

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.

**Ascension of the Lord**  
**May 21, 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 "**A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**" .....LBW 157 v. 1-4
- \* 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 1:1-11

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 47

Second Reading ..... Ephesians 1:15-23

\* Alleluia Verse ..... LBW 83

\* Gospel ..... Luke 24:44-53

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**Alleluia, Sing to Jesus**" .....LBW 158
- \* Nicene 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 "**A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**" .....LBW 157 v. 5-7

\* 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 1:1-11**

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

## **Psalm 47**

47 Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**<sup>2</sup> For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,  
a great king over all the earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.

**<sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**<sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

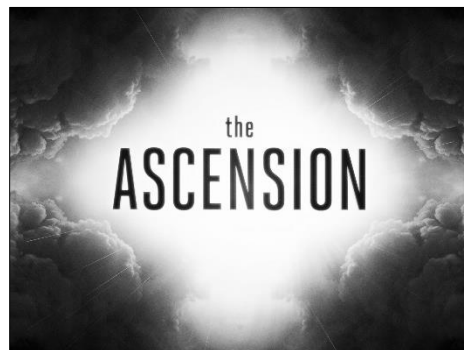
<sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

**<sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.**

<sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!

### **Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



### **Luke 14:15-21**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.



## 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.
- Volunteers are needed to help in the **nursery** during Sunday services. Please contact Jill Cline at [jill.cline21@gmail.com](mailto:jill.cline21@gmail.com) or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- The **Annual Congregational Business Meeting** is Sunday, June 11, following service. We will be voting on our annual budget.
- A **congregational delegate** is needed for the 2023 NALC Mission Convocation in Oklahoma City August 7-11. Please contact Linda Satter at [LSatter@sipcamagro.com](mailto:LSatter@sipcamagro.com) or sign up on the bulletin tear-off if interested.
- Margie Bell needs a **co-leader** for the **Welcome & Evangelism team**. Any member interested can sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Margie at [margieb912@gmail.com](mailto:margieb912@gmail.com) for more information.
- Coweta Pregnancy Services **Annual Baby Bottle Fund** has begun. 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.
- **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, June 15, 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, June 20 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, June 21 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, June 22 (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 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).*

### 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

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**Upcoming Events**  
**Please Mark Your Calendars!**

- 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**
- Thursday, June 8** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, June 11** - **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Congregational Business Meeting, 11:30 AM**
- Monday, June 12** - **K-5th Grade VBS, 9:00 AM**  
- **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, June 13** - **K-5th Grade VBS, 9:00 AM**  
- **Service Committee with Ministry Leaders, 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday, June 14** - **K-5th Grade VBS, 9:00 AM**  
- **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**

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