

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.

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 30, 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 "**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**" ..... LBW 526
- \* 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 29:15-28

Psalm (*Read Responsively*)..... Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Second Reading ..... Romans 8:26-39

- \* Alleluia Verse ..... WOV 31
- \* Gospel..... Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**For the Beauty of the Earth**"..... LBW 561
- \* 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 "**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*.

## **Genesis 29:15-28**

<sup>15</sup> Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" <sup>16</sup> Now Laban had two daughters. The name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. <sup>17</sup> Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was beautiful in form and appearance. <sup>18</sup> Jacob loved Rachel. And he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." <sup>19</sup> Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." <sup>20</sup> So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. <sup>21</sup> Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is feast." <sup>23</sup> But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. <sup>24</sup> (Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her servant.) <sup>25</sup> And in the morning, behold, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" <sup>26</sup> Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. <sup>27</sup> Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." <sup>28</sup> Jacob did so, and completed her week. Then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

## **Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24**

105 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!**

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**<sup>4</sup> Seek the Lord and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**<sup>6</sup> O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

<sup>7</sup> He is the Lord our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.

**<sup>8</sup> He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations,**

<sup>9</sup> the covenant that he made with Abraham,  
his sworn promise to Isaac,

**<sup>10</sup> which he confirmed to Jacob as a statute,  
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

<sup>11</sup> saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."

**<sup>45b</sup> Praise the Lord!**

### **Romans 8:26-39**

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



### **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

<sup>31</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup> It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."  
<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."  
<sup>44</sup> "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.  
<sup>45</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.  
<sup>47</sup> "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. <sup>48</sup> When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup> "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes."  
<sup>52</sup> And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."



## 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.
- The **yellow rose** on this week's altar is in honor of Madeline Kay Skowronek daughter of Emily and Nick Skowronek, granddaughter of Tina and Andy Petersen, and great granddaughter of Kay & Fred Gleason.
- **Thank you** to all the **volunteers** who helped make this year's *Fish STIX VBS* another success. Your time, talents, and energy are greatly appreciated!
- **Fish STIX team meeting** Wednesday, August 9, at 10 am in the fellowship hall. **Fish STIX VBS Wrap-Up meeting** Saturday, August 19, at 10 am. Please contact Andi Laaker at [laakerroom@att.net](mailto:laakerroom@att.net) for more information.
- *Mark your calendars*, The **Holy Smokes BBQ** is returning on Saturday, August 12, at 4:00 pm. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. Hope to see you there!
- The 2023-2024 **Sunday School Registration** will be held on Sunday, August 13, at 9:00 am. **Sunday School** resumes at 9 am on Sunday, August 20.
- Volunteers are needed to help **teach** or be a **substitute** for the 2023-2024 **Sunday School** year. Please contact Danny Bell at [djbell758@gmail.com](mailto:djbell758@gmail.com) for more information or sign on the bulletin tear-off
- The **church office will be closed** on Monday, September 4, in observance of *Labor Day*.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, August 9, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, August 17, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at [suegburnett@att.net](mailto:suegburnett@att.net) for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, August 22 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, August 23 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, August 24 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at [ltcbowler@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:woglutheran@gmail.com).*

### June 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 156

Monthly Giving: \$37,185

Monthly Benevolence: \$4,090

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**Upcoming Events**  
**Please Mark Your Calendars!**

- 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*  
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, August 6** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Sunday School Teacher Meeting, 11:45 AM**
- August 7-11** - *2023 NALC Lutheran Week*
- Wednesday, August 9** - **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**  
- **Fish STIX Team Meeting, 10:00 AM**
- Thursday, August 10** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, August 12** - **Holy Smokes BBQ, 4:00 PM**
- Sunday, August 13** - **Sunday School Registration, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Monday, August 14** - **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, August 17** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**  
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**  
- **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Monday, August 14** - **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Saturday, August 19** - **Fish STIX VBS Wrap-up Meeting, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, August 20** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Tuesday, August 22** - **Midwest Food Bank, 8:00 AM**
- Wednesday, August 23** - **Midwest Food Bank, 8:00 AM**
- Thursday, August 24** - **Midwest Food Bank, 8:00 AM**  
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, August 26** - **Baby Blankets for Honduras, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, August 27** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**

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