

Word of God Lutheran Church
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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.

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021**

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*. *WOV* is the blue *With One Voice Hymnal*.

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

7 So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ² And on the second day, as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king again said to Esther, "What is your wish, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." ³ Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be granted me for my wish, and my people for my request. ⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have been silent, for our affliction is not to be compared with the loss to the king." ⁵ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has dared to do this?" ⁶ And Esther said, "A foe and enemy! This wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Moreover, the gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, is standing at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." ¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the wrath of the king abated. ²⁰ And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹ obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, ²² as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

Psalm 124

124 If it had not been the Lord who was on our side—
let Israel now say—

**² if it had not been the Lord who was on our side
when people rose up against us,**

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

**⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;**

⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

**⁶ Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**

⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

**⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

James 5:13-20

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.



Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For the month of September, we will be celebrating communion using the individual communion kits only due to Covid. Please pick up your kit from the ushers as you enter the sanctuary.
- Volunteers are needed to help in the **nursery** during service on Sundays. For more information, please contact Jill Cline at jill.cline21@gmail.com.
- There will be a **Called Congregational Meeting** today, September 26, immediately following service. The Congregation will vote on Pastor Jason Dampier which completes the last step of the Call Process.
- Friendly reminder, all **reimbursement forms** are to be placed in the **red** folder in the second drawer of the credenza below the member mail slots. Please do not leave them in the hanging file outside the church office door.
- The next **Discovery Class** will begin Sunday, September 26, at 9:00 AM in Room 2. The class is open to anyone interested in attending. For more information, please contact Vince Compagno at vince@vmcise.com.
- Mark your calendars, Sunday, October 10, is the Stewardship team's annual **Stew-Off** immediately following service.
- WoG will celebrate our Veterans on Sunday, November 7. All **WoG military members**, (past and present) who have not submitted a photo or would like their current photo updated, are asked to send a photo of yourself wearing your in-service uniform to the office no later than, Monday, November 1. Don't forget to include military branch and dates served.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, October 6, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, October 21, 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, October 19 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, October 20 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, October 21 (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.
- **Redeemer Soup Kitchen**, is still serving lunch to those in need. However, due to Covid concerns and restrictions, all lunches are served as takeout. Redeemer is currently not hosting outside groups to help serve at this time.
- *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@woqlutheran.org.*

August 2021 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	115
Monthly Giving:	\$31,924
Monthly Benevolence:	\$3,512
Building for Our Future Giving to Date:	\$772,745

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Visit http://woqlutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, September 26** - *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Called Congregational Meeting**, 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, September 28** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, September 29** - **The Word at Mid-Week**, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, September 30** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- **Small Group Bible Study**, 4:00 PM
- **Fish STIX Rehearsal**, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, October 3** - *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*
- *2021 LCMC Annual Gathering*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **YOUTH Connect**, 11:30 AM
- **Choir Practice**, 11:45 AM
- Monday, October 4** - *2021 LCMC Annual Gathering*
- **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Tuesday, October 5** - *2021 LCMC Annual Gathering*
- **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- **ROMEOS' Monthly Luncheon**, 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, October 6** - *2021 LCMC Annual Gathering*
- **RLC Senior Bag Program**, 9:00 AM
- **The Word at Mid-Week**, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, October 7** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Friday, October 8** - **Fish STIX Fun Nite**, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, October 10** - *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*
- *Clergy Appreciation Day*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Chapel Chat**, 11:30 AM
- **Stewardship Team Annual Stew-Off**, 11:45 AM

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