

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 15, 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 **"O Master, Let Me Walk with You"**LBW 492
- * GreetingWOV 28
- * Hymn of PraiseWOV 29
- * The Lord be with youWOV 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First ReadingIsaiah 50:4-10

Psalms (Read Responsively)Psalm 116:1-9

Second ReadingJames 3:1-12

* Alleluia VerseWOV 31

* GospelMark 9:14-29

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day **"Take My Life, that I May Be"**LBW 406
- * 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

* Prayer of Humble Accessscreen

"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 **"Lord of All Hopefulness"**LBW 469

* 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.*

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

Psalms 116:1-9

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**2 Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

**4 Then I called on the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”**

⁵Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**6 The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

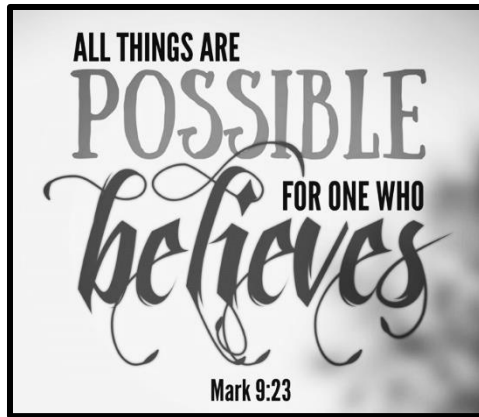
⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;**

⁹ I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

James 3:1–12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.



Mark 9:14–29

¹⁴ When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹ And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³ And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹ And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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.
- **Faithful Hands Ministry** will resume on Monday, September 16. 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.
- **Fish STIX Large Group** resumes Thursday, September 19. The group will meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please contact Andi Laaker at wogfishstix@gmail.com for more information.
- **Dinner for Six** is a new small fellowship group facilitated by Susan Wright. The first dinner will be held Friday, October 4, at 6:30 PM. The group is open to all who are willing to host. For questions and to **RSVP**, please contact Susan Wright at swright37@me.com no later than September 29. *Reminder*, the group is limited to 6.
- *Mark your calendars*, a **New Member Reception** has been scheduled for Sunday, September 29 in the fellowship hall following service. Please take a moment to stop by and introduce yourself.
- **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.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, October 9, 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 sueburnett@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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