

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 14, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE
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Advent † Christmas † **Epiphany** † Lent † Easter † Pentecost

ENTRANCE RITE

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PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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Sermon

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* 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 from their parents.***

NOTE: Page numbers are in the front of the hymnal, followed by the Hymn numbers. *LBW* is the green *Lutheran Book of Worship*. *WOV* is the blue *With One Voice Hymnal*.

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.

GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS
LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.
PSALM 107:1

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹⁰⁷ 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.

**¹⁷ Some were fools through their sinful ways,
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;**

¹⁸ they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

**¹⁹ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and He delivered them from their distress.**

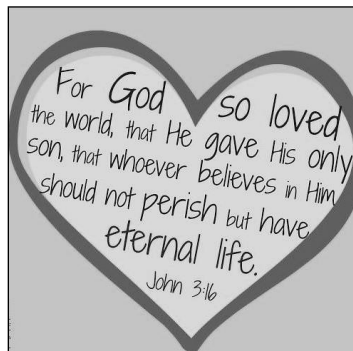
²⁰ He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from their destruction.

**²¹ Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love,
for His wondrous works to the children of man!**

²² And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and tell of His deeds in songs of joy!

Ephesians 2:1-10

2 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 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. 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 works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please *love your neighbor* and be cognizant of Covid 19 protocols such as practicing **social distancing**, wearing a **face mask**, and **washing** your hands.
- The **nursery** is available for parents to use during service, although we are currently not scheduling volunteers due to Covid.
- 2021 **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held Saturday, April 3, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm weather permitting. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Sue Burnett at suegburnett@att.net or 770-361-0781
- Please join us for *Conversations with God*, 2021's theme for the midweek **Lenten Services** ending on March 24, 2021. Services will be held at noon.
- Calling all crafters, WoG will have another **crafters' fellowship weekend** Friday, March 19, and Saturday, March 20, from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Craft weekend is for ages 13 and older. You do not have to stay the entire time, drop-in when you can.
- Please join us for **Maundy Thursday, April 1**, and **Good Friday, April 2**, services in the sanctuary at noon and 7:00 pm.
- WoG will be celebrating **Communion** on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please pick up your self-contained Communion set and bulletin before you enter the sanctuary.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, April 14, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, March 18, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Cathy Moore at mooreteam5@gmail.com for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, March 16 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, March 17 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, March 18 (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.
- The next **Redeemer Soup Kitchen** service opportunity in Atlanta will be Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30. Volunteers meet in the parking lot at Mimi's restaurant at 8:30 AM to carpool. Please contact Cathy Moore at mooreteam5@gmail.com for more information.
- *Unless otherwise indicated, the announcement submission deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the previous Monday at 11:00 AM. Please send all announcements to wogadmin@woglutheran.org.*

February 2021 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 105

Monthly Giving: \$35,963

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,956

Building for Our Future Giving to Date: \$749,050

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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, March 14** - *4th Sunday in Lent*
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Chapel Chat**, 11:30 AM
- **First Holy Communion Class**, 2:00 PM
- Monday, March 15** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, March 16** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
- **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 17** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
- **Midweek Lenten Service**, noon
- **Service Committee Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- **VBS Planning Meeting**, zoom app
- Thursday, March 18** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
- **RLC Mobile Food Pantry**, 9:00 AM
- **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- **Thursday Night Bible Study**, 6:30 PM
- **Fish STIX Rehearsal**, 7:00 PM
- Friday, March 19** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend**, 10:00 AM
- Saturday, March 20** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend**, 10:00 AM
- **Call Team Meeting**, 10:00 AM
- Sunday, March 21** - *5th Sunday in Lent*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Discovery Class Luncheon**, 11:30 AM
- **First Holy Communion Class**, 2:00 PM
- Monday, March 22** - **M.O.M. Team Meeting**, 5:30 PM
- Tuesday, March 23** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- **Pathways2**, 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 24** - **Midweek Lenten Service**, noon
- Thursday, March 25** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- **Thursday Night Bible Study**, 6:30 PM

