

**FAITH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 3, 2024 • 9AM

3rd Sunday of Lent • 2024 Lenten Theme: *Finding Hope in Suffering* • *Now the Feast & Celebration Liturgy*

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**INTRODUCTION**

*The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The commandments begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods. The Ten Commandments are essential to our baptismal call: centered first in God's liberating love, we strive to live out justice and mercy in our communities and the world.*

**PRELUDE**

*What Wondrous Love is This* arr. Anna Laura Page

**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: 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.**

*OUR VISION*

To be an inspired body of Christ.



*OUR MISSION*

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** hymnal, #335 *stand*

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and Morn - ing Star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ows o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

**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.**

KYRIE

Kathy Thompson, Assisting Minister

*Assistant:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*Congregation:*

Lord, have mer - cy.

*3rd time to Coda* ⊕

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -

*Assistant:*

For the Reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
For your peo - ple here, who have come to give you

cy.

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the

⊕ Coda

Help, save, and de - fend us, O

cy.

\* *Ending for Kyrie*

God.

A - - - - - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray,

**Congregation: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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: Exodus 20:1-17** *Pew Bible page 65*

Carol Schaefer, Lector

*After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The Ten Commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.*

<sup>1</sup>Then God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me.

<sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

<sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

<sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

<sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

<sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

<sup>13</sup>You shall not murder.

<sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM: Psalm 19** *pew Bible page #488*

Lector: <sup>1</sup>The heavens are telling the glory of God and firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**Congregation: <sup>2</sup>Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**

L: <sup>3</sup>There is no speech, nor or there words; their voice is not heard;

**C: <sup>4</sup>yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,**

L: <sup>5</sup>which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**C: <sup>6</sup>Its rising is from the edge of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

L: <sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**C: <sup>8</sup>the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

L: <sup>9</sup>the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**C: <sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

L: <sup>11</sup>Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**C: <sup>12</sup>But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

L: <sup>13</sup>Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**C: <sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

**SECOND READING: II Corinthians 4:8-11** *Pew Bible page. #1055*

*Paul understood that life is hard, but God is greater. There is always hope because God is good.*

<sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup> For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE** *hymnal #616 Jesus Remember Me*

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.'

**GOSPEL: John 2:13-22** *Pew Bible pg. #969*

*Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter.

**Congregation:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

<sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:** **Praise to you, O Christ!**

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**SERMON**

Pastor Bob Stelter

*Lenten Sermon Series: Finding Hope in Suffering*  
*Today: Life is Hard, But God is Good*

- 1. Life is hard because the world is broken.
- 2. Life is hard because of you and me.
- 3. Life is hard because of someone else.
- 4. Life is hard because God is good

**HYMN OF THE DAY** hymnal # 759 *stand*

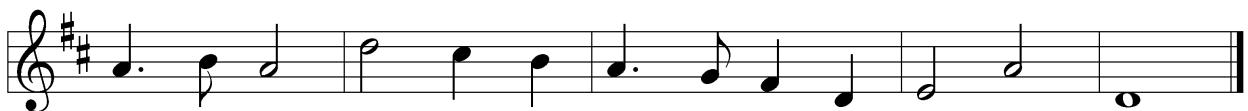
*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

## **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: You alone are God. We thank you for the gift of sabbath rest. Awaken the church to the mystery of your presence and give us glad hearts as we receive the good news of your deliverance. Hear us, O God.

**Congregation: Your mercy is great.**

A: You renew creation. Drive out those who would make the earth a marketplace. Protect rainforests, mountaintops, oceans, and wilderness areas from commercial exploitation. Unite nations, policymakers, and businesses in efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You judge the nations. We pray for an end to war and strife in every land. Strengthen international efforts to negotiate peace and provide humanitarian aid to people fleeing from conflict. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You bring healing and hope. We give thanks for physicians, nurses, researchers, therapists, and public health workers who prevent and treat illness. We pray for any who are sick. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You abide with your people. Sustain any in this community undergoing life transitions: marriage, divorce, childbirth, adoption, moving, graduation, employment change, or a death in the family. We pray for those preparing for baptism. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: You bring life from death. We remember our loved ones who have died, confident that they have new life in you. May we trust that nothing can separate us from your 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.**

## OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY *sit*

### OFFERING ANTHEM

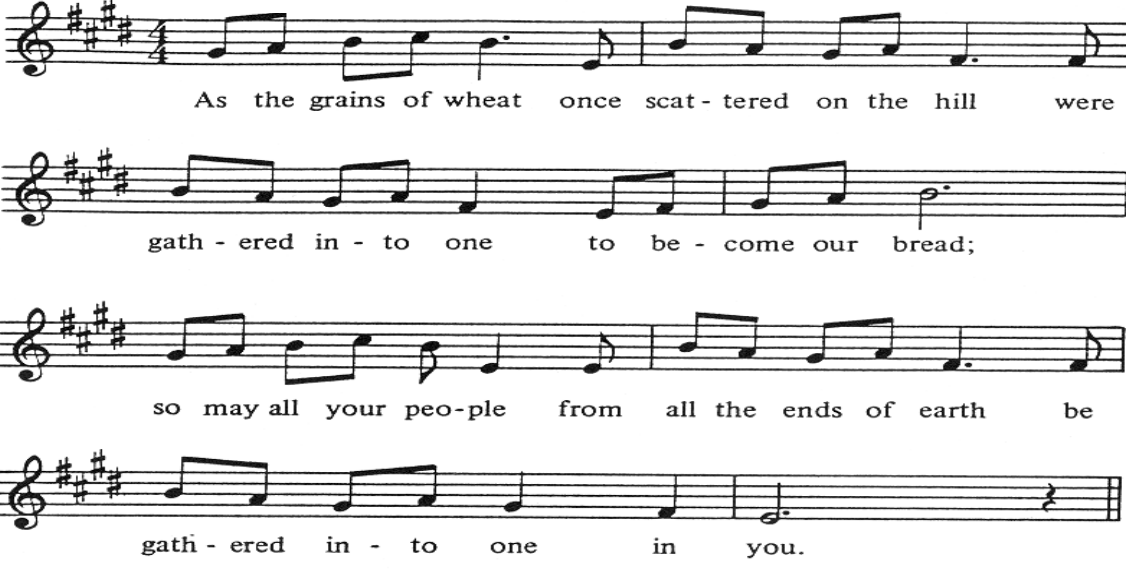
*Give Me Jesus* Mark Hayes

Collin Kasefang, soloist

### OFFERING HYMN *stand*

## *As the Grains of Wheat*

**Refrain**



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;  
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be  
gath-ered in-to one in you.

**To Verses below**

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,—
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

**To Refrain**

may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

## 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.**



## 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*)

### *Lamb of God seated*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** hymnal #325

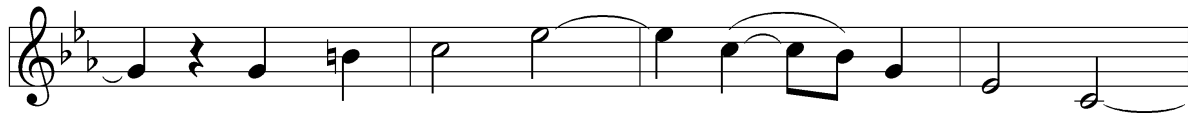
*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

**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.

Congregation: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN hymnal, #624

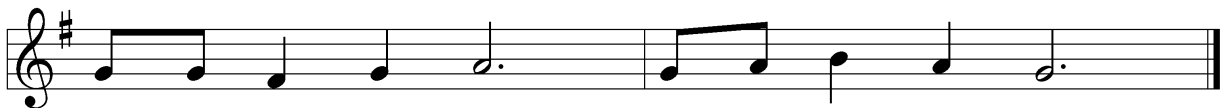
### *Jesus, Still Lead On*



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

## **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**

*Prelude and Fugue in F Major* JS Bach

*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

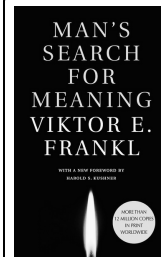
- + 9am traditional worship
- + 10am Easter egg hunt & childrens' activities
- + 11:11am contemporary worship



