

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**  
**April 28, 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 "**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**" .....LBW 551
- \* 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 8:26-40

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 150

Second Reading ..... 1 John 4:1-21

- \* Alleluia Verse ..... LBW 83
- \* Gospel ..... John 15:1-8

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**" .....LBW 439
- \* 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 "**Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**" ..... WOV 674

\* 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 8:26-40**

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." <sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

## **Psalms 150**

1 Praise the LORD!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!

**2 Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!

**4 Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!**

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with sounding cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

**6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!  
Praise the LORD!**

## **1 John 4:1-21**

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. 4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

## **John 15:1-8**

1 [Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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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