

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.

Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 23, 2023

Easter 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 "**Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**"LBW 132
- * 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 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23
- * Alleluia Verse LBW 83
- * Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**"LBW 158
- * 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 90
- * The Lord's Prayer (sing)..... 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 "**On Our Way Rejoicing**"LBW 260
- * 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 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:
³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

116 I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

**⁴ Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

¹² What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

**¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,**

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.

**¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.**

¹⁶ O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.

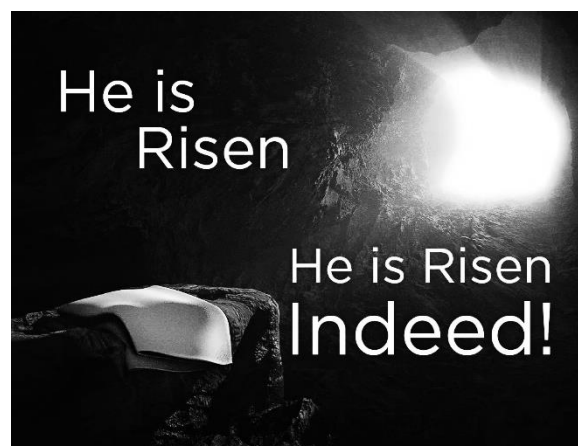
17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

19 in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.



Luke 24:13-35

¹³ That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and they were talking with each other about all these

things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵ And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon Notes

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.
- Join us for a **Flower Arranging Workshop** on Saturday, April 29 at 1:00 pm. Participants will need greenery from your yard, such as flowering branches, a vase, and small clippers. Please **RSVP** on the bulletin tear-off or to Gwyn Wilson at gwynandmike42@yahoo.com.
- **Men's Movie & a Message** will gather Thursday, May 4, at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Please **RSVP** on the bulletin tear-off or to Vince Compagno at vince@vmcise.com.
- **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.
- All Confirmed WoG members are asked to bring in their **Confirmation stoles** for *Confirmation Sunday, May 7*. The stoles will be displayed on the Altar rail during service. If you have any questions, please contact Danny.
- **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, beginning at 10 am in the fellowship hall. For more information, please contact Becky Cirillo, Diann Eveland, or Tata Pike.
- **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 lucbowler@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

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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events

Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, April 23**
- **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
 - **Choir Rehearsal, 9:25 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**
 - **K-5 VBS Meeting, 2:00 PM**
- Monday, April 24** - **Children & Youth Team Meeting, 6:00 PM**
- Tuesday, April 25**
- **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
 - **Pathways2, 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday, April 26**
- **Funeral, 2:30 PM**
 - **Children's Tea Planning Meeting, 6:00 PM**
 - **The Word at Midweek, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, April 27** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, April 29** - **Flower Arranging Workshop, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, April 30**
- **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Worship & Music Team Meeting, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, May 1** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, May 2** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, May 3** - **The Word at Midweek, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, May 4**
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
 - **Men's Movie & a Message, 6:00 PM**
- Friday, May 5** - **Crafters' fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Saturday, May 6** - **Crafters' fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- 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, 10:00 AM**

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