

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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 25, 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 "**How Firm a Foundation**" LBW 507
- * Greeting WOV 28
- * Hymn of Praise WOV 29
- * The Lord be with you WOV 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

- First Reading Genesis 21:8-21
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
- Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11
- * Alleluia Verse WOV 31
- * Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**" LBW 499

Commissioning of New Members

- * 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 "**O God of Mercy, God of Light**" LBW 425

* 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*.

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸ And the child grew and was weaned. And Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." ¹¹ And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. ¹³ And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Let me not look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

86 Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

**² Preserve my life, for I am godly;
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.**

³ Be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all the day.

**⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

**⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.**

⁷ In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.

**⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.**

⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.

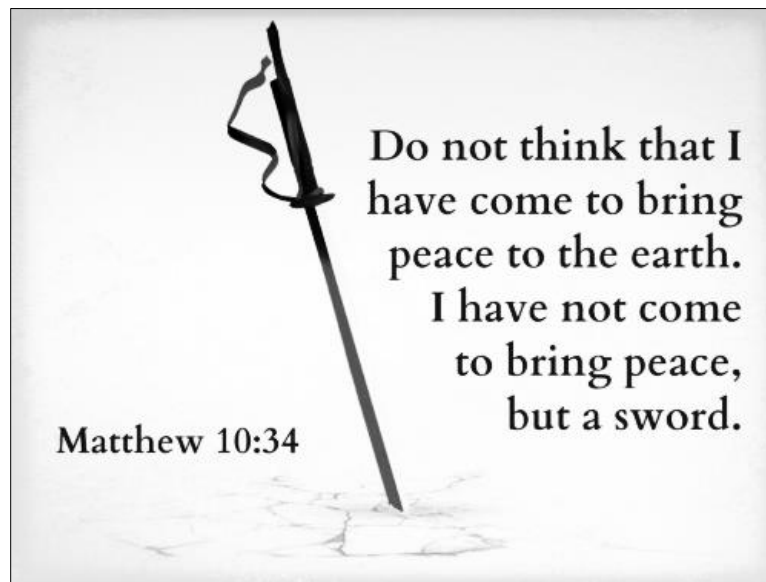
**¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.**

¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.

**¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor,
that those who hate me may see and be put to shame
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

Romans 6:1b-11

⁶ Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



Matthew 10:24-39

²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. ³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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.
- *Calling all volunteers, **Fish STIX VBS** needs your help.* Dates are Tuesday, July 11 thru Friday, July 14, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Please contact Andi Laaker for more information or sign up on the poster in the narthex or the bulletin tear-off.
- *Reminder*, a cake reception welcoming **new members** follows today's service in the fellowship hall. Please take a moment to grab a slice of cake and introduce yourself.
- The **Fish STIX VBS** participants will be assembling kitchen kits for the NALC Disaster Relief as their service project and need **cookbooks**. The team will have a container in the narthex for donations. Donated cookbooks are needed by Sunday, June 25.
- *Reminder*, please make sure the church office has your correct **contact information**. You can email updated information to the church office at wogadmin@woglutheran.org.
- *Mark your calendars*, the next **Crafters' Fellowship weekend** will be held Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29.
- A **congregational delegate** is needed for the 2023 NALC Mission Convocation in Oklahoma City August 7-11. Please contact Linda Satter at LSatter@sipcamagro.com or sign up on the bulletin tear-off if interested.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, July 12, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, July 20, 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, July 25 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, July 26 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, July 27 (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.*

May 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 156

Monthly Giving: \$33,169

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,649

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, June 25** - *Welcome New Members' Sunday*
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **New Member Cake Reception, 11:30 AM**
- Thursday, June 29** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, July 2** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Tuesday, July 4** - *Independence Day, church office is closed*
- Thursday, July 6** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, July 9** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Tuesday, July 11** - **Fish STIX VBS, 6:00 PM**
- Wednesday, July 12** - **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
- **Fish STIX VBS, 6:00 PM**
- Thursday, July 13** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- **Fish STIX VBS, 6:00 PM**
- Friday, July 14** - **Fish STIX VBS, 6:00 PM**
- Saturday, July 15** - **Fellowship Hall Reserved, 11:00 AM**
- Sunday, July 16** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Worship & Music Team Meeting, 11:45 AM**
- Thursday, July 20** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Saturday, July 22** - **NALC Stuff the Truck, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, July 23** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Thursday, July 27** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, July 28** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Saturday, July 29** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, July 30** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Wednesday, August 2** - *First Day of School Coweta County*
- Thursday, August 3** - *First Day of School Fayette County*

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