

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 of Easter
April 21, 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 "**Jesus Christ Is Risen Today**"LBW 151

* 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 4:1-12

Psalms (*Read in unison*) Psalm 23

Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

* Alleluia Verse LBW 83

* Gospel John 10:11-18

Children's Sermon

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day "**Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**" screen

* 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 "**Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing**"LBW 196

* 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 4:1-12

¹ As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

**² He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

³ He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

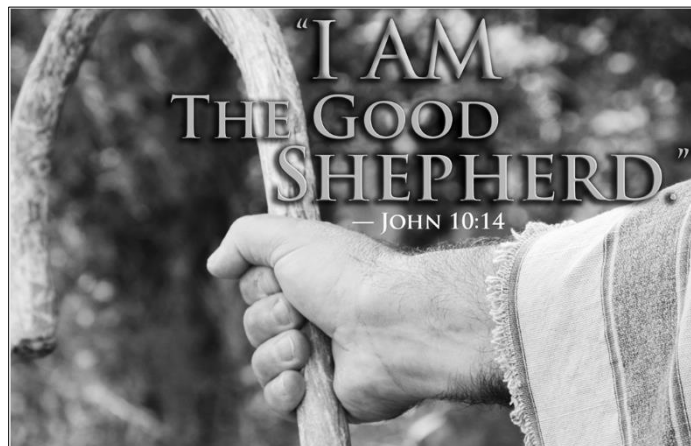
**⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹ By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰ for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²² and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.



John 10:11-18

¹¹ [Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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.
- The **Ministry Teams Annual Reports** are due May 19. Ministry Leaders, please forward your reports to the church office for compilation. 2023's annual report can be found on the WoG website for reference.
- **Recognition Sunday** is May 19. Graduating high school seniors, education achievements, military service awards, Bible memorization pins, and educational volunteers in our congregation will be recognized. Please submit the WoG member's name on the bulletin tear-off or send an email to the church office.
- **Fish STIX** will be collecting **cookbooks** for the *NALC Disaster Response* as their July VBS service project. A space will be designated in the narthex for donations. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Griffin at jbgriffinrn@gmail.com.
- *Ruth Girls Home*, **Global Hope India**, has one child in need of a godparent sponsorship. Sponsorships are typically done as an individual church member and start at \$39.00 per month. To sponsor her, email Nancy at Nancy.Week@globalhope.org.
- **K-5th Grade VBS** this summer, Monday, June 10 to Friday, June 14, from 9:00 AM to noon. Pre-Schoolers welcome with a parent accompanying the preschooler. Please use the following link to register <https://vbsmate.com/events/WOGLUTHERAN/28434>.
- 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 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 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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