

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 30, 2025

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 **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** WOV 771
- * Greeting and Kyrie..... LBW 57
- * The Lord be with you LBW 62
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 12:1–6

Psalm (Read Responsively) Psalm 32

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

* Return to the Lord LBW 63

* Gospel Luke 15:1–3, 11b–3

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day **"Our Father, We Have Wandered"** WOV 733
- * 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

* Prayer of Humble Access..... screen

"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 **"Lift High the Cross"** LBW 377

* 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 12:1–6

12 You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ² “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ “Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Psalms 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.

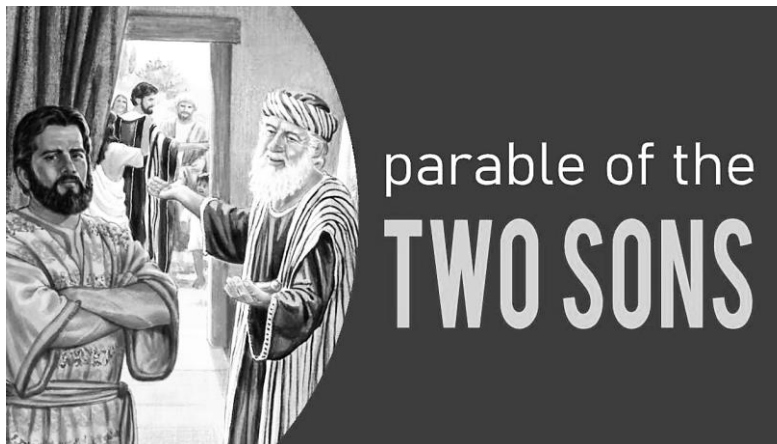
**¹⁰ Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord.**

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

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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 April 9, at 7:00 PM. Maundy Thursday service is April 17 at 7:00 PM and Good Friday services are April 18 at noon and 7:00 PM.
- **Discovery Class Brunch** Sunday, March 30, following service. Please contact Vince Compagno at vince@vmcise.com for more information.
- WoG's annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 12, from noon - 2:00 PM. For more information, please contact Tameka at tameka@woglutheran.org.
- We will meet in the church parking lot on April 20 at 6:30 AM for the **Easter Sunrise Service** and form the processional to the picnic area for service weather permitting. **Traditional Easter Service** is at 10:15 AM.
- There is **no** children or youth **Sunday school** on Easter Sunday, April 20.
- **K-5th Grade VBS** Monday, June 16 to Friday, June 20, from 9:30 AM to noon. Pre-Schoolers welcome with a parent accompanying the preschooler. Please use the following link to register <https://vbsmate.com/events/WOGLUTHERAN/30206>.
- FishSTIX VBS is collecting colored pencils, nylon cable ties, and girls' hair accessories in **March** for the OCC shoeboxes. Please contact Jennifer Griffin at jbgriffinrn@gmail.com with questions.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, April 9, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be on Thursday, April 17, 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, April 15 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, April 16 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, April 17 (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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