

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE
December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

Advent • Christmas • Epiphany • Lent • Easter • Pentecost

ENTRANCE RITE

Announcements

Advent Wreath Lighting and Devotional

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" WOV 630 v. 1-4

Call to worship chime

- * Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness page 56
- * Entrance Hymn **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** LBW 30
- * Greeting and Kyrie page 57
- * Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast" page 60
- * The Lord be with you page 62
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 80:1-7

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

* Alleluia Verse page 62

* Gospel Luke 1:39-55

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day **"What Child Is This?"** LBW 40
- * Apostles' Creed page 65
- * Prayers page 65
- * Share the Peace page 66

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offertory page 66

* Offertory Prayer page 67

* Great Thanksgiving page 68

* Holy, Holy, Holy page 69

* Words of Institution page 70

* The Lord's Prayer page 71

"Lamb of God" page 72

† Communion

* Blessing page 72

* Canticle "Thank the Lord" page 72

* Prayer, Benediction, and Dismissal page 74

* Closing Hymn **"Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"** LBW 45

* 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*.

Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth.
^{5a} And he shall be their peace.



Psalm 80:1-7

⁸⁰ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
You who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up Your might and come to save us!**

³ Restore us, O God;
let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

**⁴ O Lord God of hosts,
how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?**

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**⁶ You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" ⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



Luke 1:39-53

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." ⁴⁶ And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

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.
- Kristen Phillips, RLC, picked up **130 Christmas Dinner Bags** on December 12. Thanks to all WoG volunteers who helped with assembling.
- **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.
- 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.
- The **Finance Team** would like to remind everyone that all 2021 pledges and donations must be postmarked no later than Friday, December 31.
- 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.
- **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.
- **Discovery Class** begins January 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM in room 2. 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, January 20 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, 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, 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

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- 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
- *Christmas Eve* **Candlelight Service**, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, December 25** - *Celebration of Christmas Day Service* 10:15 AM
- 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

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