



"Together in Christ's love, we joyfully serve, actively witness, and dedicate ourselves to caring, teaching, and growing through the Word."

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, U.A.C.



LC—MS

March 2024

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

The Scriptures were written over a thousand years in three languages. The newest books were finished nearly two thousand years ago. The people who wrote them down and the people who were subjects of the Scripture lived in cultures very different than modern ones and thought of the world in very different ways. How can we understand them without a lifetime of study? Fortunately, Lutheran scholars have discovered proven ways to go about it and have recorded them in a series of rules. Together, they are known as Biblical hermeneutics. This year, we will cover eight rules that guide us in studying God's word.

THE FIRST RULE—READING THE BIBLE

For most Christians, the first rule for understanding the Bible seems obvious. The Bible is God's Word. Yet, believing that God speaks to us in his own words and is the author of the Bible affects the way we look at the Scriptures, how we approach it, what we expect from it, and the assumptions that we make about what it says.

Because the Bible is God's word to us, we believe that it is not fiction, a myth made up by people to explain the world, or that it is just well-written words to inspire us or make us feel good — like a great movie, a catchy song, or an absorbing novel written by our favorite author.

The Word of God, however, comes with the power of God to change our lives, brought to us by God's own Holy Spirit [Romans 1:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:16-21]. God's Word creates faith in hearts that do not believe and strengthens faith where it exists.

So, the clear teachings of the Bible are the final authority on everything it speaks about. When it says that all people are evil, not good, at heart, we believe that even though our mind and culture tell us everyone is basically good. When it tells us God made the world in six days, we believe that, too, even if the world's myth tells us the universe has always existed and developed over millions and billions of years. When the Bible tells us both that God decided to save us before he made the world, but if we reject him, we can lose our faith; we believe that too, even though it doesn't make sense to us.

So, this rule is that we assume that what the Bible teaches is true and use those things that are perfectly clear in it to understand things that are not so clear.

Next Month, we will look at the Second Rule—the Key to understanding the Bible is Jesus.

God Bless,

Pastor Barlau



**FAITH LUTHERAN'S
LENTEN MIDWEEK & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- 3/6 | 6:30 P.M. LENTEN MID-WEEK 3
- 3/13 | 6:30 P.M. LENTEN MID-WEEK 4
- 3/20 | 6:30 P.M. LENTEN MID-WEEK 5
- 3/24 | 9:00 A.M. PALM SUNDAY
- 3/27 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP
- 3/28 | 6:30 P.M. HOLY [MAUNDY] THURSDAY
- 3/29 | 6:30 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE
- 3/30 | 6:30 P.M. EASTER VIGIL
- 3/31 | 7:00 A.M. EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
- 3/31 | 8:15 A.M. BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT
- 3/31 | 9:15 A.M. THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION SERVICE
- 4/3 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP

MEN OF FAITH—8AM SATURDAY, MARCH 9—all men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and study.



FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST—8:30AM THURSDAY, MARCH 14—all are invited. So we can have enough tablespace, please call Gertie B., 785-571-7153.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST—7:30 – 8:30 AM SUNDAY, MARCH 24— All are invited to breakfast, before service, Palm Sunday. Men of Faith will be serving pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee starting at 7:30. Please join us as we prepare for Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.



WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB—3:00 PM SUNDAY, MARCH 24—in the church basement. They will be discussing Long Way Home by Lynn Austin. Please contact Karen Schoenbeck (785-479-7013) if you would like more information. All ladies are invited to participate!

EASTER LILY FUND—We have a sign-up sheet on the back cabinet for Easter Lilies. Easter Lily donation of \$10 can be given “to the glory of God” or “in memory of a loved one” and names will be listed in the Easter Sunday worship bulletin. Checks can be made to Faith Lutheran. Please put “Easter Lily” in the memo line. All are encouraged to participate!

LYF—10 AM SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH FOLLOWING BIBLE STUDY—Game On!—Everyone is invited to bring your favorite game(s) and enjoy a fully loaded baked potato! Sign up the number of people and tell us what side dish or topping for baked potatoes you're bringing on the parament cabinet. See you there!



