

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 19, 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 "**Here in This Place**" WOV 718
- * Greeting and Kyrie..... LBW 57
- * The Lord be with you LBW 62
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm (*Read in unison*) Psalm 23

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

- * "Return to the Lord" Verse LBW 63
- * Gospel John 9:1-41

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Open My Eyes That I May See**" screen
- * 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 72

* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal LBW 74

* Closing Hymn "**Go, My Children, with My Blessing** " WOV 721

* 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.*

1 Samuel 16:1-13

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

**3 he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

**4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;**

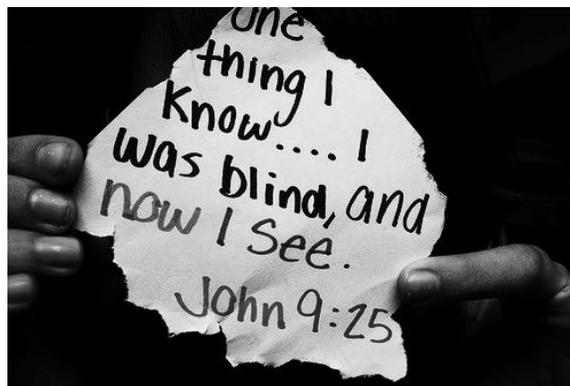
**your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.**

**⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."



John 9:1-41

⁹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and

said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

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.
- **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.
- We will meet in the church parking at 6:45 AM for **the Easter Sunrise Service** and form the processional to the picnic area for service. **Traditional Easter Service** at 10:15 AM .
- There is **no** children or youth **Sunday school** on *Palm Sunday*, April 2, or *Easter Sunday*, April 9.
- 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.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, April 10, in observance of Easter.
- **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!
- *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, April 20, 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, 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 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.*

February 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 156

Monthly Giving: \$33,959

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,735

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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, March 19** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Chapel Chat, 11:30 AM**
- **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**
- **YOUTH Connect, 3:00 PM**
- Monday, March 20** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, March 21** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, March 22** - **The Word at Midweek, 6:00 PM**
- **Midweek Lent Service, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, March 23** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, March 25** - **Funeral for Madison Gesswein, 2:00 PM**
- Sunday, March 26** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Choir Rehearsal, 9:25 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**
- Tuesday, March 28** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- **Pathways2, 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday, March 29** - **The Word at Midweek, 6:00 PM**
- **Midweek Lent Service, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, March 30** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, April 2** - *Palm Sunday*
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, April 3** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, April 5** - **The Word at Midweek, 6:00 PM**
- Thursday, April 6** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- **Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 PM**
- Friday, April 7** - **Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 PM**
- Saturday, April 8** - **Easter Egg Hunt, 12:30 PM**

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