

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 of Easter
May 7, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE
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Confirmation Sunday

Advent • Christmas • Epiphany • Lent • **Easter** • Pentecost
Please refer to the green Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnal for service.

ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- * Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness LBW 77
- * Entrance Hymn "**Children of the Heavenly Father**" LBW 474
- * 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 7:55-60
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10
- * Alleluia Verse LBW 83
- * Gospel John 14:1-14

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry**" WOV 770
- * Affirmation of Baptism LBW 198
- * 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 "**O Master, Let Me Walk with You**" LBW 492
- * 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.*

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*.

Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.



Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

31 In you, O Lord, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

**² Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily!
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me!**

³ For you are my rock and my fortress;
and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

**⁴ you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.**

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies
and from my persecutors!**

¹⁶ Make your face shine on your servant;
save me in your steadfast love!

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,"^[a] ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



John 10:1-10

¹⁴ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

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.
- **Children's Tea Party**, Saturday, May 13, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM. Please **RSVP** to Britt Burns at BrittLWeber@yahoo.com or on the bulletin tear-off.
- **Fish STIX Recital** Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM outside, weather permitting. All are invited! The group currently knows more than 15 different songs and will set-up seating.
- *Coweta Pregnancy Services* **Annual Baby Bottle Fund** Drive begins on Mother's Day, May 14. 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 18.
- **Get to Know Fish STIX**, Sunday, June 4, following service. Join Andi Laaker and the rest of the team to discover what this ministry is all about.
- The **Ministry Teams Annual Reports** are due May 15. Ministry Leaders, please forward your reports to the church office.
- **Recognition Sunday** is May 21. 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.
- **K-5th Grade VBS Registration Link** is now active. Please visit <https://vbsmate.com/WOGLUTHERAN> to register. Dates are 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, May 10, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, May 18, 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, May 16 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, May 17 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, May 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.
- *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.*

March 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 148

Monthly Giving: \$30,884

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,391.70

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, May 7**
- *Confirmation Sunday*
 - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, May 8** - **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, May 9** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, May 10**
- **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
 - **The Word at Midweek, 6:00 PM**
- Thursday, May 11** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, May 13** - **Children's Tea Party, 2:00 PM**
- Sunday, May 14**
- *Mother's Day*
 - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
 - **Choir Rehearsal, 9:25 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Monday, May 15** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, May 16** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, May 17** - **Fish STIX Recital, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, May 18**
- **RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**
 - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
 - **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Sunday, May 21**
- *Recognition Sunday*
 - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM** **last day*
 - **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**
 - **Coweta-Fayette Music Piano Recital, 2:00 PM**
- Tuesday, May 23** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, May 24** - **Piano Recital, 6:00 PM**
- Thursday, May 25** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**

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