

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 11, 2022**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**December 11, 2022**  
**Third Sunday of Sunday**

Advent • Christmas • Epiphany • Lent • Easter • **Pentecost**  
*Please refer to the green Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnal for service.*

**ENTRANCE RITE**

Announcements

Advent Wreath Lighting and Devotional

**"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"** ..... WOVS 630 v.1-3

Call to worship chime

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

\* Entrance Hymn **"Hark the Glad Sound!"** .....LBW 35

\* Greeting .....LBW 57

\* The Lord be with you .....LBW 62

\* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading ..... Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 146:5-10

Second Reading ..... James 5:7-10

\* Alleluia Verse .....LBW 62

\* Gospel .....Matthew 11:2-11

Children's Sermon

Sermon .....*Pastor Buba*

\* Hymn of the Day **"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"** .....LBW 30

*Blessing the Real Life Center Christmas Dinner Bags*

\* Apostles' Creed .....LBW 64

\* Prayers .....LBW 65

\* Share the Peace .....LBW 66

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering

Offertory .....LBW 66

\* Offertory Prayer .....LBW 67

\* Great Thanksgiving .....LBW 68

\* Holy, Holy, Holy .....LBW 69

\* Words of Institution .....LBW 70

\* The Lord's Prayer .....LBW 71

"Lamb of God" .....LBW 72

† Communion (Hymns are listed on the screen.)

\* Blessing .....LBW 72

\* Canticle "Thank the Lord" .....LBW 72

\* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal .....LBW 74

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

\* 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.*

## **Isaiah 35:1-10**

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

## **Psalms 146:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord his God,

**<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;

**<sup>8</sup> the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**<sup>10</sup> The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.  
Praise the Lord!**

## **James 5:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.



## **Matthew 11:2-11**

<sup>2</sup> Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me." <sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" <sup>11</sup> Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.



## 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 **Finance Team** would like to remind everyone that all 2022 pledges and donations must be postmarked no later than Saturday, December 31.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 8, following service. New Service Committee members will be elected at this meeting.
- **Faithful Hands Ministry** will break for the holidays. The next time the group meets will be Monday, January 9, at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!
- **Midweek Advent Services** on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. A soup supper will be held in the fellowship hall prior to service at 6:00 PM.
- The **Angel Tree** for Southland Health and Rehab Center is returning this year. Please be an angel and take an angel. The deadline to return the wrapped item(s) is Sunday, December 18. For more information, please contact Jennifer Griffin at [jbgriffinrn@gmail.com](mailto:jbgriffinrn@gmail.com).
- The **M.O.M. team** will continue to collect new and gently used **baby clothes** for the mothers of newborns at Hospital Loma de Luz, Honduras through December 18. Donations can be left in the designated box in the narthex.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, December 14, at 9:00 AM, and the RLC Mobile Food Pantry will be Thursday, December 15, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at [sueburnett@att.net](mailto:sueburnett@att.net) for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, December 13 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, December 14 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, December 15 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at [lrcbowler@gmail.com](mailto:lrcbowler@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).*

### October 2022 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 150

Monthly Giving: \$31,453

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,460

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

- Sunday, December 11**
- *3rd Sunday of Advent*
  - **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
  - **Choir Rehearsal**, 9:25 AM
  - **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
  - **YOUTH Connect**, 11:30 AM
  - **Assemble RLC Christmas Bags**, 11:30 AM
  - **Choir Rehearsal**, 11:45 AM
- Tuesday, December 13**
- **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
  - **Tuesdays with God Bible Study**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, December 14**
- **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
  - **RLC Senior Bag Program**, 9:00 AM
  - **Advent Soup Supper**, 6:00 PM
  - **Midweek Advent Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 15**
- **Midwest Food Bank Distribution**, 8:00 AM
  - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry**, 9:00 AM
  - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
  - **Fish STIX**, 7:00 PM
- Sunday, December 18**
- *4th Sunday of Advent*
  - **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM
  - **WoG College Students' Breakfast**, 9:00 AM
  - **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
  - **YOUTH Connect**, 11:30 AM
  - **Choir Rehearsal**, 11:45 AM
- Wednesday, December 21**
- **Advent Soup Supper**, 6:00 PM
  - **Midweek Advent Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 22**
- **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, December 25**
- *The Nativity of Our Lord*
  - **Candlelight Service**, 6:00 PM
- Monday, December 26**
- **Church Office is Closed**
- Thursday, December 29**
- **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, January 1**
- *New Year's Day*
  - **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM

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