

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.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 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 WOVS 10
- * Entrance Hymn "**Rejoice, the Lord Is King!**" LBW 171
- * Greeting WOVS 28
- * Hymn of Praise WOVS 29
- * The Lord be with you WOVS 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm (Read Responsively) Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Second Reading Romans 8:12-25

* Alleluia Verse WOVS 31

* Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Children's Sermon

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day "**Abide with Me**" LBW 272

Blessing the NALC Disaster Relief

- * Apostles' Creed WOVS 33
- * Prayers WOVS 34
- * Share the Peace WOVS 34

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

Offertory WOVS 35

* Offertory Prayer WOVS 35

* Great Thanksgiving WOVS 36

* Holy, Holy, Holy WOVS 36

* Words of Institution WOVS 37

* The Lord's Prayer WOVS 39

" Lamb of God" WOVS 39

† Communion

* Blessing WOVS 40

* Canticle "Thankful Hearts" WOVS 40

* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal WOVS 41

* Closing Hymn "**Blessing and Honor**" LBW 525

* 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. WOVS is the blue With One Voice Hymnal.

Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called the name of that place Bethel.

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

139 O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**

⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light about me be night,"

**¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is bright as the day,
for darkness is as light with you.**

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!

**²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him
¹⁸ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for

what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.



Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵ but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷ And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"³¹ ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴² and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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!
- The next **Crafters' Fellowship weekend** will be held Friday, July 28, and Saturday, July 29. The group meets in the fellowship hall beginning at 10:00 AM.
- *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 Sunday, August 20, at 9:00 AM.
- Volunteers are needed to help **teach** or be a **substitute** for the 2023-2024 **Sunday School** year. Please contact Danny Bell at djbelle758@gmail.com for more information or sign on the bulletin tear-off.
- 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 for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, July 25 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, July 26 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, July 27 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at lucbowler@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.*

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

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, July 23** - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Monday, July 24** - **Fish STIX VBS Clean-up, 10:00 AM**
- Thursday, July 27** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, July 28** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Saturday, July 29** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- 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**
- August 7-11** - *2023 NALC Lutheran Week*
- Wednesday, August 9** - **RLC Senior Bag Program 9:00 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**
- 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**
- Thursday, August 24** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, August 27** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Thursday, August 31** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**

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