

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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 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 "**Rejoice, the Lord is King!**" LBW 171
- * 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 17:1-7
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
- Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13
- * Alleluia Verse WOV 31
- * Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**O Jesus, I Have Promised**" LBW 503
- * 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 "**Jesus Shall Reign**" LBW 530
- * 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 17:1-7

17 All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock a Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

78 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!

**² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

³ things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.

**⁴ We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.**

¹² In the sight of their fathers he performed wonders
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

**¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.**

¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud,
and all the night with a fiery light.

**¹⁵ He split rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.**

¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Philippians 2:1-13

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32

²³ And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

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.
- *Mark your calendars, **Reformation Sunday** is October 29. Please wear **red** for our annual photo which will be taken following service.*
- WoG's annual **Stew-Off** is Sunday, October 29 following service. Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun! For more information, please contact Karyn Cummins at karyncummins@hotmail.com.
- *Veteran's Day* is fast approaching. All **WoG military members** (past and present) who have not submitted a photo or would like their current photo updated, please submit to the office no later than October 30. Don't forget to include your military branch and dates served.
- The Worship & Music team needs volunteers to serve as **Worship Assistants** for the Sunday morning services. Please contact Linda Lake at linda@lakeroofingsystems.com or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- *Reminder, Jessica Dampier's baby shower is Saturday, October 14 from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Please **RSVP** to Becky Cirillo at 404-435-7960 or bwcirillo@gmail.com or Christina Gerling at 404-429-3370 or stina0702@gmail.com by Saturday, September 30.*
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, October 11, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, October 19, 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, October 17 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, October 18 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, October 19 (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.*

August 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 163

Monthly Giving: \$33,086

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,309

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, October 1** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Childrens' Choir, 11:30 AM**
 - **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, October 2** - **Faithful Hands Ministry 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, October 3** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, October 4** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, October 5** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, October 8** - *Pastor Appreciation Day*
 - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Discovery Class, 9:25 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Children's Choir, 11:30 AM**
- Tuesday, October 10** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, October 11** - **Real Life Center Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
 - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, October 12** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, October 13** - **Fish STIX *Friday Night Fun Night*, 7:00 PM**
- Saturday, October 14** - *Baby Shower for Jessica Dampier*
- Sunday, October 15** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Children's Choir, 11:30 AM**
 - **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, October 16** - **Faithful Hands Ministry 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, October 17** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM**
 - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, October 18** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM**
 - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**

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