

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.

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 17, 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 "**Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**" ..... LBW 343
- \* Greeting ..... WOV 28
- \* Hymn of Praise ..... WOV 29
- \* The Lord be with you ..... WOV 30
- \* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

- First Reading ..... Exodus 14:19-31
- Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 114
- Second Reading ..... Romans 14:1-12
- \* Alleluia Verse ..... WOV 31
- \* Gospel ..... Matthew 18:21-35

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**" ..... LBW 132
- \* 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 "**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**" ..... WOV 771
- \* 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*.

## **Exodus 14:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup> coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. <sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup> And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup> clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians." <sup>26</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." <sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>30</sup> Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

## **Psalm 114**

114 When Israel went out from Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

**<sup>2</sup> Judah became his sanctuary,  
Israel his dominion.**

<sup>3</sup> The sea looked and fled;  
Jordan turned back.

**<sup>4</sup> The mountains skipped like rams,  
the hills like lambs.**

<sup>5</sup> What ails you, O sea, that you flee?  
O Jordan, that you turn back?

**<sup>6</sup> O mountains, that you skip like rams?  
O hills, like lambs?**

<sup>7</sup> Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**<sup>8</sup> who turns the rock into a pool of water,  
the flint into a spring of water.**

### **Romans 14:1-12**

14 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup> One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup> One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup> For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup> for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup> So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.





## 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 Worship & Music team needs volunteers to serve as **Worship Assistants** for the Sunday morning services. Please contact Linda Lake at [linda@lakeroofingsystems.com](mailto:linda@lakeroofingsystems.com) or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- *Reminder*, Chapel Chat following service on Sunday, September 24.
- **Pathways 2** meets on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. The group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. This is a small group for select individuals. If you have questions, let Andi know at [wogfishstix@gmail.com](mailto:wogfishstix@gmail.com) or [laakerroom@att.net](mailto:laakerroom@att.net).
- **Faithful Hands Ministry** will resume on Monday, September 18. 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](mailto:dleveland@comcast.net) or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- **Fish STIX Large Group** resumes Thursday, September 21. The group will meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Andi Laaker at [wogfishstix@gmail.com](mailto:wogfishstix@gmail.com) or [laakerroom@att.net](mailto:laakerroom@att.net) for more information.
- **Service Committee meeting** on Thursday, September 21 at 7:00 PM. Please contact Linda Satter at [satter.linda@gmail.com](mailto:satter.linda@gmail.com) for more information.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, October 11, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, September 21, 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, September 19 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, September 20 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, September 21 (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).*

### July 2023 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 120

Monthly Giving: \$42,134

Monthly Benevolence: \$4,213

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

- Sunday, September 17** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Choir Practice, 9:25 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Childrens' Choir, 11:30 AM**  
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, September 18** - **Faithful Hands Ministry 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, September 19** - **Midwest Food Bank 8:00 AM**
- Wednesday, September 20** - **Midwest Food Bank 8:00 AM**
- Thursday, September 21** - **Midwest Food Bank, 8:00 AM**  
- **RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**  
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**  
- **Fish STIX , 7:00 PM**  
- **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Friday, September 22** - **Fish STIX Team Meeting, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, September 24** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Chapel Chat, 11:30 AM**  
- **Childrens' Choir, 11:30 AM**  
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Tuesday, September 26** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**  
- **Pathways 2, 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday, September 27** - **Men's Movie & a Message, 6:00 PM**  
- **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, September 28** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, September 30** - *Adrienne Setzer's Silver Branch Farm Picnic*
- Sunday, October 1** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Childrens' Choir, 11:30 AM**  
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, October 2** - **Faithful Hands Ministry 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, October 3** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**

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