

MARCH 17, 2024 • 9AM

5th Sunday of Lent • 2024 Lenten Theme: Finding Hope in Suffering • Now the Feast & Celebration Liturgy

INTRODUCTION

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior Traditional Irish Melody

Faith Bells

CALL TO WORSHIP & CONFESSION FOR LENT

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

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: Here is a flood of grace: 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.

+

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN hymnal, #842 stand

Oh, Worship the King



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: O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy

you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Pew Bible page 721 Merill Sizemore, Lector

The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

³¹The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12 Pew Bible page #509

Lector: ¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Congregation: ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

- L: ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- C: ⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.
- L: ⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- C: ⁶You desire the truth in the inward being, therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- L: ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C: 8Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- L: ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- C: ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- L: ¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- C: ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-7 Pew Bible page. #1134

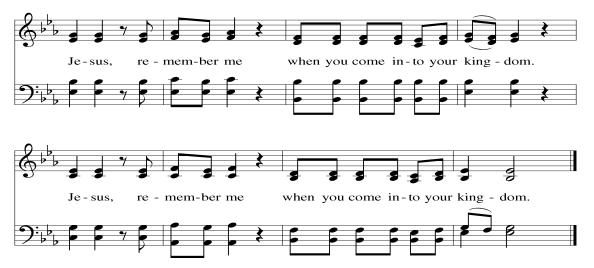
The next-to-last chapter of the Bible describes this beautiful scene where God wipes away our tears and receives us.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL RESPONSE hymnal #615 Jesus Remember Me



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.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John the 12th chapter.

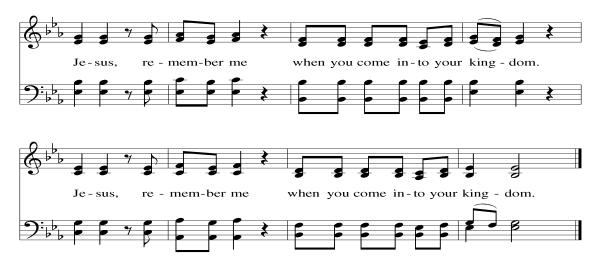
Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL RESPONSE hymnal #615 Jesus Remember Me



Lenten Sermon Series: Finding Hope in Suffering Today: The Conclusion

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

HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal # 703 stand

O God, Why Are You Silent



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 of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship. Hear us, O God.

Congregation: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love. 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.

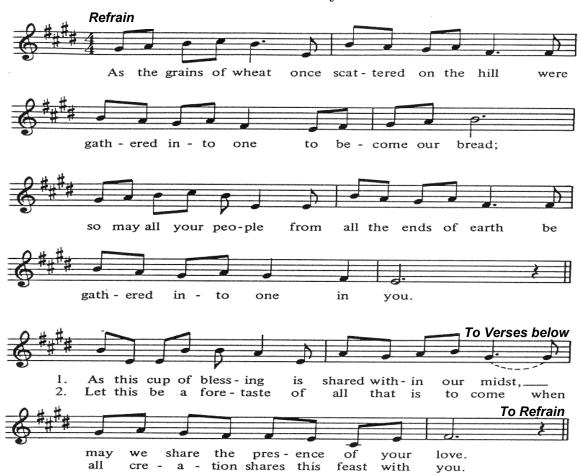
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OFFERING HYMN stand

As the Grains of Wheat

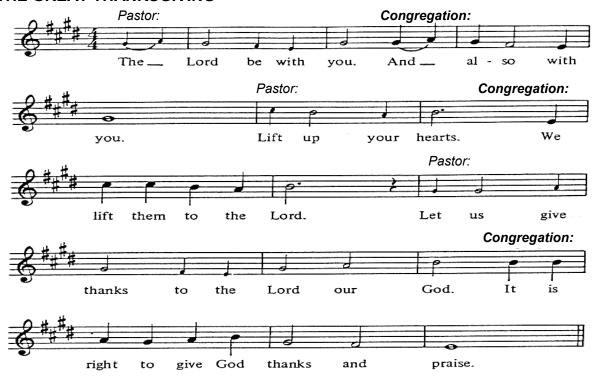


NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

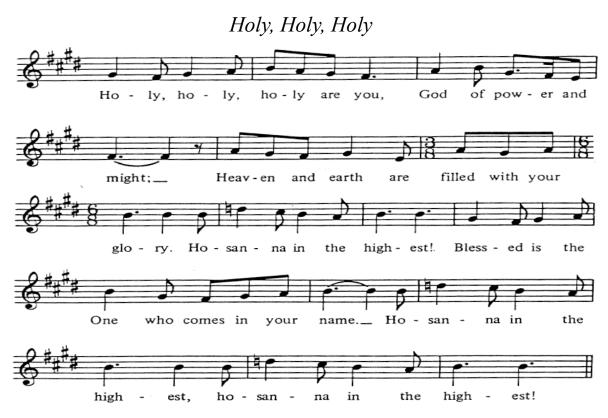
Congregation: everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

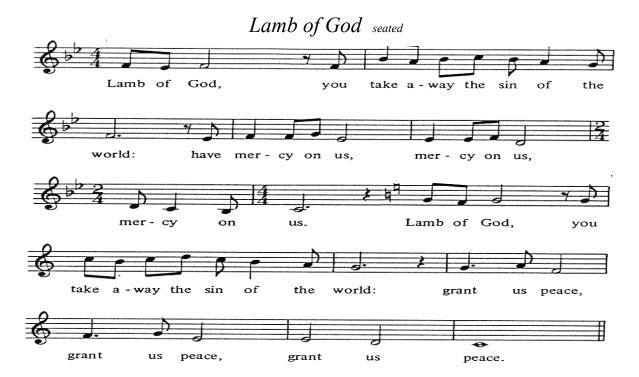
Pastor: With one will and one voice, we pray:

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 #652

Built on a Rock



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.

Strengthen, keep and unite us, now and lorever

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.

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.

Congregation

SENDING HYMN hymnal, #327

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



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

What Wondrous Love arr. Mark Hayes

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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Welcome. Please sign a Worshin

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

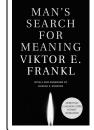
GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

- + 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

t 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/FarragutBedBuild2024 Waiver.



- † 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





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



AFFIRM '24

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

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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 Dan Primka — Communication Specialist 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
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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

<u>Salvation Army Friends</u>: 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

<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 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: Merill 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

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

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