

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 10, 2024

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 "**Word of God, Come Down on Earth**" WOV 716

* Greeting and Kyrie..... LBW 57

* The Lord be with you LBW 62

* Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 107:1-9

Second Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

* "Return to the Lord" Verse LBW 63

* GospelJohn 3:14-21

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 68

* 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 "**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**"LBW 448

* 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.*

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Numbers 21:4-9

⁴ From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶ Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷ And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Psalms 107:1-9

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble**

³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

**⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to a city to dwell in;**

⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

**⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.**

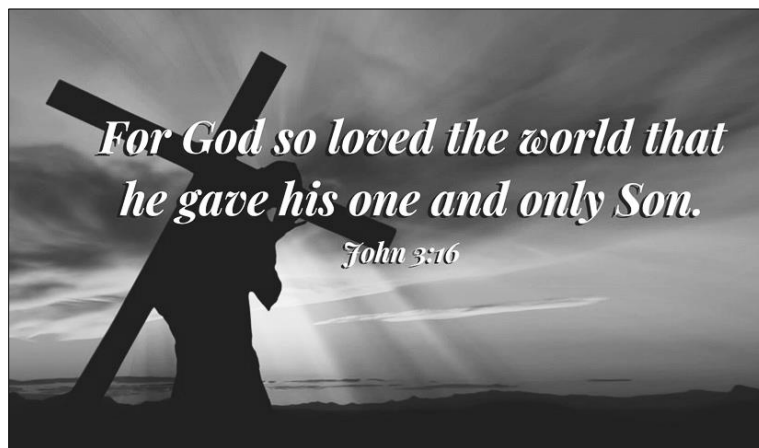
⁷ He led them by a straight way
till they reached a city to dwell in.

**⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of men!**

⁹ For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Ephesians:2:1-10

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



John 3:14-21

¹⁴ [Jesus said:] “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. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are physically unable to come to the altar, **communion** will be brought to you at your seat. Please let your usher know so he /she can tell the Pastor where you are seated.
- **Midweek Lenten services** Wednesdays through March 20, at 7:00 PM. **Maundy Thursday service** is March 28 at 7:00 PM and **Good Friday, Tenebrae service**, is March 29 also at 7:00 PM.
- **Confirmation and Youth Connect** will meet on Sunday, March 17, following service.
- We will meet in the church parking at 7:00 AM for the **Easter Sunrise Service** and form the processional to the picnic area for service weather permitting. **Traditional Easter Service** at 10:15 AM.
- WoG's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, March 23, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM in the picnic area weather permitting. Volunteers are needed! For more information, please contact Sue Burnett at sueburnett@att.net.
- There is **no** children or youth **Sunday school** on *Easter Sunday, March 31*.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1, in observance of Easter.
- **K-5th Grade VBS** this summer, Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 14, from 9:00 AM to noon. Pre-Schoolers welcome with a parent accompanying the preschooler. Please use the following link to register <https://vbsmate.com/events/WOGLUTHERAN/28434>.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, March 13 at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, March 21, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at sueburnett@att.net for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, March 19 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, March 20 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, March 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 **weekly announcement submission** deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the previous **Monday** at 11:00 AM. Please send all announcements to woglutheran@gmail.com.*

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