

# Word of God Lutheran Church



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 10, 2017**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
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**ENTRANCE RITE**

Announcements

Prelude "Light One Candle" .....screen

"Silent Night" ..... Fish Stix

Call to worship chime

\* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ..... page 56

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\* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

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Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

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Sermon

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**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

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\* 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*.

# Devotion Booklet – December 10, 2017

## Prayer List

- Michael Rosecky – Please pray for a quick recovery for the Farms' grandson who had an emergency appendectomy; Ruth & Alan Farms. (12/5)
- Wes Holbrook – Please continue to pray for a full recovery. Wes suffered a stroke during insertion of a heart stent and will need rehab for his left arm; Judi Holbrook. (12/5)
- Justin Lake – Prayers as Justin returns from CA for his healing and encouragement to return at a later time for the FDA trial; Linda Lake. (12/3)
- Benjamin Smith – Please for Corkey's missionary grandson. He needs additional skull surgery; Corkey Reel. (12/3)
- Roger Crawford – Please pray for strength and healing. Roger is recovering from pneumonia; Kerry Batchelder. (12/3)
- June – Please pray for healing for Kerry's son's mother-in-law; Kerry Batchelder. (12/3)
- Honduras – Please pray for the political uprising to end soon. There are road blocks preventing food and medical supplies to be delivered where they are needed; Margie & Danny Bell. (12/3)
- Please pray for safety for all who are traveling during the Christmas season; Linda Williams. (12/3)
- Students – Please pray for peace and calmness as exam time approaches; Patty & Bob Lambert; (12/3)
- Myrna Baird – Please pray for healing and relief from pain. Myrna was in a car accident on Nov 29th and is currently at Atlanta Medical Center; Al Baird. (11/29)
- Diann Eveland – Please pray for healing. Diann was also admitted overnight on Nov 29th at Atlanta Medical Center due to a fall at home; Roy Eveland. (11/29)
- Jim Hines – Please pray for the Lindquist's son-in-law, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer; Dick Lindquist. (11/27)
- Rosemary Norris – Please pray for peace and strength as she begins treatment for cancer; Linda & Fritz Apfel. (11/26)
- Jim McLaughlin – Please pray for a speedy recovery from a fall for Mary's dad; Mary & Hal Prather. (11/26)
- John Stalzer – Please pray for peace. He is in the final stage of cancer; Mary & Hal Prather. (11/26)
- Howard Bolton – Please pray for healing and peace; Mary & Hal Prather. (11/26)
- Rachel – Please pray
- Dr. Buba – Please pray for his ministries in Ethiopia and Russia; Corkey Reel. (11/26)
- Praise! Tina was able to renew her apartment lease; Margie & Danny Bell. (11/26)
- Praise! John Tyler Krause's test results came back clear; Karen Krause. (11/19)
- Katherine Smith – Please pray for God's peace for Lauren's sister as she awaits scans for nasal cancer; Lauren Simmonds. (11/19)
- Lindsey Poff – Please pray for answers and relief from pain; Melinda Poff. (11/19)
- Barbara M. – Please pray for Vija's neighbor. She is recovering from surgery and unable to eat solid foods; Vija Cole. (11/19)
- Jack Elrod – Please pray for continued healing from knee replacement surgery; Martha Ann Elrod. (11/19)
- Muller family – Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they mourn their loss of Henry Muller, Scott's dad; Jodie Muller. (11/12)

## Isaiah 40:1-11

40 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup> Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.



## Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

85 Lord, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**<sup>2</sup> You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you covered all their sin.**

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to folly.

**<sup>9</sup> Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**<sup>11</sup> Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup> Yes, the Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**<sup>13</sup> Righteousness will go before him  
and make his footsteps a way.**

## **2 Peter 3:8-15**

<sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. <sup>15</sup> And count the patience of our Lord as salvation.



## **Mark 1:1-8**

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Youth** will be selling Christmas ornaments after service as a fund-raiser for their 2018 Youth Mission Trip to Raleigh NC. Cost is \$10.00.
- **Poinsettia** plants will need to be picked-up after the 7:00 PM service on Christmas Eve or after the 10:15 AM Christmas Day Celebration.
- Please join us for **Advent** mid-week services in December on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. WoG Fellowship team will host a meal before service on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:15 PM. Cost is \$6.00 per person, cash or check, payable to WoG at the door. Ages **three** and under are **free**. Please **RSVP** on the bulletin tear-off.
- **Youth lock-in** is Friday, December 15, at 7:00 PM in the annex. Help is needed! Please contact Danny Bell @ [bells208@yahoo.com](mailto:bells208@yahoo.com).
- 2017 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** will be held at 4:00 PM **AND** 7:00 PM. Cookies and coffee will be provided by the Fellowship Team. **Celebration of Christmas Day** will be held on Monday at 10:15 AM.
- **Service Committee Nominations** are now open for 2 members. Please place your nominations in the box located at the back of the sanctuary. The congregation will vote at the January congregational meeting.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, December 13, at 9:00 AM and the **Real Life Center Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, December 14, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact [wogadmin@woglutheran.org](mailto:wogadmin@woglutheran.org).
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, December 19 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, December 20 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, December 21 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at [lucbowler@gmail.com](mailto:lucbowler@gmail.com), or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- The **Redeemer Soup Kitchen** serving at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atlanta will be Monday, January 29, and Tuesday, January 30. Meet in WoG parking lot at 8:30 AM and carpool up to Redeemer, returning about 12:30 PM. Contact Cathy Moore at [mooreteam5@gmail.com](mailto:mooreteam5@gmail.com) for more info.
- *Unless otherwise indicated, the announcement submission deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the previous Monday at 11:00 AM. Please send all announcements to [wogadmin@woglutheran.com](mailto:wogadmin@woglutheran.com).*

### October 2017 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	117
Monthly Giving:	\$25,490
Monthly Benevolence:	\$2,804
Building for Our Future Giving to Date:	\$610,764

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**Upcoming Events  
Please Mark Your Calendars!**

- Wednesday, December 13** - RLC Warehouse Senior Box Dist., 9:00 AM  
- Advent Meal, 6:15 PM  
- YOUTH Connect, 6:30 PM  
- Midweek Advent Service, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 14** - RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM  
- Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM
- Friday, December 15** - Midwest Food Bank Pre-pack, 8:00 AM  
- Youth Lock-In, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 17** - Sunday School, 9:00 AM  
- Worship Service, 10:15 AM  
- Adult Choir Rehearsal, 11:30 AM
- Monday, December 18** - Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM  
- Worship & Music Team Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, December 19** - Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM  
- Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 6:00 PM  
- Finance Team Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 20** - Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM  
- Midweek Advent Service, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 19** - Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM  
- Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM  
- Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 24** - *Christmas Eve*  
- Worship Service, 10:15 AM  
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 4:00 PM  
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 PM
- Monday, December 25** - *Christmas Day*  
- Worship Service, 10:15 AM
- Thursday, December 28** - Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, December 31** - *New Year's Eve*  
- Worship Service, 10:15 AM
- Thursday, January 4** - Assemble Bulletins,, 8:00 AM  
- Club 2.0 Bible Study, 6:00 PM  
- NL/SC Meeting, 7:00 PM

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