

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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 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 "**Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**" LBW 389
- * 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 16:2-15
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
- Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30
- * Alleluia Verse WOV 31
- * Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Open My Eyes That I May See**"screen
- * 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 "**Be Thou My Vision**" WOV 776
- * 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 16:2-15

² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, "At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?" ⁸ And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD." ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, 'Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" ¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'" ¹³ In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴ And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

105 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

³⁷ Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold,
and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.

**³⁸ Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.**

³⁹ He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

**⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.**

⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

**⁴² For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.**

⁴³ So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

**⁴⁴ And he gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the fruit of the peoples' toil,**

⁴⁵ that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

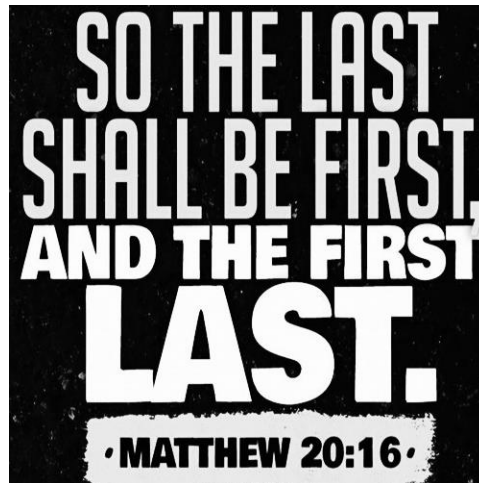
Praise the LORD!

Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am

absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.



Matthew 20:1-6

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.'⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.'⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

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.
- **Pathways 2** meets on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. The group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. This is a small group for select individuals. If you have questions, let Andi know at wogfishstix@gmail.com or laakerroom@att.net.
- **Faithful Hands Ministry** has resumed for the fall. The group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. For more information, please contact Diann Eveland at dleveland@comcast.net or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- 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, September 24** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Chapel Chat, 11:30 AM**
- **Children's Choir, 11:30 AM**
- Tuesday, September 26** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- **Pathways 2 Bible Study, 6:30 PM**
- **Choir Room Reserved, 6:30 PM**
- Wednesday, September 27** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, September 28** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, September 30** - **Adrienne Setzer's *Silver Branch Farm Picnic***
- 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***

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