

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.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE
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Advent • Christmas • **Epiphany** • Lent • Easter • Pentecost
Please refer to the blue With One Voice Hymnal for service.

ENTRANCE RITE

Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- * Brief Order of Confession and ForgivenessWOV 10
- * Entrance Hymn "**Now Thank We All Our God**"LBW 534
- * GreetingWOV 28
- * Hymn of PraiseWOV 29
- * The Lord be with youWOV 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 112:1-10

Second Reading1 Corinthians 2:1-16

* Alleluia VerseWOV 31

* Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**In Christ Alone**" screen
- * Apostles' CreedWOV 33
- * PrayersWOV 34
- * Share the PeaceWOV 34

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

OffertoryWOV 35

* Offertory PrayerWOV 35

* Great ThanksgivingWOV 36

* Holy, Holy, HolyWOV 36

* Words of InstitutionWOV 37

* The Lord's PrayerWOV 39

"Lamb of God"WOV 39

† Communion (Hymns are listed on the screen.)

* BlessingWOV 40

* Canticle "Thankful Hearts"WOV 40

* Prayer, Blessing, DismissalWOV 41

* Closing Hymn "**He Leadeth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought!**"LBW 501

* 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 58:1-12

58 "Cry aloud; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet; declare to my people their transgression, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that did righteousness and did not forsake the judgment of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they delight to draw near to God. ³ 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶ "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, ¹⁰ if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. ¹¹ And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. ¹² And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.

Psalms 112:1-10

112 Praise the Lord!
Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**² His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**⁴ Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**6 For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.**

⁷ He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.

**8 His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

⁹ He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

**10 The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!**

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

² And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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 **Welcome and Evangelism Team** will meet next Sunday, February 12, in the fellowship hall following service. For more information, please contact Sandy and Ted Thomas or Margie Bell.
- *Reminder*, **Sunday School** classes follow the school calendar year. There is no children or youth Sunday school on February 13 and February 20.
- We will collect last year's **Palm Sunday crosses** to be burned and used for the imposition of ashes on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**, as a reminder that all our prayers are answered and to remember the austerity of Lent. Please return your crosses by *Transfiguration Sunday, February 19*.
- WoG will offer 2 services this year on **Ash Wednesday, February 22**. Service times are noon and 7:00 PM.
- **Midweek Lenten services** begin Wednesday, March 1 - 29, at 7:00 PM.
- **Maundy Thursday service** is April 6 at 7:00 PM and **Good Friday, Tenebrae Service**, is April 7 also at 7:00 PM.
- **All Ministry Teams** could use an extra volunteer or two. Please consider joining a team. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!
- *Mark your calendars*, **K-5th Grade VBS** this summer, Monday, June 12 to Friday, June 16, 9:00 AM to noon. Pre-Schoolers welcome with a parent accompanying the preschooler.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, February 8, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, February 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, February 21 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, February 22 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, February 23 (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 woglutheran@gmail.com.*

December 2022 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 142

Monthly Giving: \$76,8378

Monthly Benevolence: \$8,452

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Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, February 5** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, February 6** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, February 7** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, February 8** - **RLC Senior Bag Program, 9:00 AM**
- Thursday, February 9** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, February 11** - **Fish STIX Theater Class, 9:00 AM**
- Sunday, February 12** - **NO Children and Youth Sunday School**
 - **Choir Rehearsal, 9:25 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Welcome & Evangelism Team Meeting, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, February 13** - **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, February 14** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Thursday, February 16** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**
 - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
 - **Fish STIX, 7:00 PM**
 - **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Saturday, February 18** - **Fish STIX Theater Class, 9:00 AM**
- Sunday, February 19** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Choir Rehearsal, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, February 20** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, February 21** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM**
 - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, February 22** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM**
 - **Ash Wednesday Service, 12:00 PM**
 - **Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, February 21** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM**
 - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**

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