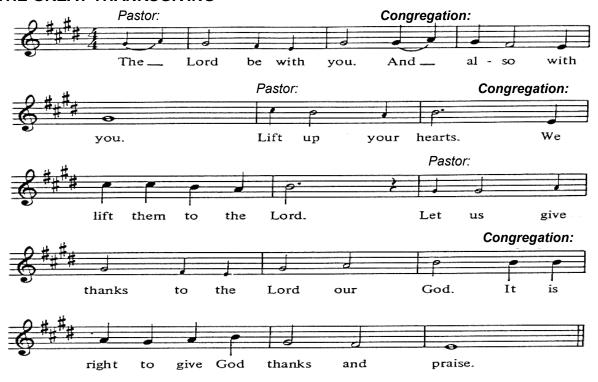


# NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

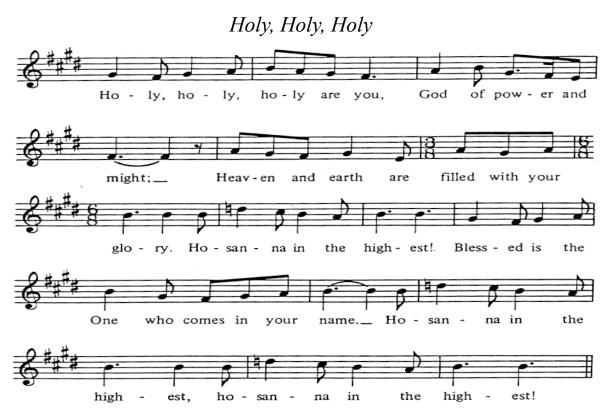
Congregation: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



## THE 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 during Lent, that renewed, 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:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR LENT

Pastor: You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth; everything, everywhere is filled with your glory. You sent Jesus, who in word and deed announced your rule of justice and peace. He was obedient unto death, even death on a cross. We remember how on the night of his betrayal 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."

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."

Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and passion, and his glorious resurrection, we proclaim.

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

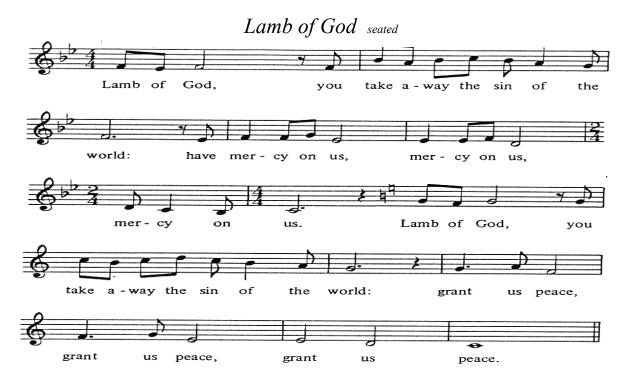
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

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.

## INVITATION FOR LENT

Pastor: Return to the Lord your God. For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (*Joel 2:13*)



# **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** hymnal #474

# Bread of Life from Heaven



## **COMMUNION BLESSING** stand

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood

strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

All: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence for reflection.

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious. May God look on us with favor and † give us peace.



# SENDING HYMN hymnal, #545

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



# **DISMISSAL**

Assistant: Our mission calls us from this place Congregation: to love God, love others, serve!

A: Go in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE**

Fairest Lord Jesus Lani Smith

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

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## Sunday worship: 9am traditional with organ & choir 11:11am contemporary with praise band in person and on our YouTube livestream

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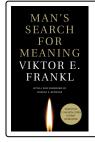
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Welcome! As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome 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.



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 Reneé 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

# 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

FIRST WEDNESDAY

MARCH 6



## **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 Rognsvoog — Organist Collin Kasefang — Choir Director

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Sandra Bohlken — Contemporary Worship Leader Trace Taylor — Sound Technician Tiffany Bryson - Nursery Caregiver Kim Frasch - Quiet Music Ministry

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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Members</u>: 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 &
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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.

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

<u>Prayers, Concern & Assistance</u>: 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.

<u>Peace</u>: 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: \$ 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

## Week of February 18 - February 24, 2024

## Sunday, February 18 - First 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

12:30pm 3rd-5th grade Knox Area Lutheran Youth @ Faith2:30pm 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 *The Cup* 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup* 

## Wednesday, February 21

10:00am Anna Esther WELCA Circle The Cup

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

## Sunday, February 25

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

## **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