

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.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 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 "**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**" WOV 747
- * 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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 19
- Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14
- * Alleluia Verse WOV 31
- * Gospel Matthew 21:33-46

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**O Master, Let Me Walk with You**" LBW 492
- * 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 "**Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**" LBW 448
- * 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 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

20 And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.” ¹⁸ Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off ¹⁹ and said to Moses, “You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, lest we die.” ²⁰ Moses said to the people, “Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.”

Psalm 19

19 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

**² Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**

³ There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

**⁴ Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,**

⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

**⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;

**⁸ the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**

⁹ the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the Lord are true,
and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹² Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

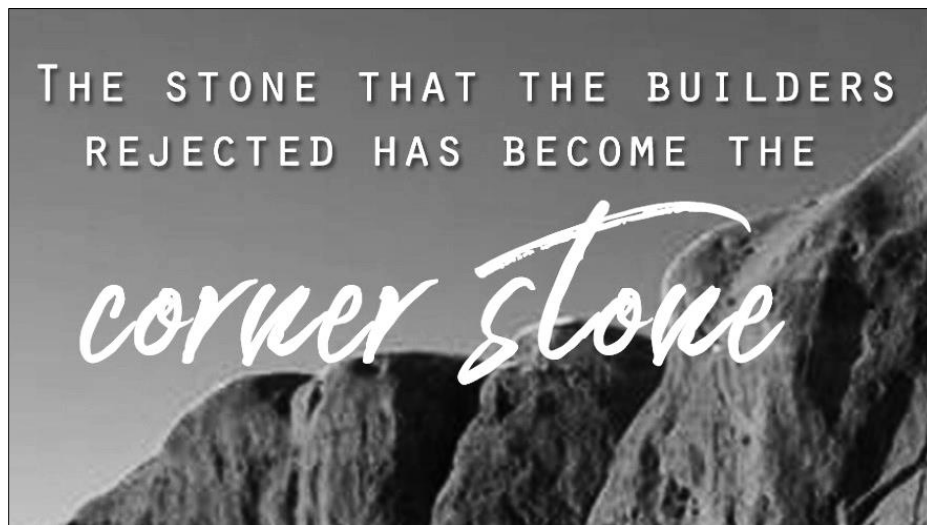
¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

**¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b} If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:
⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin,
a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the
church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had,
I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss
because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake
I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I
may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own
that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the
righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the

power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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.
- **Fish Stix Friday Night Fun Night** will gather Friday, October 13 from 7 PM - 9 PM. **Fish Stix Large Group Rehearsal** will meet Thursday, October 19, from 7 PM - 8:30 PM. Please contact Andi Laaker at wogfishstix@gmail.com for more information.
- *Reminder*, Jessica Dampier's baby shower is Saturday, October 14 from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM.
- **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.
- *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 next **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, November 3, and Saturday, November 4.
- 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

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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, October 8** - *Clergy 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**
- 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**
- **Service Committee Meeting, 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**

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