

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 16, 2024

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..... WOY 10
- * Entrance Hymn **"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"** LBW 229
- * Greeting WOY 28
- * Hymn of Praise WOY 29
- * The Lord be with you WOY 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm (*Read Responsively*)..... Psalm 1

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:1-17

- * Alleluia Verse WOY 31
- * Gospel.....Mark 4:26-34

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day **"This Is My Father's World"** LBW 554
- * Apostles' Creed WOY 33
- * Prayers..... WOY 34
- * Share the Peace WOY 34

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

Offertory WOY 35

* Offertory Prayer WOY 35

* Great Thanksgiving..... WOY 36

* Holy, Holy, Holy WOY 36

* Words of Institution WOY 37

* The Lord's Prayer WOY 39

" Lamb of God" WOY 39

† Communion

* Blessing..... WOY 40

* Canticle "Thankful Hearts" WOY 40

* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal WOY 41

* Closing Hymn **"On What Has Now Been Sown"** LBW 261

* 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.*

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²² Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

Psalms 1

1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

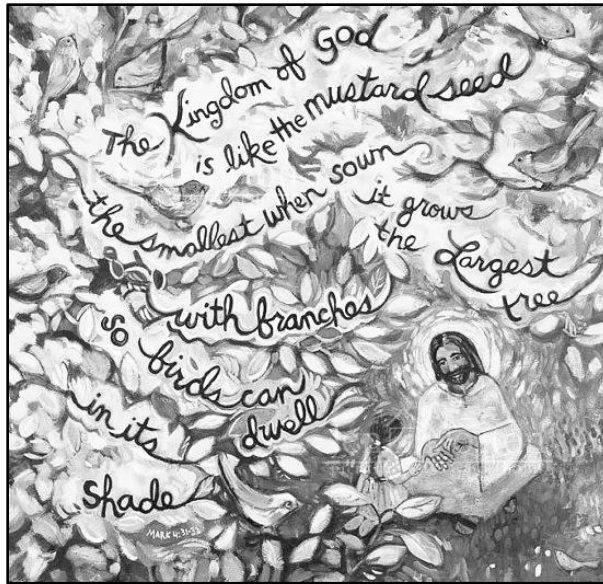
**⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

1 We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ [Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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.
- **Russ Pakulski's Memorial Service** is Saturday, June 22, at 10 AM. A reception will immediately follow the service in the fellowship hall.
- **Matt Ruck's Memorial Service** will be held Saturday, June 29, at 1:00 PM. A reception will immediately follow the service in the fellowship hall.
- The church office will be **closed** on Thursday, July 4, in observance of *Independence Day*.
- *Calling all volunteers, Fish STIX VBS* needs your help. Dates are Tuesday, July 9 thru Friday, July 12, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Please contact Andi Laaker at wogfishstix@gmail.com for more information or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- The **Discovery Class Brunch** is Sunday, June 23, following service. Please contact Vince Compagno at vince@vmcise.com with any questions.
- The next **Ministry Leaders with Service Committee meeting** is Thursday, June 27, in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM. Team leaders, please forward your team minutes to the office if you have not already done so.
- *Mark your calendars*, the next **Crafters' Fellowship weekend** will be held Wednesday, July 17, through Saturday, July 20.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, July 10 at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, June 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, June 18 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, June 19 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, June 20 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at lucbowler@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.*

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