

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.

**First Sunday after Christmas**  
**December 26, 2021**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
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Advent • **Christmas** • Epiphany • Lent • Easter • Pentecost

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Sermon

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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 from their parents.*

**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*.

## **1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy clothed with a linen ephod.

<sup>19</sup> And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of the Lord." So then they would return to their home. <sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the Lord and also with man.

## **Psalm 148**

148 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise Him in the heights!

**<sup>2</sup> Praise Him, all his angels;  
praise Him, all his hosts!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise Him, sun and moon,  
praise Him, all you shining stars!

**<sup>4</sup> Praise Him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord!  
For He commanded and they were created.

**<sup>6</sup> And He established them forever and ever;  
He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

**<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**<sup>10</sup> Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!!

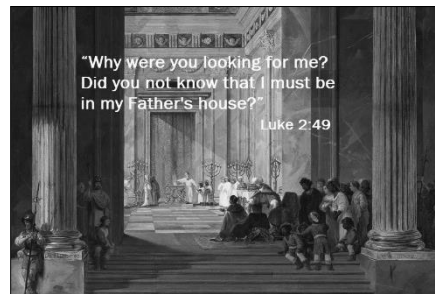
**<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for His name alone is exalted;  
His majesty is above earth and heaven.

**<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for His people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to Him.  
Praise the Lord!**

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



### **Luke 2:41-52**

<sup>41</sup> Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For the remainder of 2021, we will be celebrating **communion** using only the individual communion kits due to Covid. Please pick up your kit from the ushers as you enter the sanctuary.
- The church **office** will be closed Monday, December 27, in observance of Christmas and Monday, January 3, in observance of New Year's Day.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 9, immediately following service. New Service Committee members will be elected at this meeting.
- Reminder, **Sunday School** classes follow the school calendar year and will resume Sunday, January 9, 2022.
- **YOUTH Connect** will meet Sunday, January 2, 2022 in the fellowship hall at 11:30 AM. For more information, please contact Danny Bell or Linda Lake.
- The **Finance Team** would like to remind everyone that all 2021 pledges and donations must be postmarked no later than Friday, December 31.
- The **Word at Mid-Week** resumes Wednesday, January 12, 2021. For more information, please contact Robin Davis at [davis.robinrenee@gmail.com](mailto:davis.robinrenee@gmail.com).
- **M.O.M. Team** needs volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or have questions concerning the ministry, please contact Christina Gerling at [stina0702@gmail.com](mailto:stina0702@gmail.com), or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- **Discovery Class** begins January 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM in room 2. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Vince Compagno at [vince@vmcise.com](mailto:vince@vmcise.com).
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, January 12, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, January 20 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, January 18 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, January 19 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, January 20 (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 [wogadmin@woglutheran.org](mailto:wogadmin@woglutheran.org).*

### November 2021 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	143
Monthly Giving:	\$38,616
Monthly Benevolence:	\$4,248
Building for Our Future Giving to Date:	\$786,094

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

- Sunday, December 26** - *1st Sunday after Christmas*  
- **No Sunday School**  
- **Choir Practice, 9:25 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Monday, December 27** - **Church Office is Closed**
- Thursday, December 30** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, December 31** - *New Year's Eve*
- Sunday, January 2** - *2nd Sunday after Christmas*  
- **No Sunday School**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **YOUTH Connect 11:30 AM**  
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, January 3** - **Church Office is Closed**
- Tuesday, January 4** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**  
- **ROMEO's Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 AM**
- Thursday, January 6** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, January 9** - *3rd Sunday after Christmas*  
- **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **YOUTH Connect Parent Meeting, 11:30 AM**
- Monday, January 10** - **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, January 11** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, January 12** - **RLC Warehouse Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**  
- **The Word at Mid-Week, 6:30 PM**
- Thursday, January 13** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Friday, January 14** - **Fish STIX Fun Nite, 7:00 PM**
- Sunday, January 16** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **YOUTH Connect, 11:30 AM**  
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**

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