

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.

Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021

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

ENTRANCE RITE

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"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"..... WOV 630 v. 1-2

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* Entrance Hymn **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**.....LBW 30

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Sermon

* Hymn of the Day **"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"** LBW 559

* Apostles' Creedpage 65

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SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

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* Prayer, Benediction, and Dismissalpage 74

* Closing Hymn **"The First Noel"**LBW 56

* 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*.

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the Lord.



Isaiah 12:2-6

² "Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation."

³ **With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.**

⁴ And you will say in that day:
"Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.

⁵ **"Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Luke 3:7-18

⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹ And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³ And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." ¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

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.
- **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, or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- The last **Mid-week Advent Services** are on Wednesday, December 15, at **noon** and **7:00 PM**. The Fellowship team will host a **Soup Supper** at 6:00 PM prior to the evening service.
- **Fish STIX Ministry** will present *Birth of Jesus / a Christmas Story* at the 7:00 PM Mid-week Advent Service on December 15.
- The **Angel Tree** for *Southland Health and Rehab Center* has returned. The deadline to return the wrapped item(s) is next Sunday, December 19. For more information, please contact Jennifer Griffin at jbgriffinrn@gmail.com.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight services** will be held Friday, December 24, at **4:00 PM** and **7:00 PM**. WoG's **Celebration of Christmas Day** service is Saturday, December 25 at 10:15 AM.
- All children ages 12 and under are invited to participate in a **children's chorus Christmas Performance** on Sunday, December 26. For more information, please contact Shirley Arnold or Karyn Cummins.
- **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.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, January 12, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, December 16 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, December 14 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, December 15 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, December 16 (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 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 12** - *3rd Sunday in Advent*
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
- **Choir Practice**, 9:25 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Assemble RLC Christmas Dinner Bags**, 11:30 AM
- Monday, December 13** - **Property Team Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, December 14** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, December 15** - **Midweek Advent Service**, noon
- **Soup Supper**, 6:00 PM
- **Midweek Advent Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 16** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry**, 9:30 AM
- **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- **Service Committee Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 19** - *4th Sunday in Advent*
- **Choir Practice**, 9:25 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Youth Connect**, noon
- **Choir Practice**, 11:45 AM
- **Coweta Fayette Music Recital**, 2:00 PM
- Monday, December 20** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, December 23** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Friday, December 24** - *Christmas Eve*
- **Candlelight Service**, 4:00 PM
- **Choir Practice**, 6:30 PM
- **Candlelight Service**, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, December 25** - *Christmas Day*
- *Celebration of Christmas Day Service* 10:15 AM
- Sunday, December 26** - *1st Sunday after Christmas*
- **Choir Practice**, 9:25 AM
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- **Choir Practice**, 11:30 AM
- Monday, December 27** - **Church Office is Closed**
- Thursday, December 30** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM

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