

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 of Advent
December 3, 2023

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

Advent Wreath Lighting and Devotional

Hymn "**Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**" WOV 630 v.1

Call to worship chime

* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness LBW 56

* Entrance Hymn "**Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel**" LBW 34

* Greeting and Kyrie..... LBW 57

* The Lord be with you LBW 62

* Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

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

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

* Alleluia Verse LBW 62

* GospelMark 13:24-37

Children's Sermon

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day "**Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**"LBW 198

* Apostles' Creed LBW 65

* 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

* Blessing LBW 72

* Canticle "Thank the Lord" LBW 72

* Prayer, Benediction, and Dismissal LBW 74

* Closing Hymn "**Soon and Very Soon**" WOV 744

* 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.*

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*.

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Isaiah 64:1-9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Psalm 80:1-7

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**²Before 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?**

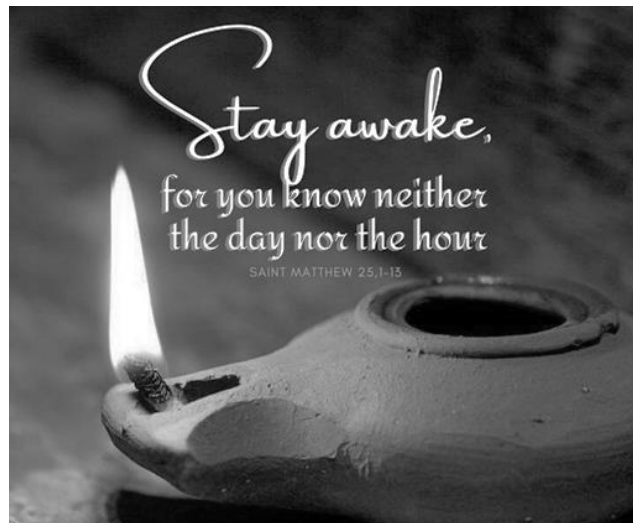
⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**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!

Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



Matthew 13:24-37

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you are physically unable to come to the altar, **communion** will be brought to you at your seat. Please let your usher know so he /she can tell the Pastor where you are seated.
- The **Angel Tree** for the residents of *Southland Health and Rehab Center* has returned. Please be an angel and take an angel. The deadline to return the wrapped item(s) is Sunday, December 17. For more information, please contact Jennifer Griffin at jbgriffinrn@gmail.com.
- *Reminder*, volunteers are needed to help assemble the **Real Life Center Christmas Dinner Bags** following service on Sunday, December 10.
- **Service Committee with Ministry Leaders meeting** at 7 pm on Tuesday, December 12 in the fellowship hall. Ministry Team Leaders please forward your team minutes to the church office if you have not already done so.
- **Midweek Advent services** begin Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 PM. A soup supper will be held before service at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- Please join us for the **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on Sunday, December 24 at 6:00 PM. WoG's **Nativity of Our Lord Service** is at 10:15 AM on December 25.
- The **Fish STIX ministry** has been a bit short staffed and would love to welcome additional volunteers. For volunteering opportunities, please contact Andi Laaker at wogfishstix@gmail.com or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, December 13, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, December 14, 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 12 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, December 13 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, December 14 (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 **weekly announcement submission** deadline for the Sunday bulletin is the previous **Monday** at 11:00 AM. Please send all announcements to woglutheran@gmail.com.*

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