

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

March 17, 2024 • 5th Sunday of Lent • 2024 Lenten Theme: Finding Hope in Suffering

GATHERING SONGS

Beautiful Savior

This is How I fight My Battles

O Come to the Altar

Faith Bells

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 REVELATION 21:1-7 *Pew Bible page 1134*

The next-to-last chapter of the Bible describes this beautiful scene where God wipes away our tears and receives us.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

THE GOSPEL JOHN 12:20-26 *Pew Bible page #982*

Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time to celebrate the Passover festival. Here Jesus' words about seeds planted in the ground turn the disaster of his death into the promise of a harvest in which everyone will be gathered.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."

SERMON

Pastor Bob Stelter

Lenten Sermon Series: Finding Hope in Suffering

Today: The Conclusion

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

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

SERMON SONG *Scars*

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 *Glorious Day*





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

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

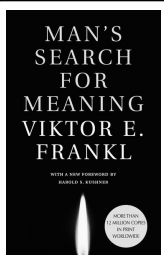
GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

- + Noon brief worship
- + 7pm worship

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31

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






Lenten Book Study

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

Mar 20 - page 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 17 - 5th Sunday in Lent - a time of repentance and renewal for Easter - *The Meaning of Suffering*

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS

- † Adult Bible Class Sundays, 10:15am in *The Cup* (Resumes April 7)
- † 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

- † Widows are invited to Widows Group luncheon, Tues Mar 19, Noon in *The Cup*.
- † Sleep in Heavenly Peace is building beds for Knox-area kids sleeping on the floor without a bed. Faith Lutheran Church is hosting the Bed Build Day on Saturday, Apr 13, 8am-Noon in our parking lot. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/FarragutBedBuild2024SignUp> and <http://tinyurl.com/FarragutBedBuild2024Waiver>.
- † Congregational Council hosts Q&A session Sun, Apr 7
- † 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




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




PALM SUNDAY PANCAKES

SUN, MAR 24, 10AM, RSVP AT
FAITHLOVES.ORG/PALMSUNDAY2024





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



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
Alicia & David Brondos — Missionaries

Mary Boring — Office Manager
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Barbara Birkholz — Financial Secretary
Mildred Fenske — Prayer Chain Coordinator

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, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Joel Garber, Frank Galbraith, 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, Judy McMillan, 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!

Comfort in the Midst of Death for the Family & Friends of:

Vader Ernst, 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 17 - March 23, 2024

Sunday, March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 9am Traditional Worship Service
- 10am Fellowship *The Cup*
- 10:15am Elder Law Presentation *The Cup*
- Children's Sunday School
- Teen Sunday School
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service
- 12:30-2pm 3rd-5th grd Knox Area Lutheran Youth @ Messiah
- 2:30-4pm 6th-12th grd Knox Area Lutheran Youth @ Messiah
- 3-7pm Sons of Norway *The Cup* & Kitchen

Monday, March 18

- Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*
- 3-6pm Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry Open
- 6:30pm Property Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 19

- Noon Widows Group
- 1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Wednesday, March 20

- 10am Anna Esther Circle *The Cup*
- 10am Office Staff Meeting
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Lenten Book Study & Light Dinner
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

- 9:30am Handy Faithfuls
- 6pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 6pm Executive Committee Meeting
- 6:30pm Council Meeting
- 7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Friday, March 22

- 9:30am Cole Center Caregiver Community
- Noon-3pm Alzheimers Group *The Cup* & Kitchen
- 7pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

Saturday, March 23

- 11am AL-ANON meeting
- Noon Faith Lutheran Church Serves KARM

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

- 9am Traditional Worship Service - *begins outside*
- 10am Pancake Breakfast *The Cup*
- Confirmation Class serves breakfast in *The Cup*
- 11:11am Contemporary Worship Service - *begins outside*



Giving 3/10/24

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 14,082
Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 147,737

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WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 9am Traditional

- Altar Guild: Ann Stewart
- Assisting Minister: Collin Kasefang
- Lector: Merrill Sizemore
- Communion Ministers: Lisa Stelter, Laura Beardsley
Pat Lyman, Dee Bumpers
- Greeter: Gloris Fife
- Ushers: John Woods, Craig Runger
- Projection & Lights: Debbie Ragucci
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 11:11am Contemporary

- Altar Guild: Vicki Adams
- Communion Ministers: Lisa Stelter, Deb Miller, Amy Monteagudo
Shirley Hahn, Greg Bohlken
- Greeter: Debbie Pinchok
- Ushers: Melissa Horning, Matt Gray, Ethan Gray
- Projection & Lights: Jennifer Berry
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

Preparing for Next Week

Mon: Isaiah 43:8-13, 2 Corinthians 3:4-11, Psalm 119:9-16 • **Tues:** Isaiah 44:1-8, Acts 2:14-24, Psalm 119:9-16

Wed: Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23, John 12:34-50, Psalm 119:9-16 • **Thurs:** Deuteronomy 16:1-8, Philippians 2:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Fri: Jeremiah 33:1-9, Philippians 2:12-18, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 • **Sat:** Jeremiah 33:10-16, Mark 10:32-34, 46-52, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Sun: Mark 11:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 15:1-39