

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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE
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Advent • Christmas • Epiphany • Lent • Easter • **Pentecost**
Please refer to the blue With One Voice Hymnal for service.

ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- * Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness WOV 10
- * Entrance Hymn "**The Church's One Foundation**" LBW 369
- * Greeting WOV 28
- * Hymn of Praise WOV 29
- * The Lord be with you WOV 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 133

Second Reading Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

* Alleluia Verse WOV 31

* Gospel Matthew 15:10-28

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Jesus, the Very Thought of You**" LBW 316
- * Apostles' Creed WOV 33
- * Prayers WOV 34
- * Share the Peace WOV 34

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

Offertory WOV 35

* Offertory Prayer WOV 35

* Great Thanksgiving WOV 36

* Holy, Holy, Holy WOV 36

* Words of Institution WOV 37

* The Lord's Prayer WOV 39

"Lamb of God" WOV 39

† Communion

* Blessing WOV 40

* Canticle "Thankful Hearts" WOV 40

* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal WOV 41

* Closing Hymn "**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**" LBW 259

* 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*.

Genesis 45:1-15

45 Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

Psalms 133

133 Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!

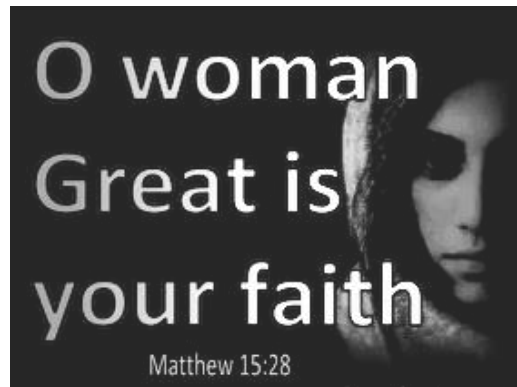
**² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!**

³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.



Matthew 15:10-28

¹⁰ And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." ¹² Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." ¹⁶ And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone." ²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.
- The **M.O.M. team** will be sewing baby blankets to give to the mothers of newborns at Hospital Loma de Luz, Honduras on Saturday, August 26, at 10 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Jennifer Griffin at jbgriffinrn@gmail.com.
- Pastor Jason will lead a new **Bible Study** beginning Tuesday, September 5, and Wednesday, September 6. If you or your small group would like to participate, please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or the sign-up sheet in the narthex so materials can be prepared.
- **Discovery Class** will be offered for new members beginning Sunday, September 10. The group meets at 9:00 AM in room 2. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Vince Compagno at vince@vmcise.com for more information. All are welcome!
- The **Worship & Music team** will meet on Sunday, September 10. Please contact Judi Holbrook at judithholbrookdgp@gmail.com with questions.
- The next **Crafters Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, September 8, and Saturday, September 9. The group meets at 10 AM. Please contact Becky Cirillo, Diane Eveland, or Tata Pike for more information or sign on the bulletin tear-off.
- The **church office will be closed** on Monday, September 4, in observance of *Labor Day*.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, September 13, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, September 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, August 22 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, August 23 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, August 24 (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.*

July 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 120

Monthly Giving: \$42,134

Monthly Benevolence: \$4,213

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, August 20** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- *Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved, 1:00 PM*
- Tuesday, August 22** - **Midwest Food Bank, 8:00 AM**
- Wednesday, August 23** - **Midwest Food Bank, 8:00 AM**
- Thursday, August 24** - **Midwest Food Bank, 8:00 AM**
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, August 26** - **Baby Blankets for Honduras, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, August 27** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Choir Practice, 9:25 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Thursday, August 31** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, September 3** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Thursday, August 31** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Monday, September 4** - *Labor Day, church office is closed*
- Tuesday, September 5** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, September 6** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, September 7** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, September 8** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Saturday, September 9** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, September 10** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Worship & Music Team Meeting, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, September 11** - **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, September 12** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- **SC / ML Meeting, 7:00 PM**

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