

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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 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 Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Second Reading Romans 12:9-21

* Alleluia Verse WOV 31

* Gospel Matthew 16:21-28

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Jesus Call Us; O'er the Tumult**" LBW 494
- * 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 "**Lift High the Cross**" LBW 377

* 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 3:1-15

3 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³ Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

Psalm 1-6, 23-26, 45b

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

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

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

**⁴ Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

⁵ Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

⁶ O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

²³ Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

²⁴ And the Lord made his people very fruitful and made them stronger than their foes.

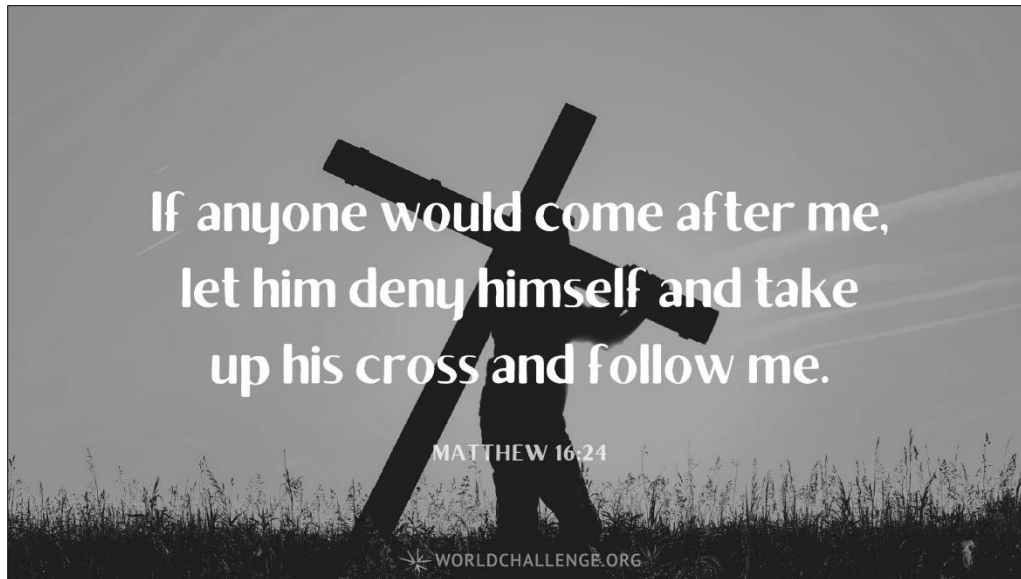
²⁵ He turned their hearts to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

²⁶ He sent Moses, his servant, and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

^{45b} Praise the Lord!

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



Matthew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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
- *Reminder*, the **church office will be closed** on Monday, September 4, in observance of *Labor Day*.
- New **Childrens' Choir** beginning Sunday, September 10. Practices will be Sundays following service, from 11:30 AM to 11:45 AM. Please sign up in the narthex or on the bulletin tear-off.
- **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 or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- **Discovery Class** will be offered for new members beginning Sunday, September 10. 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!
- **Fish STIX Friday Night Fun Night** kicks off on Friday, September 15, at 7:00 PM. The group will meet the second Friday of each month. Volunteers welcome! Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Andi Laaker at laakerroom.net for more information.
- *Reminder*, **Service Committee with Ministry Team Leaders meeting** on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Please forward your team minutes to the church office if you have not already done so.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, September 13, 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 sueburnett@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 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.*

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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Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, September 3** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, September 4** - *Labor Day, church office is closed*
- Tuesday, September 5** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- Wednesday, September 6** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, September 7** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, September 8** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Saturday, September 9** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, September 10** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**
- **Choir Practice, 9:25 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- **Childrens' Choir, 11:30 AM**
- **Worship & Music Team Meeting, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, September 11** - **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, September 12** - **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 10:00 AM**
- **SC / ML Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday, September 13** - **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
- **Bible Study *New Testament Timeline*, 7:00 PM**
- Thursday, September 14** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, September 15** - **Fish STIX *Friday Night Fun Night*, 7:00 PM**
- Sunday, September 17** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Discovery Class, 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**
- Thursday, September 21** - **RLC Mobile Food Bank, 9:00 AM**
- **Assemble Bulletins, 9:00 AM**
- **Fish STIX, 7:00 PM**
- **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**

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