

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.

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 12, 2023**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
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Advent • Christmas • Epiphany • **Lent** • Easter • Pentecost  
*Please refer to the green Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnal for service.*

**ENTRANCE RITE**

Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- \* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW 56
- \* Entrance Hymn "**God Is Here!**" ..... WOV 719
- \* Greeting and Kyrie..... LBW 57
- \* The Lord be with you ..... LBW 62
- \* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

- First Reading ..... Exodus 17:1-7
- Psalm (Read Responsively) ..... Psalm 95
- Second Reading ..... Romans 5:1-11
- \* "Return to the Lord" Verse ..... LBW 63
- \* Gospel ..... John 4:5-42

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**I Lay My Sins On Jesus**" ..... LBW 305
- \* Apostles' Creed ..... LBW 65
- \* Prayers ..... LBW 65
- \* Share the Peace ..... LBW 66

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering

- Offertory ..... LBW 66
- \* Offertory Prayer ..... LBW 67
- \* Great Thanksgiving ..... LBW 68
- \* Holy, Holy, Holy ..... LBW 69
- \* Words of Institution ..... LBW 70
- \* The Lord's Prayer ..... LBW 71
- "Lamb of God" ..... LBW 72
- † Communion (Hymns are listed on the screen.)
- \* Blessing ..... LBW 72
- \* Canticle "Lord, now You let" ..... LBW 73
- \* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal..... LBW 74
- \* Closing Hymn "**God of Grace and God of Glory**" ..... LBW 415
- \* Sending

\* 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.*

## **Exodus 17:1-7**

17 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

## **Psalm 95**

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**<sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

**<sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

<sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Today, if you hear his voice,

**<sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

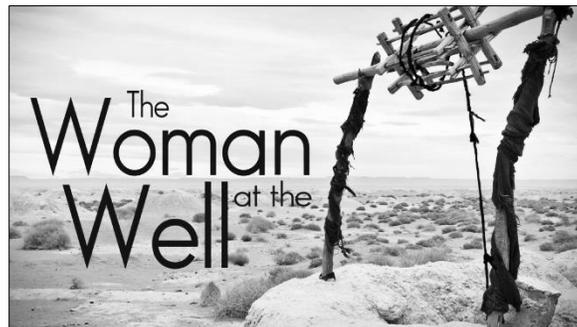
<sup>9</sup> when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

**<sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."**

<sup>11</sup> Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

### **Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



### **John 4:5-42**

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."

<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."  
<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet." <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." <sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him. <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If anyone is physically unable to come to the altar, they may request the Pastor or Worship Assistant to bring them **communion** at their seat. Please let your usher know so he /she can tell the Pastor where you are seated.
- A **Flower Arranging Workshop** will be held Saturday, March 18, weather permitting. The group will meet outside behind the fellowship hall at noon. Participants will need greenery from your yard, such as flowering branches, a vase, and small clippers. For more information, please contact Donna Crawford, Gwyn Wilson, or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- **Discovery Class** will be offered for new members beginning Sunday, April 16. The group meets at 9:00 AM in room 2. For more information, please contact Pastor Jason, Vince Compagno, or sign up on the bulletin tear-off. All are welcome!
- **Midweek Lenten services** Wednesdays, through March 29, at 7:00 PM. **Maundy Thursday** service is April 6 at 7:00 PM and **Good Friday, Tenebrae Service**, is April 7 also at 7:00 PM.
- *Reminder, Tartu Academy of Theology, Estonia* presentation this Wednesday, March 8, at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall.
- *Reminder, Crafters' Fellowship Weekend* will be Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18 beginning at 10 AM in the fellowship hall.
- WoG's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, April 8, from 12:30 - 2:30 PM in the picnic area. Volunteers are needed! For more information please contact Sue Burnett at [suegburnett@att.net](mailto:suegburnett@att.net).
- *Mark your calendars, K-5th Grade VBS* this summer, Monday, June 12 to Friday, June 16, 9:00 AM to noon. Pre-Schoolers welcome with a parent accompanying the preschooler.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, April 12, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, March 16, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at [suegburnett@att.net](mailto:suegburnett@att.net) for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, March 21 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, March 22 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, March 23 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at [ltcbowler@gmail.com](mailto: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 [woglutheran@gmail.com](mailto:woglutheran@gmail.com).*

### January 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 139

Monthly Giving: \$32,679

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,595

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**Upcoming Events**  
**Please Mark Your Calendars!**

- Sunday, March 5** - **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM  
- **Choir Rehearsal**, 9:00 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM  
- **Intergenerational Event** *Junction Lanes*, noon
- Monday, March 6** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM  
- **M.O.M. Team Meeting**, 5:30 PM
- Tuesday, March 7** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, March 8** - **RLC Senior Bag Program**, 9:00 AM  
- **Tartu Academy of Theology Presentation**, 5:30 PM  
- **Midweek Lent Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, March 9** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Saturday, March 11** - **Service Committee and Ministry Leaders**  
**Retreat**, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, March 12** - *Daylight Savings Time*  
- **Sunday School Pajama Day**, 9:00 AM  
- **Choir Rehearsal**, 9:25 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, March 13** - **Property Team Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 14** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, March 15** - **The Word at Midweek**, 6:00 PM  
- **Midweek Lent Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, March 16** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry**, 9:00 AM  
- **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM  
- **Fish STIX**, 7:00 PM  
- **SC Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Friday, March 17** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend**, 10:00 AM
- Saturday, March 18** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend**, 10:00 AM
- Sunday, March 19** - **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM  
- **Chapel Chat**, 11:30 AM  
- **Choir Rehearsal**, 11:45 AM
- Monday, March 20** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM

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