

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.

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 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 ForgivenessWOV 10

* Entrance Hymn **"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"**LBW 559

* GreetingWOV 28

* Hymn of PraiseWOV 29

* The Lord be with youWOV 30

* Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalms (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 119:129-136

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

* Alleluia VerseWOV 31

* GospelMark 7:14-23

Children's Sermon

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day **"Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"**LBW 480

* Apostles' CreedWOV 33

* PrayersWOV 34

* Share the PeaceWOV 34

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

OffertoryWOV 35

* Offertory PrayerWOV 35

* Great ThanksgivingWOV 36

* Holy, Holy, HolyWOV 36

* Words of InstitutionWOV 37

* The Lord's PrayerWOV 39

"Lamb of God"WOV 39

† Communion*Hymns are listed on the screen*

* BlessingWOV 40

* Canticle "Thankful Hearts"WOV 40

* Prayer, Blessing, DismissalWOV 41

* Closing Hymn **"Arise, Your Light Has Come!"**WOV 652

* 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.*

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. 6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? 9 "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

Psalms 119:129-136

129 Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

**130 The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**

131 I open my mouth and pant,
because I long for your commandments.

**132 Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.**

133 Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

**134 Redeem me from man's oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.**

¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your law.**

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.



Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴ [Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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. ·
- **Confirmation Class Parents' Meeting** on Sunday, September 8, following service. For more information, please contact Pastor Jason.
- **Discovery Class** will be offered for new members beginning Sunday, September 8. The group meets at 9:00 AM in room 2. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Vince Compagno at vince@vmcise.com for more information. All are welcome!
- **Children's Choir** practices every Sunday following service, 11:30 AM to 11:45 AM. All children ages 4 to 5th grade are welcome! Please contact Deanna McAteer or Britt Burns for more information.
- **Tuesdays with God** will resume on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. Please contact Vija Cole or Linda Williams for more information. All are welcome!
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study** resumes Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Please contact Robin Davis at crkbd@aol.com for more information. All are welcome!
- **Fish Stix Friday Night Fun Night** resumes its fall meeting schedule on Friday, September 13, at 7 PM. For more information, please contact Andi Laaker at wogfishstix@gmail.com. The group meets the second Friday of each month.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, September 11 at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, September 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, September 17 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, September 18 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, September 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 **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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