

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 2, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE
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Rite of Confirmation

Advent † Christmas † Epiphany † Lent † **Easter** † Pentecost

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* Please stand as able

† Communion will not be celebrated today.

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 8:26-40

²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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 ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² 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. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ 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?" ³⁸ And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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 22:25-31

²⁵ From You comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

**²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.

**²⁸ For kingship belongs to the Lord,
and He rules over the nations.**

²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**³⁰ Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people
yet unborn, that He has done it.

1 John 4:7-21

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 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me 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

- Please *love your neighbor* and be cognizant of Covid 19 protocols such as practicing **social distancing**, wearing a **face mask**, and **washing** your hands.
- On May 30, WoG will begin having **communion** every Sunday again. You will be able to choose between intinction from a host family at the altar rail and the individual communion kit at your seat. More information to follow.
- WoG Senior, Kaitlin Muller, is having a **graduation party** in the fellowship hall on Saturday, May 15, from 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM. All WoG members are invited!
- **Property Work Day** Saturday, May 8, beginning at 9:00 AM, weather permitting. For more information, please contact Ryan Cirillio at rccirillo@hotmail.com.
- The **Call team** has not received any candidate names in the past 30 days. Currently, only 1 vacancy has been filled from the *NALC Vacancy Listing* per Pastor David Wendel, NALC. This is likely due to the pandemic. The team is asking for your continued prayers. Please contact a team member with any questions you may have.
- **Volunteers** are still needed to help Newnan tornado victims. Please contact the *Coweta County Tornado Relief Resource Line* at **910-632-3309** for locations and times.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, May 12, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, May 20, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Cathy Moore at mooreteam5@gmail.com for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, May 18 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, May 19 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, May 20 (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.
- The next **Redeemer Soup Kitchen** service opportunities in Atlanta will be Monday, May 31 and Tuesday, June 29. Volunteers meet in the parking lot at Mimi's restaurant at 8:30 am to carpool. Please contact Cathy Moore at mooreteam5@gmail.com for more information.
- *Unless otherwise indicated, the announcement submission deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the previous Monday at 11:00 AM. Please send all announcements to wogadmin@woglutheran.org.*

February 2021 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	105
Monthly Giving:	\$35,963
Monthly Benevolence:	\$3,956
Building for Our Future Giving to Date:	\$749,050

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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, May 2** - *Confirmation Sunday*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, May 3** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, May 4** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 5** - **Wednesday Night Bible Study**, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, May 6** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Saturday, May 8** - **Property Work Day**, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, May 9** - *Mother's Day*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, May 10** - **Property Team Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, May 11** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, May 12** - **RLC Senior Box Distribution**, 9:00 AM
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study**, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, May 13** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Friday, May 14** - **Midwest Food Bank Pre-pack**, 8:00 AM
- **Fish STIX Fun Night**, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, May 15** - **Kaitlin Muller's Graduation Party**, 2:00 PM
- Sunday, May 16** - *Recognition Sunday*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, May 17** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- **M.O.M. Team Meeting**, 5:30 PM
- Tuesday, May 18** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
- **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 6:00 PM

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