

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.

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 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

- * Entrance Hymn "**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**" WOV 752
- * Greeting and Kyrie LBW 57
- * The Lord be with you LBW 62
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

- First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 130
- Second Reading Romans 8:6-11
- * Return to the Lord" Verse LBW 63
- * Gospel John 11:1-45

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**" WOV 734
- * *Holy Baptism, Greta Jarvie* LBW 121
- * 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 69
- * The Lord's Prayer LBW 70
- "Lamb of God" LBW 72
- † Communion (Hymns are listed on the screen.)
- * Blessing LBW 72
- * Canticle "Thank the Lord" LBW 72
- * Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal LBW 74
- * Closing Hymn "**Shine, Jesus, Shine**" WOV 651
- * 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.*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

37 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'" ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

Psalm 130

130 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!

**² O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

³ If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

**⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
that you may be feared.**

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

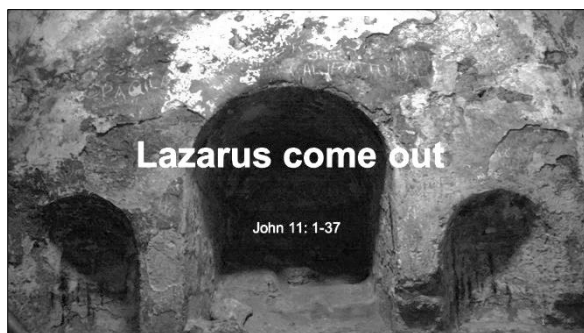
**⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plentiful redemption.

**⁸ And he will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.**

Romans 8:6-11

⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.



John 11:1-45

¹¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the

light of this world. ¹⁰ But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." ¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." ¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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.
- The **Flower Arranging Workshop** has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 29. Please **RSVP** on the bulletin tear-off or to Gwyn Wilson at gwynandmike42@yahoo.com.
- **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!
- 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, April 18 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, April 19 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, April 20 (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 26** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Choir Rehearsal, 9:00 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**
- Sunday, April 9** - *Easter Sunday*
- **Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 AM**
- **Easter Morning Breakfast, 7:30 AM**
- **Traditional Easter Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Monday, April 10** - *Church Office is Closed*
- **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, April 11** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, April 12** - **Real Life Center Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
- **The Word at Midweek, 6:00 PM**
- Thursday, April 13** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**

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