

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
March 5, 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 "**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**" LBW 526
- * Greeting and Kyrie LBW 57
- * The Lord be with you LBW 62
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 121

Second Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

* "Return to the Lord" Verse LBW 63

* Gospel John 3:1-17

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**" LBW 315
- * 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 "**We Are One in the Spirit**" screen

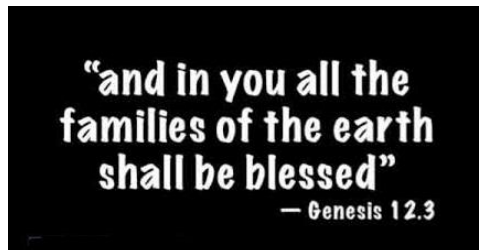
* Sending

* 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.*

Genesis 12:1-4a

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him.



Psalm 121

121 I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

**² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

**⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

4 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness. 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.

John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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.
- *Reminder, **Tartu Academy of Theology, Estonia** presentation this Wednesday, March 8, at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall.*
- **Midweek Lenten services** Wednesday, March 8 - 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.
- **Service Committee with Ministry leaders retreat** on Saturday, March 11. The group will meet at 9:00 AM at the *Lakes of White Oak clubhouse*, 255 Woodlake Dr., Newnan. For more information, please contact Linda Satter at LSatter@sipcamagro.com.
- Remember to "*Spring ahead*" 1 hour on Saturday, March 12, for **Daylight Savings Time**.
- Children and youth **Sunday school Pajama Day** on Sunday, March 13.
- *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.
- *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, March 8, 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 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.*

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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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

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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