

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.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 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 WOVS 10
- * Entrance Hymn "**Jesus Shall Reign**" LBW 530
- * Greeting WOVS 28
- * Hymn of Praise WOVS 29
- * The Lord be with you WOVS 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 45:10-17

Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a

- * Alleluia Verse WOVS 31
- * Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling**" WOVS 734

Blessing of Fish STIX VBS

- * Apostles' Creed WOVS 33
- * Prayers WOVS 34
- * Share the Peace WOVS 34

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

Offertory WOVS 35

- * Offertory Prayer WOVS 35
- * Great Thanksgiving WOVS 36
- * Holy, Holy, Holy WOVS 36
- * Words of Institution WOVS 37
- * The Lord's Prayer WOVS 39
- " Lamb of God" WOVS 39

† Communion

- * Blessing WOVS 40
- * Canticle "Thankful Hearts" WOVS 40
- * Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal WOVS 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*. WOVS is the blue *With One Voice Hymnal*.

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

22 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he
³⁴ So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my
master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and
gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my
master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given
all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for
my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, ³⁸ but you
shall go to my father's house and to my clan and take a wife for my son.' ⁴² "I
came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if
now you are prospering the way that I go, ⁴³ behold, I am standing by the spring
of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, "Please
give me a little water from your jar to drink," ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, "Drink,
and I will draw for your camels also," let her be the woman whom the LORD has
appointed for my master's son.' ⁴⁵ "Before I had finished speaking in my heart,
behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down
to the spring and drew water. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' ⁴⁶ She quickly let
down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels drink
also.' So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, 'Whose
daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah
bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then
I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my
master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my
master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love
and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the
right hand or to the left." ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go
with this man?" She said, "I will go." ⁵⁹ So they sent away Rebekah their sister
and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah
and said to her, "Our sister, may you become thousands of ten thousands, and
may your offspring possess the gate of those who hate him!" ⁶¹ Then Rebekah and
her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the
servant took Rebekah and went his way. ⁶² Now Isaac had returned from
Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. ⁶³ And Isaac went out to meditate in
the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there
were camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac,
she dismounted from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, "Who is that man,
walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took
her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he
had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took
Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after
his mother's death.

Psalm 45:10-17

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:
forget your people and your father's house,

**¹¹ and the king will desire your beauty.
Since he is your lord, bow to him.**

¹² The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,
the richest of the people.

**¹³ All glorious is the princess in her chamber,
with robes interwoven with gold.**

¹⁴ In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.

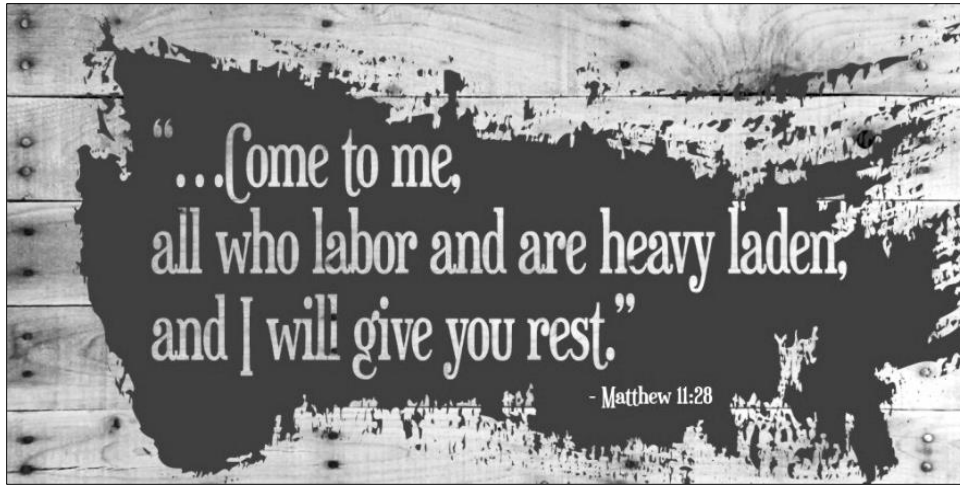
**¹⁵ With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

¹⁶ In place of your fathers shall be your sons;
you will make them princes in all the earth.

**¹⁷ I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;
therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.**

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!



Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.” ²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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.
- **Thank you** to everyone who participated in the *K-5th grade VBS food drive*. 456 pounds of food was collected for Real Life Center to distribute.
- *Reminder*, there is a mandatory **Fish STIX VBS volunteer meeting** today, July 9, at 1:00 PM.
- *Calling all volunteers*, **Fish STIX VBS** needs your help. Dates are Tuesday, July 11 thru Friday, July 14, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Please contact Andi Laaker for more information or sign up on the poster in the narthex, google forms <https://forms.gle/gGw1BB3hVjh7NNKk7>, or the bulletin tear-off.
- The **Worship & Music Team** will meet in room 1 on Sunday, July 16 following service.
- There is a **Service Committee meeting** scheduled for 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.
- *Mark your calendars*, The **Holy Smokes BBG** is returning on Saturday, August 12, at 4:00 PM. Hope to see you there!
- 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, July 12, 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.*

May 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 156

Monthly Giving: \$33,169

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,649

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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, July 9** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Fish STIX VBS volunteer Meeting, 1:00 PM**
- Tuesday, July 11** - **Fish STIX VBS, 6:00 PM**
- Wednesday, July 12** - **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
- **Fish STIX VBS, 6:00 PM**
- Thursday, July 13** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- **Fish STIX VBS, 6:00 PM**
- Friday, July 14** - **Fish STIX VBS, 6:00 PM**
- Saturday, July 15** - **Fellowship Hall Reserved, 11:00 AM**
- 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*
- 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**

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