**PALM  
SUNDAY  
PANCAKES**



SUN, MAR 24, 10AM, RSVP AT  
[FAITHLOVES.ORG/PALMSUNDAY2024](http://FAITHLOVES.ORG/PALMSUNDAY2024)



### 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 3 Third Sunday in Lent - a time of repentance and renewal for Easter  
*Finding Hope in the Midst of Suffering: Life Is Hard But God Is Good*

### 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's Narthex serves as a Knox County precinct voting site  
Tues, Mar 5, 8am-8pm
- † Spirituality Book Group discusses *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*  
Tues Mar 5, 6:30pm in the church Library
- † Spring Forward: remember to set clocks ahead one hour Sat night March 9
- † 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

### 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 on the first Wednesday of each month.

There's something for everyone! RSVP for dinner with this QR code or at [tinyurl.com/FirstWed030624](http://tinyurl.com/FirstWed030624)



### 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. Our Youth Scholarship fund refunds you \$200+ after camp. Use [sesyouth.org/AFFIRM](http://sesyouth.org/AFFIRM) to sign up. Questions? [greg@faithloves.org](mailto: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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**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, 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:** Lisa Atkinson, Brian Austin, Sharon Brokenshire, Jaigne Chrisman, James Copeland, Sharon Danek, Judy DiStefano, Vader Ernst, Joel Garber, Craig Graf, Grayson family, Matt Green & family, John Hargrove, Linda Holtz, Hwangbo family, Joy Hymers, Dan Johnson, Rob Keiser, David Matthews, Pat Miller, Audra Tyler Moore, Mike Morgan, Jim Shea, Sylvia Smith, Austin Stephens, Frank Tyler, Carla Welch, Dave Yackle, Darcy, Jody, Christi, 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.

**Blessings on the Ministry of:** Father Bruce Corrigan ordained on Friday evening.

**Comfort in the Midst of Death for Family & Friends of:** Kyle Ollig

**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.

## Week of March 3 - March 9, 2024

### 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

### Monday, March 4

9:00am Sons of Norway  
Noon Via de Cristo Reunion Group *Library*  
3-5pm Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry open

### Tuesday, March 5

8am-8pm Knox County Election voting location *Narthen*  
1:30pm Bible Study Small Group *The Cup*  
6:30pm Spirituality Book Club  
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Wednesday, March 6

10:00am Office Staff Meeting  
5:15-6:15pm Dinner  
5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Loving Aging Parents  
Parenting Connections  
Studying Next Sunday's Gospel  
Youth Group

### Thursday, March 7

9:00am Authors Guild of Tennessee  
6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal  
7:30pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Friday, March 8

9:30am UT Cole Center Parkinson Band  
7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous *The Cup*

### Saturday, March 9

11:00am AL-ANON meeting

### 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



### Giving 2/25/24

Offerings last Sunday: \$ 9,368  
Offerings Year-to-Date: \$ 112,058

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### WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY - 9am Traditional

- Altar Guild: Ann Stewart
- Assisting Minister: Kathy Thompson
- Lector: Carol Schaefer
- Communion Ministers: Mary Bales, Doug Bales
- Mary Beth Hallahan, Bryan Thompson
- reeters: Debbie Ragucci, Anthony Ragucci
- Ushers: Ritchie Case, Jim Hallahan
- Projection & Lights: George Deichert
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

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

- Altar Guild: Vicki Adams
- Communion Ministers: Dawn Titsworth, Cadence Titsworth  
Cortlyn Titsworth, Ava Daut, Ethan Daut
- Greeter: Carol Nanney
- Ushers: Brad Berry, Christian Berry, Nelson Titsworth
- Projection & Lights: Tim Stone
- Offering Stewards: Gary Dakolios, George Herbold

### Preparing for Next Week

**Monday:** 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22, 1 Corinthians 3:10-23, Psalm 84 • **Tuesday:** 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19, Hebrews 9:23-28, Psalm 84  
**Wednesday:** Ezra 6:1-16, Mark 11:15-19, Psalm 84 • **Thursday:** Genesis 9:8-17, Ephesians 1:3-6, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
**Friday:** Daniel 12:5-13, Ephesians 1:7-14, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 • **Saturday:** Numbers 20:22-29, John 3:1-13, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
**Sunday:** Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21