

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.

**Nativity of the Lord**  
**December 25, 2022**

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

*Please refer to the green Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnal for service.*

**ENTRANCE RITE**

Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- \* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW 77
- \* Entrance Hymn "**Joy to the World**" ..... LBW 39
- \* Greeting and Kyrie ..... LBW 78
- \* Hymn of Praise, "**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**" ..... LBW 55
- \* Prayer of the Day ..... LBW 82

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading ..... Isaiah 52:7-10

Hymn "**Angels, from the Realms of Glory**" ..... LBW 50

Second Reading ..... Hebrews 1:1-12

\* Alleluia Verse ..... LBW 83

\* Gospel ..... John 1:1-14

Children's Sermon

Hymn "**Away in a Manger**" ..... LBW 67

Sermon *Pastor John Weber* ..... *Catching Fireflies*

\* Hymn of the Day "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**" ..... LBW 60

\* Nicene Creed ..... LBW 84

\* Share the Peace ..... LBW 86

Offering

Hymn "**Angels We Have Heard on High**" ..... LBW 71

\* Offertory Hymn, "**Doxology**" ..... LBW 565

\* Prayers ..... LBW 96

\* The Lord's Prayer (sing)

\* Blessing ..... LBW 97

\* Closing Hymn "**Go Tell It on the Mountain**" ..... LBW 70

\* Please stand as able

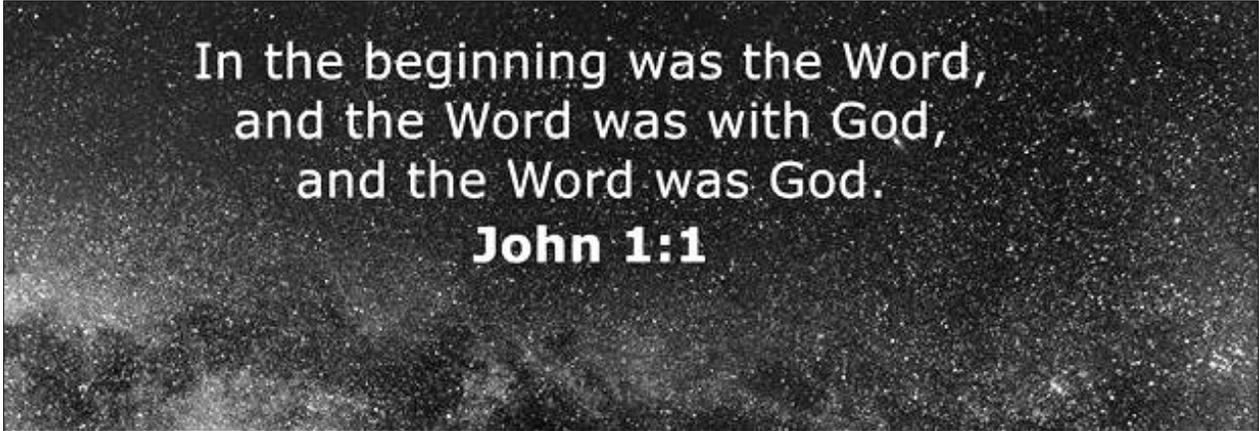
† All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to receive communion and assurance of God's forgiveness. *Children who have not been instructed in the sacrament should fold their hands to receive a blessing.*

## **Isaiah 52:7-10**

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8 The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. 9 Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

## **Hebrews 1:1-12**

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." <sup>10</sup> And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."



In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

**John 1:1**

### **John 1:1-14**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



## 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 **church office will be closed** Monday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- 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.
- The **church office will be closed** Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year's.
- **No Sunday school** for children and youth on January 15.
- **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!
- The **Children and Youth team** will meet Tuesday, January 10, in the fellowship hall at 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact Sue Burnett at [suegburnett@att.net](mailto:suegburnett@att.net).
- **Tuesdays with God** will resume January 10. For more information, please contact Vija Cole at [colebandv@comcast.net](mailto:colebandv@comcast.net) or Linda Williams at [lspwjen78@gmail.com](mailto:lspwjen78@gmail.com).
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, January 11, at 9:00 AM, and the RLC Mobile Food Pantry will be Thursday, January 19, 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 24 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, January 25 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, January 26 (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 2022 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 158

Monthly Giving: \$31,594

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,475

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Visit [http://woglutheran.org/online\\_giving](http://woglutheran.org/online_giving)

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

- Sunday, December 25** - *The Nativity of Our Lord*  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- 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**
- Monday, January 2** - **Church Office is Closed**
- Thursday, January 5** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Sunday, January 8** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
- Monday, January 9** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, January 10** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**  
- **Children & Youth Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Wednesday, January 11** - **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
- Thursday, January 12** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, January 14** - **Fish STIX, 9:00 AM**
- Sunday, January 15** - **NO children or youth Sunday school**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**
- Tuesday, January 17** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Thursday, January 19** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**  
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**  
- **Fish STIX, 7:00 PM**
- Friday, January 20** - **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Saturday, January 21** - **Fish STIX, 9:00 AM**  
- **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, January 22** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**

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