

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.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 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 "**O Jesus, I Have Promised**" LBW 503
- * 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 25:19-34

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 119:105-112

Second Reading Romans 8:1-11

* Alleluia Verse WOV 31

* Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Be Thou My Vision**" WOV 776
- * Apostles' Creed WOV 33
- * Prayers WOV 34
- * Share the Peace WOV 34

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering *Fish STIX VBS Video*

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 "**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**" WOV 721

* 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 25:19-34

¹⁹ These are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham fathered Isaac,
²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.
²¹ And Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³ And the LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." ²⁴ When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, dwelling in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was exhausted. ³⁰ And Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stew, for I am exhausted!" (Therefore his name was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright now." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me now." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Psalms 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

**¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to keep your righteous rules.**

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word!

**¹⁰⁸ Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your rules.**

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

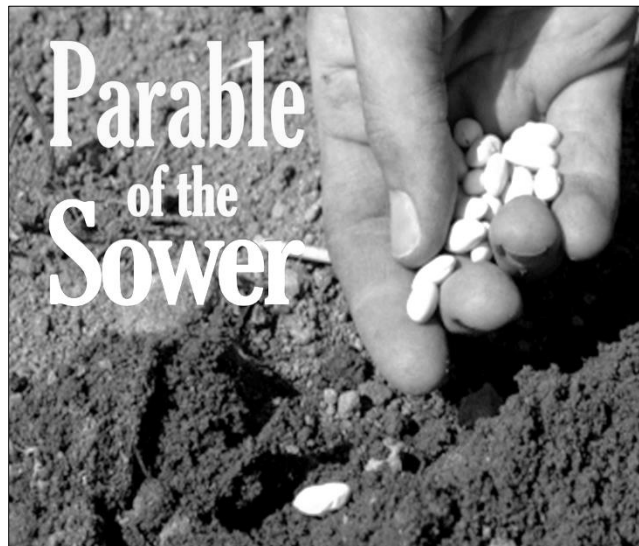
**¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.**

¹¹¹ Your testimonies are my heritage forever,
for they are the joy of my heart.

**¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.**

Romans 8:1-11

⁸ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.



Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."
¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Sermon Notes

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.
- **NALC's Stuff the Truck** is next Saturday, July 22 from 10 AM to noon. A list of items needed for the disaster response kits can be found online at thenalc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/NALC-DR-Kits_January2023.pdf.
- **Thank you** to all the **volunteers** who helped make this year's *Fish STIX VBS* another success. Your time, talents, and energy are greatly appreciated!
- *Mark your calendars*, The **Holy Smokes BBQ** is returning on Saturday, August 12, at 4:00 PM. Hope to see you there!
- *Reminder*, the **Service Committee meeting** is Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall.
- The next **Crafters' Fellowship weekend** will be held Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29. The group meets in the fellowship hall beginning at 10:00 AM.
- The 2023-2024 Sunday School Registration will be held on Sunday, August 13, at 9:00 am.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, August 9, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, July 20, 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, July 25 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, July 26 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, July 27 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at lucbowler@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.*

June 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 156

Monthly Giving: \$37,185

Monthly Benevolence: \$4,090

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, July 16** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Worship & Music Team Meeting, 11:45 AM**
- Thursday, July 20** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Saturday, July 22** - **NALC *Stuff the Truck*, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, July 23** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Thursday, July 27** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, July 28** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Saturday, July 29** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, July 30** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Wednesday, August 2** - *First Day of School Coweta County*
- Thursday, August 3** - *First Day of School Fayette County*
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, August 6** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- August 7-11** - *2023 NALC Lutheran Week*
- Wednesday, August 9** - **RLC Senior Bag Program 9:00 AM**
- Thursday, August 10** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, August 12** - **Holy Smokes BBQ, 4:00 PM**
- Sunday, August 13** - **Sunday School Registration, 9:00 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Monday, August 14** - **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, August 17** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Sunday, August 20** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 PM**
- Thursday, August 10** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**

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