

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.

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 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

Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- * Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness WOV 10
- * Entrance Hymn "**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**" WOV 649
- * Greeting WOV 28
- * Hymn of Praise WOV 29
- * The Lord be with you WOV 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

- First Reading Judges 4:1-7
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 123
- Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- * Alleluia Verse WOV 31
- * Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Lead Me Lord**" screen
- * Apostles' Creed WOV 33
- * Prayers WOV 34
- * Share the Peace WOV 34

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

- Offering *Fish STIX*
- 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, Benediction, and Dismissal WOV 41
- * Closing Hymn "**I Love Your Kingdom, Lord**" LBW 368
- * 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*.

Judges 4:1-7

4 And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD after Ehud died. ² And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. ³ Then the people of Israel cried out to the LORD for help, for he had 900 chariots of iron and he oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for twenty years. ⁴ Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel at that time. ⁵ She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the people of Israel came up to her for judgment. ⁶ She sent and summoned Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh-naphtali and said to him, "Has not the LORD, the God of Israel, commanded you, 'Go, gather your men at Mount Tabor, taking 10,000 from the people of Naphtali and the people of Zebulun.' ⁷ And I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the river Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand?"

Lord
have
mercy

Psalm 123

123 To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

**² Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maidservant
to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he has mercy upon us.**

³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**⁴ Our soul has had more than enough
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴ But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I

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.
- **Service Committee nominations** are now open for **2** members. Please place your nominations in the white box located in the narthex.
- *Mark your calendars*, volunteers are needed to help assemble the **Real Life Center Christmas Dinner Bags** following service on Sunday, December 10. Many hands make light work!
- The **Fish STIX ministry** has been a bit short staffed and would love to welcome additional **volunteers**. For volunteering opportunities, please contact Andi Laaker at wogfishstix@gmail.com or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- **Hanging of the Greens** on Saturday, December 2, at 2 pm. All are invited to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. The Fellowship Team will provide light refreshments. Hope to see you there!
- **Children's Christmas Craft Party** Saturday, December 2, at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP on the bulletin tear-off to Karyn Cummins at karyncummins@hotmail.com.
- **Midweek Advent services** begin Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 PM. A soup supper will be held before service at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall.
- Please join us for the **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on Sunday, December 24 at 6:00 PM. WoG's **Nativity of Our Lord Service** is at 10:15 AM on Monday, December 25.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, December 13, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, December 14, 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, December 12 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, December 13 (8 PM AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, December 14 (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.*

October 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 153

Monthly Giving: \$38,719

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,8712

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, November 19** - *Children's Sunday School Combined*, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Children's Choir**, 11:30 AM
- **Children & Family Team**, 11:30 AM
- **Choir Practice**, 11:45 AM
- Monday, November 20** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, November 22** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Thursday, November 23** - *Thanksgiving*, church office is closed
- Sunday, November 26** - *Christ the King Sunday*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Choir Practice**, 9:25 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Children's Choir**, 11:30 AM
- **Choir Practice**, 11:45 AM
- Tuesday, November 28** - **Pathways 2 Bible Study**, 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 29** - **Bible Study New Testament Timeline**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, November 30** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Saturday, December 2** - **Children's Christmas Craft Party**, 11:00 AM
- **Hanging of the Greens**, 2:00 PM
- Sunday, December 3** - *1st Sunday of Advent*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Children's Choir**, 11:30 AM
- **Choir Practice**, 11:45 AM
- Monday, December 4** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, December 6** - **Advent Soup Supper**, 6:00 PM
- **Midweek Advent Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 7** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, December 10** - *2nd Sunday of Advent*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Children's Choir**, 11:30 AM
- **Assemble RLC Christmas Bags**, 11:30 AM

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