BOOK OF CONCORD MONTHLY STUDY—No Bible Study in March.

LWML—LWML will not meet in March. We look forward to meeting next month.



BIBLE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES—10 am Bible Studies will not meet in March or April.



Faith Lutheran has a prayer chain.

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain texting, please speak with Kathy. To begin a prayer request call/text Kathy Minneman (785)819-2167 or Pastor Barlau (785)-280-3852.



LUTHERANS FOR LIFE 2024 ESSAY CONTEST—Our youth in Grades 6th to 12th has an opportunity to write an essay for a prize. If you would be interested, I will have all the information printed and placed on the paramount to take home.

PORTALS OF PRAYER 2024 SUBSCRIPTION—Subscription rate for the year is \$18.50. Checks can be written to “Faith Lutheran” and designated on the memo line or use the special offering envelopes included. Thank you!

March Anniversaries

Laird & Shawna Riffel
Brandon & Ashley Depew

3-18-1995
3-26-2011

Randy & Lois Soliday

3-21-2009

1 - Courtney Huss
3 - Ruby Brigman
Macey Maddy
Lori Wischer
5 - Larry Herrs
7 - Anthony Westendorf
10 - Tanya Byarlay
Matt Gustin
Madison Jenkins
Natalie Jenkins
12 - Mandi Wilson
13 - Michael Schmersey
15 - Robyn Hughes



16 - Pat Martin
19 - Makayla Jenne
20 - Sharon Byarlay
James Holland
Steven Sare
21 - Jacob Minson
22 - Kelly Schmersey
24 - Justin Byarlay
28 - Laurel Manning
30 - Katelyn Capsey
Misty Brunk
31 - Jessica Lenegar



FAITHFUL SERVANTS FOR MARCH

Elder: R. Sanders

Organist: K. Gilchrist



Altar Guild: H. Rippert & S. Bowers

CHURCH SERVICE	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS
SUNDAY, MAR 3 - 9:00 AM	M. Rogge	G. Taplin	J. Rogge & B. Bohannon
WEDNESDAY, MAR 6 - 6:30 PM	J. Gustin		G. Rahe
SUNDAY, MAR 10 - 9:00 AM	C. Depew	G. Minson	B. Zwiebel & Tom Rahe
WEDNESDAY, MAR 13 - 6:30 PM	W. Hageman		J. Rogge
SUNDAY, MAR 17 - 9:00 AM	E. Horsfall	B. Zwiebel	J. Rogge & M. Rogge
WEDNESDAY, MAR 20 - 6:30 PM	M. Jenne		B. Zwiebel
SUNDAY, MAR 24 - 9:00 AM	M. Rogge	C. Ascher	G. Rahe & B. Zwiebel
SUNDAY, MAR 31 - 9:15 AM	W. Hageman & E. Horsfall	M. Aufdemberge	B. Bohannon & Tom Rahe

NOTE: A master assignment list reflecting any changes will be posted in the upstairs office/cry room.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 THE 3 RD SUNDAY IN LENT 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study	4 5 pm Elder's Meeting	5	6 6:30 pm Lent Service	7	8	9 8 am Men of Faith Breakfast
10 THE 4 TH SUNDAY IN LENT 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study	11	12	13 6:30 pm Lent Service	14 8:30 am Fellowship Breakfast 6 & 6:30 pm Council/Boards	15	16
17 THE 5 TH SUNDAY IN LENT 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study	18	19	20 6:30 pm Lent Service	21	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY 7:30 - 8:30 am Men of Faith Palm Sunday Breakfast 9 am Worship w/Lord's Supper 10:15am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study 3 pm Book club at church	25	26	27 <u>NO</u> Worship Service	28 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Service	29 6:30 pm Good Friday Service	30 6:30 pm Easter Vigil Service
31 EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES 7 am Easter Sunrise Service 8:15 am Easter Egg Hunt 9:15 am Feast of the Resurrection Service						