

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.

Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 28, 2021
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Advent † Christmas † **Epiphany** † Lent † Easter † Pentecost

ENTRANCE RITE

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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Sermon

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- * Closing Hymn "**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**" LBW 259

* Please stand as able

† All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to receive communion and assurance of God's forgiveness. **Children who have not been instructed in the sacrament should fold their hands to receive a blessing from their parents.**

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*.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵ And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalms 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

**²⁴ For He has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and He has not hidden His face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to Him.**

²⁵ From You comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

**²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.

**²⁸ For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and He rules over the nations.**

²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**³⁰ Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

³¹ they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.

Romans 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³ But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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.
- The **nursery** is available for parents to use during service, although we are currently not scheduling volunteers due to Covid.
- During the **Lenten season** we are encouraging individuals to use the time before the service begins for **quiet meditation**.
- Please join us for *Conversations with God*, 2021's theme for the midweek **Lenten Services** ending on March 24, 2021. Services will be held at noon.
- You can download the **2021 NALC Lent devotional**, *Ashes to Easter*, at <https://thenalc.org/lent2021>, or receive a daily text message by texting ReadingTheWord to 24251.
- **DNOW Weekend** is April 16-18, 2021. Youth are looking for service projects that can be completed from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM on Saturday, April 17. Please contact Danny Bell at djbelle758@gmail.com with your suggestions.
- WoG will be celebrating **Communion** on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please pick up your self-contained Communion set and bulletin before you enter the sanctuary.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, March 17, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, February 25, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Cathy Moore at mooreteam5@gmail.com for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, February 16 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, February 17 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, February 18 (8 am - 12 pm). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at ltcbowler@gmail.com, or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- The next **Redeemer Soup Kitchen** service opportunity in Atlanta will be Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30. Volunteers meet in the parking lot at Mimi's restaurant at 8:30 AM to carpool. Please contact Cathy Moore at mooreteam5@gmail.com 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 wogadmin@woglutheran.org.*

January 2021 Report

All donations will be applied to the General, Building, or Scholarship funds.

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 98

Monthly Giving: 30,552

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,357

Building for Our Future Giving to Date: \$747,493

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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, February 28** - *2nd Sunday in Lent*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Call Team Meeting**, 11:30 AM
- Monday, March 1** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, March 2** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, March 3** - **Midweek Lenten Service**, noon
- Thursday, March 4** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- **Thursday Night Bible Study**, 6:30 PM
- Sunday, March 7** - *3rd Sunday in Lent*
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **First Holy Communion Class**, 2:30 PM
- Monday, March 8** - **Property Team Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 9** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, March 10** - **Midweek Lenten Service**, noon
- Thursday, March 11** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- **Thursday Night Bible Study**, 6:30 PM
- Friday, March 12** - **Midwest Food Bank Pre-pack**, 8:00 AM
- **Fish STIX Talent Show**, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, March 14** - *4th Sunday in Lent*
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Chapel Chat**, 11:30 AM
- **First Holy Communion Class**, 2:30 PM
- Monday, March 15** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, March 16** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
- **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 7:00 PM

