

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.

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 22, 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

Call to worship chime

- \* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ..... WOVS 10
- \* Entrance Hymn "**Come, All You People**" ..... WOVS 717
- \* Greeting ..... WOVS 28
- \* Hymn of Praise ..... WOVS 29
- \* The Lord be with you ..... WOVS 30
- \* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading ..... Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms (Read Responsively) ..... Psalm 99

Second Reading ..... 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

\* Alleluia Verse ..... WOVS 31

\* Gospel ..... Matthew 22:15-22

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God**" ..... WOVS 783
- \* 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 "**What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**" ..... WOVS 780

\* 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*.

## **Exodus 33:12-23**

<sup>12</sup> Moses said to the Lord, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup> And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?" <sup>17</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

## **Psalm 99**

99 The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!  
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**<sup>2</sup> The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name!  
Holy is he!

**<sup>4</sup> The King in his might loves justice.  
You have established equity;  
you have executed justice  
and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup> Exalt the Lord our God;  
worship at his footstool!  
Holy is he!

**<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.  
They called to the Lord, and he answered them.**

<sup>7</sup> In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;  
they kept his testimonies  
and the statute that he gave them.

**<sup>8</sup> O Lord our God, you answered them;  
you were a forgiving God to them,  
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

<sup>9</sup> Exalt the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy!

### **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup> We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup> remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup> For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup> For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

### **Matthew 22:15-22**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup> They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

## 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.
- **Reformation Sunday** is October 29. WoG's annual photo and **Stew-Off** will follow service. Don't forget to wear **red**.
- The **Children's Choir** will sing during worship on Sunday, October 29. There will be **no** Children's Choir practice after the service on October 29. Practice will resume the following week, Sunday, November 5.
- A **Book of Remembrance** will be placed in the narthex today and next Sunday, October 29, for the *All Saints' Sunday* service on November 5. Please take a moment to add the names of loved one(s) you would like to have remembered.
- **Operation Christmas Child** is up and running. Shoeboxes will be collected through Sunday, November 12. Please grab a shoebox, label, drawstring bag, and cross. If you prefer not to pack a box or have extra items you would like to donate, please place them in the bins in the narthex for the Fish STIX ministry.
- *Friendly reminder*, to "Fall back" 1 hour on Saturday, November 4, for **Daylight Savings Time**.
- The next **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4.
- **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.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, November 8, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, November 9, 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, November 14 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, November 15 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, November 16 (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 22**    - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**  
- **Choir Practice, 9:25 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Children's Choir, 11:30 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**
- Tuesday, October 31**    - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, November 1**    - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, November 2**    - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, November 3**    - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Saturday, November 4**    - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, November 5**    - *All Saints' Sunday*  
- **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, November 6**    - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, November 8**    - **Real Life Center *Senior Bag Program*, 9:00 AM**
- Thursday, November 9**    - **Real Life Center Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**  
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 AM**  
- **Men's Movie & a Message, 6:00 PM**
- Friday, November 10**    - **Fish STIX *Friday Night Fun Night*, 7:00 PM**

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