

Word of God Lutheran Church



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 9, 2018

ORDER OF SERVICE
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Advent † Christmas † Epiphany † Lent † Easter † **Pentecost**

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* 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*.

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Devotion Booklet – September 9, 2018

Prayer List

- Praise and prayers – Ruth and Alan Farms welcomed a great grandson, John, born prematurely. Please pray for good health for their granddaughter, April, and her baby; Carolyn Lystig. (9/2)
- Nick Hacker – please pray for healing from a broken ankle; Sandy & Ted Thomas. (9/2)
- Please pray for God's blessings on WoG fall programs; Corkey Reel. (9/2)
- Praise! Melinda's test results were good; Melinda Poff. (8/26)
- Please pray to bring the nonbelievers to the feet of God and learn His word; Ruth & Alan Farms. (8/26)
- Gene Ergle – Please pray for Diane's brother who is currently in a rehabilitation home; Diane Swaney. (8/26)
- Jerry Ergle – Please pray for Diane's brother. He has been in a vegetative state since struck by lightning 3 years ago; Diane Swaney. (8/26)
- Nikki Hamilton – Please pray. She is on the waiting list for a kidney transplant; Carol Hancock and Morgan Stephens. (8/26)
- Praise and prayers – the Eveland's granddaughter, Ellis Anne, was born August 21; Diann & Roy Eveland. (8/22)
- Praise and prayers – Shelagh and Lars Kuhr welcomed their son, Dane, a little more than a month early; Linda Williams. (8/20)
- Jared – Please pray. He is a 20-year-old needing a kidney and liver transplant; Patty & Bob Lambert. (8/19)
- Family of Joe Autovino – Please pray for comfort and peace as they mourn their loss of Joe; Ken Griffin. (8/19)
- Marmara Kuhlman – Please pray for healing after hand surgery for Jennifer's mom; Griffin family. (8/12)
- Praise God for answered prayers; Corkey Reel. (8/12)
- Ryan Lembke – Please pray for the Pike's nephew. He is suffering from Crohn's disease; Pike family. (8/5)
- Hank Frampton – Please pray for a recovery from an accident; Vija Cole. (8/5)
- Jim McLaughlin – Please pray for peace and grace in decision making for Mary's dad. He is hospitalized with broken ribs and weakness; Prather family. (8/5)
- Eli – Please pray. Eli is an 11-year-old with water on his lungs; Margie & Danny Bell. (8/5)
- Family of David Bean – Please pray for comfort and peace for the family as they mourn their loss of David, Glenn's brother-in-law; Glenn Gilbert. (8/5)



Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

22 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.² The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all.⁸ Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail.⁹ Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.²² Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate,²³ for the Lord will plead their cause and rob of life those who rob them.



Psalm 125

125 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time forth and forevermore.**

³ For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest
on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

**⁴ Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!**

⁵ But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the Lord will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

James 2:1-17

2 My brothers [and sisters],* show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. ¹¹ For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers [and sisters],* if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

**variance from ESV*



Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **yellow rose** on the altar is in honor of John Youngblut, great grandson of Ruth & Alan Farms. He was born August 31, 2018.
- Sunday, September 30, **WoG Groundbreaking Ceremony**, highway 34 at 3:00 PM, worship service in the sanctuary at 10:15 AM.
- The choir is looking for instrumentalists (flute, violin, horn) who can occasionally accompany them. If someone is interested, or knows someone, please contact Mary Spearman at highlites64@yahoo.com.
- The 22nd annual *Inman Farm Heritage Days* is September 21 - 23, 2018. The **Cross Builders** team will be forging and needs volunteers to distribute crosses. A sign-up sheet is located in the Sanctuary. Throw on your **red** WoG shirt and join us.
- **Bible Study with Pastor Greene** is Wednesdays, at 6:30 PM, in the annex. We will be studying the book of John. **RSVP** to the office at wogadmin@woglutheran.org or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- There will be no **Cherub Choir** practice Sunday, September 16. Please contact Mary Prather at maryprather@gmail.com for more information.
- **Tuesdays with God** will resume September 11 at 9:30 AM. We will be studying the book of Daniel. Please contact Linda Williams at 770-927-9413 if you plan to attend, so she can order you a book. All are welcome.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, September 12, at 9:00 AM, and the **Real Life Center Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, September 20, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Cathy Moore at mooreteam5@gmail.com for more info.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, September 18 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, September 19 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, September 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 **Redeemer Soup Kitchen** serving at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atlanta will be Monday, October 29, and Tuesday, October 30. Meet in WoG parking lot at 8:30 AM and carpool up to Redeemer, returning about 12:30 PM. Contact Cathy Moore at mooreteam5@gmail.com for more info.
- *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.*

July 2018 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	107
Monthly Giving:	\$23,838
Monthly Benevolence:	\$2,622
Building for Our Future Giving to Date:	\$749,318

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Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Tuesday, September 11** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, September 12** - **RLC Warehouse**, 9:00 AM
- **Bible Study with Pastor Greene**, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, September 13** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Friday, September 14** - **Midwest Food Bank Pre-pack**, 8:00 AM
- Sunday, September 16** - **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal**, 11:30 AM
- **Confirmation class**, 6:00 PM
- **YOUTH Connect**, 6:30 PM
- Monday, September 17** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, September 18** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
- **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 6:00 PM
- **M.O.M. Team Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, September 19** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
- **Bible Study with Pastor Greene**, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, September 20** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
- **RLC Mobile Food Pantry**, 9:00 AM
- **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- **Fish Stix Rehearsal**, 6:00 PM
- **Service Committee Meeting**, 6:30 PM
- Friday, September 21** - **24th Annual Inman Farm Days**, 9:00 AM
- Saturday, September 22** - **24th Annual Inman Farm Days**, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, September 23** - **24th Annual Inman Farm Days**, 9:00 AM
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Adult Choir Rehearsal**, 11:30 AM
- **Youth Advisory Board Meeting**, 11:30 AM
- **Children's Cherub Choir Rehearsal**, 5:00 PM
- **Confirmation class**, 6:00 PM
- **YOUTH Connect**, 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, September 25** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM

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