

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.

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 5, 2021**

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

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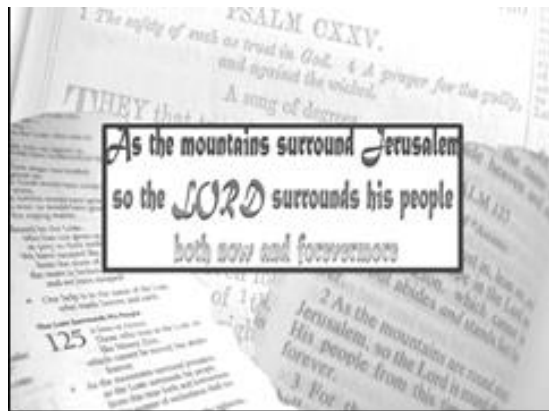
\* Please stand as able

† Communion will not be celebrated today.

**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*.

## **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. <sup>2</sup> The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of his fury will fail. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor. <sup>22</sup> Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate, <sup>23</sup> 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.

**<sup>2</sup> As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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

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

## **James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17**

2 My brothers [and sisters]\*, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup> 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, <sup>3</sup> 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," <sup>4</sup> have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> 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? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? <sup>8</sup> If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. <sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> 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? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

*\*variance from ESV*

## **Mark 7:24-37**

<sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> 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. <sup>33</sup> And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will not be celebrating **communion** today. For the rest of the Sundays in September, we will only be using the individual communion kits. Please pick up your kit from the ushers as you enter the sanctuary.
- WoG is collecting **socks** and **blankets** for the ongoing conflict in **Ethiopia**. Blankets can be new or *gently* used. There are boxes located in the fellowship hall for your donations.
- Christian Education needs a **Nursery Coordinator**. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Danny Bell at [djbelle758@gmail.com](mailto:djbelle758@gmail.com).
- The next **Ministry Leaders with Service Committee meeting** will be Wednesday, September 8, at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- Call Team and Service Committee **informational meetings** for Pastor Jason Dampier and his wife, Jessica will be held Sunday, September 5, immediately following service.
- The church office will be **closed** on Labor Day, September 6.
- **Tuesdays with God** resumes Tuesday, September 7, in the fellowship hall at 9:30 am. For more information, please contact Vija Cole or Linda Williams. All are welcome!
- The **Word at Mid-Week** resumes Wednesday, September 8, in the fellowship hall at 6:30 pm. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Robin Davis at [davis.robinrenee@gmail.com](mailto:davis.robinrenee@gmail.com).
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, September 8, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, September 16, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Cathy Moore at [mooreteam5@gmail.com](mailto:mooreteam5@gmail.com) for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, September 21 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, September 22 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, September 23 (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.
- **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@woglutheran.org](mailto:wogadmin@woglutheran.org).*

### July 2021 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	120
Monthly Giving:	\$38,758
Monthly Benevolence:	\$4,263
Building for Our Future Giving to Date:	\$771,675

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

- Sunday, September 5** - *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM  
- **Informational Meeting for New Pastor**, 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, September 6** - *Labor Day*, **church office is closed**
- Tuesday, September 7** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM  
- **Romeos' Monthly Luncheon**, 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, September 8** - **RLC Warehouse Senior Bag Program**, 9:00 AM  
- **The Word at Mid-Week**, 6:30 PM  
- **ML/SC Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, September 9** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Friday, September 10** - **Fish STIX Fun Night**, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, September 12** - *Grandparents' Day*  
- *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM  
- **Chapel Chat**, 11:30 AM
- Tuesday, September 14** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, September 15** - **The Word at Mid-Week**, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, September 16** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry**, 9:00 AM  
- **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM  
- **Service Committee Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Friday, September 17** - **Midwest Food Bank Pre-pack**, 8:00 AM  
- **Heritage Farm Days**, 9:00 AM  
- **Crafters Fellowship Weekend**, 10:00 AM
- Saturday, September 18** - **Heritage Farm Days**, 9:00 AM  
- **Crafters Fellowship Weekend**, 10:00 AM
- Sunday, September 19** - *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
- *Inman Farms Heritage Farm Days*  
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM  
- **Youth Connect**, 11:45 AM

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