

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.

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 15, 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**

Announcements

Prelude..... *Fish STIX*

Call to worship chime

\* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness .....WOV 10

\* Entrance Hymn "**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**" .....LBW 549

\* 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 32:1-14

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Second Reading ..... Philippians 4:1-9

\* Alleluia Verse .....WOV 31

\* Gospel ..... Matthew 22:1-14

Children's Sermon

Sermon

\* Hymn of the Day "**Baptized in Water**" .....WOV 693

\* *Holy Baptism* ..... *Madeline Kay Skowronek*

\* Affirmation of Baptism .....LBW 121

\* 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 "**Precious Lord, Take My Hand**" .....WOV 731

\* 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 32:1-14**

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." <sup>2</sup> So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." <sup>3</sup> So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup> And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" <sup>5</sup> When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the Lord." <sup>6</sup> And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. <sup>7</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. <sup>8</sup> They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you." <sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup> And the Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

## **Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23**

106 Praise the LORD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**<sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed are they who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times!

**4 Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people;  
help me when you save them,**

<sup>5</sup> that I may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones,  
that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation,  
that I may glory with your inheritance.

**6 Both we and our fathers have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.**

<sup>19</sup> They made a calf in Horeb  
and worshiped a metal image.

**20 They exchanged the glory of God  
for the image of an ox that eats grass.**

<sup>21</sup> They forgot God, their Savior,  
who had done great things in Egypt,

**22 wondrous works in the land of Ham,  
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.**

<sup>23</sup> Therefore he said he would destroy them—  
had not Moses, his chosen one,  
stood in the breach before him,  
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

### **Philippians 4:1-9**

4 Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. <sup>2</sup> I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

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- Matthew 22:14

### **Matthew 22:1-14**

22 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup> and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" <sup>5</sup> But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' <sup>10</sup> And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup> And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are physically unable to come to the altar, **communion** will be brought to you at your seat. Please let your usher know so he /she can tell the Pastor where you are seated.
- **Men's Movie and a Message** will meet Thursday, November 9, at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Please **RSVP** to Vince Compagno at [vince@vmcise.com](mailto:vince@vmcise.com) or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- The next **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4.
- **Discovery Class Brunch** is scheduled for Sunday, November 12, following service. Please contact Vince Compagno at [vince@vmcise.com](mailto:vince@vmcise.com) for more information.
- **Fish STIX** will be packing Samaritans Purse Christmas **shoeboxes** on November 10 and would welcome contributions from the congregation. We will be packing at least 60 girl and boy boxes, ages 10-14. Remember, no liquids or toothpaste, toy weapons, or food items. Thanks for your support!
- 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](mailto:karyncummins@hotmail.com).
- Reminder, All **WoG military members** (past and present) The deadline to submit your in-service photo to the office is October 30. Don't forget to include your military branch and dates served.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, November 8, 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](mailto: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](mailto:ltcbowler@gmail.com) or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- *Unless otherwise indicated, the **weekly announcement submission** deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the previous **Monday** at 11:00 AM. Please send all announcements to [woglutheran@gmail.com](mailto:woglutheran@gmail.com).*

### September 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 152

Monthly Giving: \$28,061

Monthly Benevolence: \$2,806

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**Upcoming Events**  
**Please Mark Your Calendars!**

- 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**
- Thursday, October 19**
- **Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM**
  - **Real Life Center Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**
  - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
  - **Fish STIX, 7:00 PM**
- Sunday, October 22**
- **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**
- Tuesday, October 24**
- **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
  - **Pathways2, 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday, October 25** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, October 26**
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 AM**
  - **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Sunday, October 29**
- *Reformation Sunday*
  - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
  - **Discovery Class, 9:25 AM**
  - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
  - **Annual Stew-Off, 11:30 AM**
  - **Children's Choir, 11:30 AM**
- Tuesday, October 31** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, November 1** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**

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