

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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022

ORDER OF SERVICE
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Advent • Christmas • Epiphany • **Lent** • Easter • Pentecost

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Sermon

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* 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.*

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*.

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹ And the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 32

32 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

**¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

¹¹ Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹⁵ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are now celebrating **communion** each Sunday at the altar rail. You may choose between intinction from a host family or the individual communion kit. If choosing the communion kit, you can take it to your seat after receiving.
- WoG's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, April 16, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the picnic area. Volunteers are needed! For more information please contact Sue Burnett at suegburnett@att.net.
- **Mid-week Lenten services** continue through April 6 in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM.
- Please join us for **Maundy Thursday, April 14**, and **Good Friday, April 15**, services in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM.
- **Easter Sunrise Service** is April 17 at 6:30 AM. We will gather in the church parking lot for the Vigil and procession to the picnic area. Service will be moved inside if raining. Our **traditional Easter service** will be held in the sanctuary at 10:15 AM.
- Mark your calendars, we are having **VBS** for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Dates are Monday, June 20, to Friday, June 24, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Volunteers are needed! Please use the following link, <https://vbsmate.com/events/WOGLUTHERAN/22258>, for both registration and volunteering. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors!
- Any WoG member who is interested in **bringing communion** to our members who are currently homebound, please email the church office.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, April 13, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, April 21, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at suegburnett@att.net for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, April 19 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, April 20 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, April 21 (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.
- *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.*

February 2022 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	112
Monthly Giving:	\$50,083
Monthly Benevolence:	\$5,509
Building for Our Future Giving to Date:	\$787,029

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Upcoming Events

Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, March 27** - **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Children's Sermon Team Meeting**, 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, March 29** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, March 30** - **Midweek Lenten Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, March 30** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, April 3** - **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **YOUTH Connect**, 11:30 AM
- **Choir Practice**, 11:45 AM
- Monday, April 4** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, April 5** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- **ROMEO's Monthly Luncheon**, 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, April 6** - **Midweek Lenten Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, April 7** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Friday, April 8** - **Fish STIX Friday Fun Nite**, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, April 10** - *Palm Sunday*,
- **Choir Practice**, 9:25 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, April 11** - **Property Team Meeting**, 5:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 13** - **RLC Senior Bag Program**, 9:00 AM
- Thursday, April 14** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- **Maundy Thursday Service**, 7:00 PM
- Friday, April 15** - *Good Friday*, **Tenebrae Service**, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, April 16** - **Easter Egg Hunt**, 2:00 PM
- Sunday, April 17** - **Easter Sunrise Service**, 6:30 AM
- **Choir Practice**, 9:25 AM
- **Easter Traditional Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, April 18** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- **Ladies Connect Luncheon**, noon

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