

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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 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 "**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**" WOV 747
- * Greeting WOV 28
- * Hymn of Praise WOV 29
- * The Lord be with you WOV 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

- First Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 124
- Second Reading Romans 12:1-8
- * Alleluia Verse WOV 31
- * Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Built on a Rock**" LBW 365
- * 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 "**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**" LBW 229
- * 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*.

Exodus 1:8-2:10

⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³ So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves. ¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live." ² Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴ And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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.

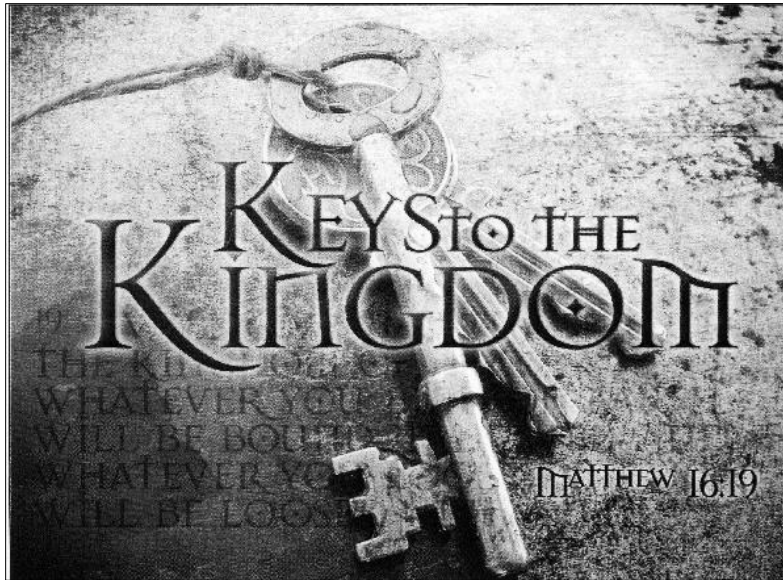
**⁶ Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth!**

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.**

Romans 12:1-8

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.



Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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.
- **Fish STIX Friday Night Fun Night** kicks off on Friday, September 15, at 7:00 PM. The group will meet the second Friday of each month. Volunteers welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Andi Laaker at laakerroom.net for more information.
- *Reminder*, **Service Committee with Ministry Team Leaders meeting** on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Please forward your team minutes to the church office if you have not already done so.
- Don't forget to sign-up for Pastor Jason's **Bible Study** beginning Tuesday, September 5, and Wednesday, September 6, 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.
- 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, September 19 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, September 20 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, September 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.
- *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

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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, August 27**
- **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Choir Practice, 9:25 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
 - **Confirmation Class Parent Meeting, 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**
- Wednesday, September 13**
- **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
 - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, September 14** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, September 15** - **Fish STIX *Friday Night Fun Night*, 7:00 PM**
- Sunday, September 17**
- **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Chapel Chat, 11:30 AM**
 - **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**

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