

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

March 10, 2024 • 4rd Sunday of Lent • 2024 Lenten Theme: Finding Hope in Suffering

GATHERING SONGS

*God So Loved
Cornerstone*

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 FIRST READING GENESIS 32:22-30 *Pew Bible page #29*

Jacob would not let go of God until he received God's blessing. We, too, should cling to God until God gives us the blessing of desire for God.

²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

THE GOSPEL JOHN 3:14-21 *Pew Bible page #970*

To explain the salvation of God to the religious leader, Nicodemus, Jesus refers to the scripture passage quoted in today's first reading. Just as those who looked upon the bronze serpent were healed, so people will be saved when they behold Christ lifted up on the cross.

¹⁴Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

SERMON

Pastor Bob Stelter

*Lenten Sermon Series: Finding Hope in Suffering
Today: When Suffering Drives Joy Away*

1. Be authentic with God, especially when suffering.
2. Have focus and intention
3. Add things into life that lead to delight.

SERMON SONG

Broken Vessels

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

Don't Lose Heart

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.**

Holy Week & Easter

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24

- + 9am Festus the donkey at worship
- + 10am pancake breakfast
- + 11:11am Festus the donkey at worship



MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28

- + 7pm worship & celebration of First Communion



GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

- + Noon brief worship
- + 7pm worship

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31

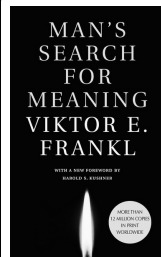
- + 9am traditional worship
- + 10am Easter egg hunt & childrens' activities
- + 11:11am contemporary worship



**PALM
SUNDAY
PANCAKES**



SUN, MAR 24, 10AM, RSVP AT
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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.



WORSHIP THEMES

- † Mar 10 - 4th Sunday in Lent - a time of repentance and renewal for Easter
Finding Hope in the Midst of Suffering: When Suffering Drives Joy Away

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
- † 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 by March 15.
- † 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



SALVATION ARMY SHELTER VISIT

Tues Mar 26, depart from Faith 5pm
Current Needs L-XL men's boxer briefs & women's sizes 8-11 briefs
Contact Debbie Ragucci, 865-567-1945



KNOX AREA RESCUE MINISTRIES

Faith serves lunch Mar 23

Need casseroles, brownies, and servers
Contact George Herbold 865-207-0216

YOUTH EVENTS

Mar 17 Third Sunday Knox Area Lutheran Youth at Messiah
3rd-5th grd, 12:30-2pm | 6-12th grades 2:30-4pm

Apr 3 youth group (grd 6-12) at First Wed 6:30-7:30pm

Sign up for AFFIRM camp!

Incredible youth camp June 9-14 for students grade 6 to college. Our Youth Scholarship fund refunds you \$200+ after camp. Use sesyouth.org/AFFIRM to sign up. Questions? greg@faithloves.org or Carrie Parrot



Sun, Mar 17, 10:15am in The Cup
**Take Control of the
Long-Term Care Journey**
presented by Attorney Bailey Schiermeyer

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
Dan Primka — Communication Specialist
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, Jim Hallahan, Michael Lee, Bonnie Legako, Cori Lehman, Kris Lehman, Lin & Mike McKinley, Patricia Mabry, Joe Morelli, Walter Paquet, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Randy Schaefer, 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: App family, Lisa Atkinson, Brian Austin, Glenn Bird, Bill Birkholz, Dee Bohn, Sharon Brokenshire, Ginger Cameron, Jeff Carter, Jaigne Chrisman, James Copeland, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, Damico family, Sharon Danek, Errol Dennis, Sr. & family, Judy DiStefano, Brandy & Brian Duke, Vader Ernst, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Joel Garber, Craig Graf, Grayson family, Matt Green & family, Gutelius family, John Hancock, John Hargrove, Rita Heavner, Linda Holtz, Hwangbo family, Joy Hymer, Dan Johnson, Dave Jones, Rob Keiser, Donna Knick, Clara Landau, Becky Larsen, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Pat Miller, Audra Tyler Moore, Mike Morgan, Marilyn Savilisky, Scaglione family, Jim Shea, Lynn Siegfried, Sylvia Smith, Austin Stephens, Frank Tyler, Carla Welch, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Dave Yackle, Christi, Darcy, Jody, Katie, Michael and those we name to you.

Joy: First Wednesday gatherings each month!

Joy at the birth of: Felicity, daughter of Breanna & William Halsey, big brothers Oliver & Henry.

Comfort in the Midst of Death for Family & Friends of: Bea Horian, Nat Ellis, Big Jake, Kyle Ollig

Salvation Army Friends: Maggie, Sarah, Denisha, Stephanie, Janelle, Genesis, Annette, Jada, Chase, Kensey, Caitlin, J. D., Chase, Brandon, Schott, Snake, Clyde, Randy, J.R., Teddy, Eddie, Jeffery, Shane, Darius, Bill

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 March 10 - March 16, 2024

Sunday, March 10 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 11

- 9:00am *The Cup* reserved by member
- Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*

Tuesday, March 12

- 1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
- 6:00pm MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers)
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, March 13

- 10:30am Pantry Leadership Meeting
- 4:15pm Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Lenten Book Study & Light Dinner
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

- 9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Saturday, March 16

- 9am-Noon *The Cup & Kitchen* reserved by member
- 11:00am AL-ANON meeting

Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00am Fellowship *The Cup*
- 10:15am Adult Sunday School
- Children's Sunday School
- Teen Sunday School
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:30pm 3rd-5th grd Knox Area Lutheran Youth @ Messiah
- 2:30pm 6th-12th grd Knox Area Lutheran Youth @ Messiah
- 3-7pm Sons of Norway *The Cup & Kitchen*



Giving 3/3/24

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 23,642
Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 135,701

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 9am Traditional

- Altar Guild: Ann Stewart
- Assisting Minister: Collin Kasefang
- Lector: Rob Blackburn
- Communion Ministers: Mildred Fenske, Virginia McKinney
Allison Pressley, Danny Pressley
- Greeter: Jane Dakolios
- Ushers: Steve Dean, Brad Nelson
- Projection & Lights: Doug Bales
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 11:11am Contemporary

- Altar Guild: Vicki Adams
- Communion Ministers: Lisa Stelter, Emily Wright, Sarah Wright
Carrie Parrott, Jack Parrott
- Greeter: Yvette Edwards
- Ushers: Linda & John Shoemaker
- Projection & Lights: Jennifer Berry
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

Preparing for Next Week

Monday: Exodus 15:22-27, Hebrews 3:1-6, Psalm 107:1-16 • **Tuesday:** Numbers 20:1-13, 1 Corinthians 10:6-13, Psalm 107:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 60:15-22, John 8:12-20, Psalm 107:1-16 • **Thursday:** Isaiah 30:15-18, Hebrews 4:1-13, Psalm 51:1-12
Friday: Exodus 30:1-10, Hebrews 4:14-5:4, Psalm 51:1-12 • **Saturday:** Habakkuk 3:2-13, John 12:1-11, Psalm 51:1-12
Sunday: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33