

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.

**First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2023**

ORDER OF SERVICE
February 26, 2023
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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

Introduction to Worship, *Instructed Eucharist*

- * Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness LBW 56
- * Entrance Hymn "**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**" LBW 499
- * Greeting and Kyrie LBW 57
- * The Lord be with you LBW 62
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 32

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

* "Return to the Lord" Verse LBW 63

* Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * 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

* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal LBW 74

* Closing Hymn "**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**" LBW 104

* 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 2:15-17, 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." ³ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Psalm 32

32 Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**² Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**⁶ Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

**¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Romans 5:12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Jesus answered, "It is written:
'Man shall not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4



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 **Children & Youth team** will meet Monday, February 27, in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM.
- **Midweek Lenten services** begin Wednesday, March 1 - 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.
- **Intergenerational Event** Sunday, March 5, at Junction Lanes, Newnan. The group will meet at 12:30 PM for pizza and bowling. Please RSVP on the bulletin tear-off or the poster in the narthex.
- Please join the M.O.M. Team on Wednesday, March 8, for guest speaker, Simon Haamer. Simon is from the **Tartu Academy of Theology, Estonia**. The presentation will begin at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. Please contact Christina Gerling at stina0702@gmail.com for more information.
- The next **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend** will be Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18 beginning at 10 am in the fellowship hall. For more information, please contact Becky Cirillo, Diann Eveland, or Tata Pike.
- WoG's annual **Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, April 8, from 2:00 - 4:00 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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Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, February 26**
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
 - **Choir Rehearsal**, 9:25 AM
 - **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
 - **Choir Rehearsal**, 11:45 AM
- Monday, February 27** - **Children & Youth Team Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 28**
- **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
 - **Pathways2**, 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, March 1**
- **The Word at Midweek**, 6:00 PM
 - **Midweek Lent Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, March 2** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, March 5**
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
 - **Choir Rehearsal**, 9:00 AM
 - **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
 - **Intergenerational Event** *Junction Lanes*, 12:30 PM
- 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**, 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

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