

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 14, 2023

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

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- * Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness LBW 77
- * Entrance Hymn "**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**" LBW 526
- * 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 17:22-31

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 66:8-20

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

* Alleluia Verse LBW 83

* Gospel John 14:15-21

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill**" LBW 353
- * Nicene Creed LBW 84
- * 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 89

* 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 "**I Love to Tell the Story**" LBW 390

* 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 17:22-31

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for "'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.'²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalms 68:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,

**⁹ who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

**¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

¹² you let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

**¹³ I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will perform my vows to you,**

¹⁴ that which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

**¹⁵ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**¹⁷ I cried to him with my mouth,
and high praise was on my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

**¹⁹ But truly God has listened;
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me!

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

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.
- Margie Bell needs a **co-leader** for the **Welcome & Evangelism team**. Please help her spread the word about our savior, Jesus Christ, and our congregation. Any member interested can sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Margie at margieb912@gmail.com for more information.
- *Reminder*, **Fish STIX Recital** this Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 PM outside, weather permitting. All are invited!
- 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 deadline to return **Scholarship applications** is May 20. The scholarship is designated for incoming college freshman, vocational technical, and advanced degree students. Applications are on the WoG website and in the narthex. Please contact Bonnie Kent or Emily Nadeau.
- **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, June 14, 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.*

April 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 169

Monthly Giving: \$30,864

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,395

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- 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 & 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 23** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 24** - **Piano Recital**, 6:00 PM
- Thursday, May 25** - **Fellowship Hall Reserved**, 11:00 AM
- **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, May 28** - *Pentecost Sunday*
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Choir Rehearsal**, 9:25 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, May 29** - *Memorial Day*, church office is closed
- Thursday, June 1** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Saturday, June 3** - **Fish STIX VBS Planning Meeting**, 10:00 AM
- **Fellowship Hall Reserved**, 11:00 AM
- Sunday, June 4** - **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Get 2 Know Fish STIX**, 11:45 AM
- **K-5 VBS Meeting**, 6:30 PM

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