

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 30, 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 "**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!**"LBW 144
- * 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 2:42-47
- Psalm (*Read in Unison*) Psalm 23
- Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25
- * Alleluia Verse LBW 83
- * GospelJohn 10:1-10

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**" WOV 731
- * 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 "**O Jesus, I Have Promised**"LBW 503
- * Sending

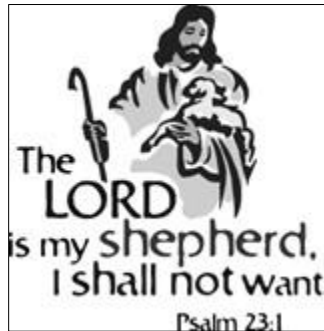
* Please stand as able

† 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 2:42-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



Psalm 23 (please read in unison)

23 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.**

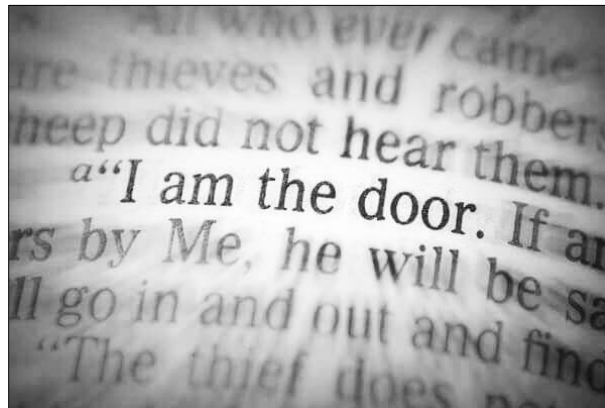
**⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

**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 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.



John 10:1-10

¹⁰ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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.
- *Reminder*, **Ministry Team Leaders** your team's budgets are due May 1. Please forward all budgets to Mavis Compagno at mavis@vmcise.com.
- **Children and Youth Team Meeting**, Monday, May 1, in the fellowship hall at 6:00 PM.
- The **Ministry Teams Annual Reports** are due May 15. Ministry Leaders, please forward your reports to the church office.
- **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. Pizza and snacks will be served.
- **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.
- **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 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.*

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

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- 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**
 - **Children & Youth Team Meeting, 6:00 PM**
- 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, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, May 9** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, May 10** - **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
 - **The Word at Midweek, 6:00 PM**
- Thursday, May 11** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
 - **Fish STIX Recital, 6:00 PM**
- Saturday, May 13** - **Children's Tea Party, 11:00 AM**
- 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**

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