

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.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 5, 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 77
- \* Entrance Hymn "**Crown Him With Many Crowns**" .....LBW 170
- \* Greeting and Kyrie..... LBW 78
- \* Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast" ..... LBW 81
- \* The Lord be with you ..... LBW 82
- \* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading ..... Acts 10:34-48

Psalms (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 98

Second Reading ..... 1 John 5:1-8

\* Alleluia Verse ..... LBW 83

\* Gospel .....John 15:9-17

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**" .....LBW 315
- \* Apostles' Creed ..... LBW 85
- \* Prayers ..... LBW 85
- \* Share the Peace ..... LBW 86

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering

Offertory ..... LBW 86

\* Offertory Prayer ..... LBW 87

\* Great Thanksgiving ..... LBW 88

\* Holy, Holy, Holy ..... LBW 89

\* Words of Institution ..... LBW 90

\* The Lord's Prayer ..... LBW 91

" Lamb of God" ..... LBW 92

† Communion .....*Hymns are listed on the screen*

\* Blessing ..... LBW 92

\* Canticle "Thank the Lord" ..... LBW 92

\* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal ..... LBW 94

\* Closing Hymn "**Go, My Children, With My Blessing**" ..... WOV 721

\* 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.*

## **Acts 10:34-48**

<sup>34</sup> Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,  
<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup> For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.



## **Psalm 98**

<sup>1</sup> Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

**<sup>2</sup> The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

**<sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together**

<sup>9</sup> before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

### **1 John 5:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

**This is my  
commandment:**

*As I have loved you.*



John 15:12

### **John 15:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> [Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

## 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.
- **Fish STIX Recital** Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 PM outside, weather permitting. All are invited to attend and show their support to the group as they perform the various songs they have learned. Hope to see you there!
- *Coweta Pregnancy Services* **Annual Baby Bottle Fund** Drive begins on Mother's Day, May 12. Please pick up an empty bottle from the narthex and fill with your loose coin. The filled bottles will be collected on Father's Day, June 16.
- The **Ministry Teams Annual Reports** are due May 12. Ministry Leaders, please forward your reports to the church office. Please forward your team's budget to Mavis Compagno at [mavis@vmcise.com](mailto:mavis@vmcise.com).
- **Recognition Sunday** is May 19. Please forward the WoG member's name and photo to the church office. Bible memorization pins and educational volunteers in our congregation will also be recognized.
- The deadline to return **Scholarship applications** is May 15. Applications are on the WoG website and in the narthex. Please contact Bonnie Kent or Emily Nadeau.
- **Fish STIX** will be collecting **cookbooks** for the *NALC Disaster Response* as their VBS service project. Cookbooks will be collected until June 1. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Griffin at [jbgriffinrn@gmail.com](mailto:jbgriffinrn@gmail.com).
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, May 8 at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, May 16, 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, May 14 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, May 15 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, May 16 (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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