

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 after the Epiphany**  
**February 4, 2024**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
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Advent • Christmas • **Epiphany** • Lent • Easter • Pentecost  
*Please refer to the blue With One Voice hymnal for service.*

**ENTRANCE RITE**

Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- \* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness..... WOVS 10
- \* Entrance Hymn "**Beautiful Savior**" ..... LBW 518
- \* Greeting ..... WOVS 28
- \* Hymn of Praise ..... WOVS 29
- \* The Lord be with you ..... WOVS 30
- \* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

- First Reading ..... Isaiah 40:21-31
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 147:1-11
- Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 9:16-27
- \* Alleluia Verse ..... WOVS 31
- \* Gospel ..... Mark 1:29-39

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**Hark the Glad Sound!**" ..... LBW 35
- \* Apostles' Creed ..... WOVS 33
- \* Prayers ..... WOVS 34
- \* Share the Peace ..... WOVS 34

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering

- Offertory ..... WOVS 35
- \* Offertory Prayer ..... WOVS 35
- \* Great Thanksgiving ..... WOVS 36
- \* Holy, Holy, Holy ..... WOVS 36
- \* Words of Institution ..... WOVS 37
- \* The Lord's Prayer ..... WOVS 39
- " Lamb of God" ..... WOVS 39
- † Communion ..... *Hymns are listed on the screen*
- \* Blessing ..... WOVS 40
- \* Canticle "Thankful Hearts" ..... WOVS 40
- \* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal..... WOVS 41
- \* Closing Hymn "**Arise, Your Light Has Come!**" .....WOVS 652
- \* 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.*

## **Isaiah 40:21-31**

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

## **Psalms 147:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**<sup>2</sup> The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.

**<sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.**

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**<sup>6</sup> The LORD lifts up the humble;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!

**<sup>8</sup> He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares rain for the earth;  
he makes grass grow on the hills.**

<sup>9</sup> He gives to the beasts their food,  
and to the young ravens that cry.

**<sup>10</sup> His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**

<sup>11</sup> but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

### **1 Corinthians 9:16–27**

<sup>16</sup> If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.



### **Mark 1: 1:29–39**

<sup>29</sup> Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup> Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup> And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup> That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup> And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup> And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup> and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## 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.
- **Faithful Hands Ministry** will meet February 5 and February 19 at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. For more information, please contact Diann Eveland at [dleveland@comcast.net](mailto:dleveland@comcast.net).
- **Service Committee meeting** on Thursday, February 15, in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM. Please contact Mike Lennon at [mjlennon@gablind.com](mailto:mjlennon@gablind.com) for more information.
- We will collect last year's **Palm Sunday crosses** to be burned and used for the imposition of ashes on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, as a reminder that all our prayers are answered and to remember the austerity of Lent. Please return your crosses by *Transfiguration Sunday, February 11*.
- **Midweek Lenten services** begin on Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00 PM.
- WoG will offer **2** services this year on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**. Service times are noon and 7:00 PM.
- Please save the date for our first intergenerational event of the new year! **Family Bingo Night** on Saturday, February 24, 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Adult and children prizes will be awarded to the winners. The event is co-hosted by our *Children & Family Ministry* and the *Fellowship Team*.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, February 14, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, February 15, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at [suegburnett@att.net](mailto:suegburnett@att.net) for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, February 20 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, February 21 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, February 22 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at [ltcbowler@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:woglutheran@gmail.com).*

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