Word of God Lutheran Church Grow • Build • Serve



Our Mission: With God's help we are called to be a multi-generational traditional church, grounded in the Bible and focused on service in the community and mission outreach.

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Advent **†** Christmas **†** Epiphany **†** Lent **†** Easter **†** Pentecost

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* Please stand as able

+ Communion will not be celebrated today.

NOTE: Page numbers are in the front of the hymnal, followed by the Hymn numbers. *LBW* is the green *Lutheran Book of Worship. WOV* is the blue *With One Voice Hymnal*.

Acts 3:12-19

¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out.



<u>Psalm 4</u>

4 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

² O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

³ But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

⁴ Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!"

⁷ You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

1 John 3:1-7

3 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.



Luke 24:36b-48

^{36b} As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please *love your neighbor* and be cognizant of Covid 19 protocols such as practicing **social distancing**, wearing a **face mask**, and **washing** your hands.
- **Newnan Tornado Disaster Relief** still needs volunteers <u>Monday</u> through <u>Friday</u> from 9 AM 4 PM to process information and help tornado victims shop for non-perishable supplies. Volunteers can now sign in directly at the fairgrounds. Please contact Jennifer Griffin at <u>jbgriffinrn@gmail.com</u> or 678-428-0265 or with any questions.
- Reminder to all the Ministry Team leaders, your team's **year-end report** is due in the office by <u>Monday</u>, <u>May 3</u>. Mavis will need the team **budgets** returned by <u>May 1</u>.
- <u>Sunday</u>, <u>May 16</u>, is **Recognition Sunday**. Graduating high school seniors, education achievements, military service awards, Bible memorization pins, and educational volunteers in our congregation will be recognized. Please submit the WoG member name to the church office.
- All **Ministry Teams** could use a **volunteer** or 2. If you are interested check a box on the tear-off and a team member will contact you.
- The Scholarship Committee is now taking applications. The deadline for submitting applications is <u>May 1</u>. Applications are available on our church website or contact Linda Satter at <u>LSatter@sipcamagro.com</u>.
- Our next RLC Warehouse service opportunity is <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>May 12</u>, at 9:00 AM, and the RLC Mobile Food Pantry will be <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 20</u>, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Cathy Moore at <u>mooreteam5@gmail.com</u> for more information.
- The next Midwest Food Bank distribution will be <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>April 20</u> (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 21</u> (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and <u>Thursday</u>, <u>April 22</u> (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at <u>Itcbowler@gmail.com</u>, or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- The next **Redeemer Soup Kitchen** service opportunities in Atlanta will be <u>Monday</u>, <u>May 31</u> and <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>June 29</u>. Volunteers meet in the parking lot at Mimi's restaurant at 8:30 am to carpool. Please contact Cathy Moore at <u>mooreteam5@gmail.com</u> for more information.
- Unless otherwise indicated, the announcement submission deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the previous Monday at 11:00 AM. Please send all announcements to <u>wogadmin@woglutheran.org</u>.

February 2021 Report All donations will be applied to the General, Building, or Scholars	ship funds.
Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	105
Monthly Giving:	\$35,963
Monthly Benevolence:	\$3,956
Building for Our Future Giving to Date:	\$749,050

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Upcoming Events Please Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, April 18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - Sunday School, 9:00 AM - Discovery Class, 9:00 AM - Worship Service, 10:15 AM
Monday, April 19 - Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 20 - Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM - Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM - Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 6:00 PM
Wednesday, April 21 - Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM - Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:30 PM - Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
Thursday, April 22- Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM- Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM
Sunday, April 25 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Sunday School, 9:00 AM - Discovery Class, 9:00 AM - Worship Service, 10:15 AM - Worship & Music Team Meeting, 11:30 AM
Monday, April 26 - M.O.M. Team Meeting, 5:30 PM
Tuesday, April 27 - Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM - Pathways 2, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 28 - Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 29 - Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM
Sunday, May 2 - Confirmation Sunday - Sunday School, 9:00 AM - Discovery Class, 9:00 AM - Worship Service, 10:15 AM
Monday, May 3 - Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM
Tuesday, May 4 - Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM
Wednesday, May 5 - Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 6 - Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM
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