

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 after Christmas**  
**January 1, 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

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- \* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW 77
- \* Entrance Hymn "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**" ..... LBW 60
- \* Greeting ..... LBW 78
- \* Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" ..... LBW 79
- \* The Lord be with you ..... LBW 82
- \* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading ..... Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 148

Second Reading ..... Hebrews 2:10-18

\* Alleluia Verse ..... LBW 83

\* Gospel ..... Matthew 2:13-23

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**" ..... LBW 44
- \* Apostles' Creed ..... LBW 85
- \* Prayers ..... LBW 85
- \* Share the Peace ..... LBW 86

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering

Offertory ..... LBW 86

\* Offertory Prayer ..... LBW 87

\* Great Thanksgiving ..... LBW 88

\* Holy, Holy, Holy ..... LBW 89

\* Words of Institution ..... LBW 90

\* The Lord's Prayer ..... LBW 91

"Lamb of God" ..... LBW 92

† Communion (Hymns are listed on the screen.)

\* Blessing ..... LBW 92

\* Canticle "Thank the Lord" ..... LBW 92

\* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal ..... LBW 94

\* Closing Hymn "**Let All Together Praise Our God**" ..... LBW 47

\* 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 63:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup> For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup> In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

## **Psalm 148**

148 Praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!

**<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord!  
For he commanded and they were created.

**<sup>6</sup> And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,

**<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!

**<sup>10</sup> Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!

**<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

**<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,  
for the people of Israel who are near to him.  
Praise the Lord!**

### **Hebrews 2:210-18**

<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." <sup>13</sup> And again, "I will put my trust in him. And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." <sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

### **Matthew 2:13-23**

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup> And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." <sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled a son. And he called his name Jesus. what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud



## 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, January 2, in observance of New Year's.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 8, following service. New Service Committee members will be elected at this meeting.
- **Men's Movie & a Message** will meet Wednesday, January 18, at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall. The movie will be, "October Sky," starring Jake Gyllenhaal, Chris Cooper, and Laura Dern. Please RSVP to Vince Compagno at [vince@vmcise.com](mailto:vince@vmcise.com).
- **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.
- 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 or Linda Williams.
- The next **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, January 20, and Saturday, January 21, at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Please contact Becky Cirillo, Diann Eveland, or Tata Pike for more information.
- 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 [woglutheran@gmail.com](mailto:woglutheran@gmail.com).*

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

- 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**  
- **Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:30 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**
- Monday, January 16** - *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- Tuesday, January 17** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, January 18** - **Men's Movie & a Message, 6:00 PM**
- 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**
- Monday, January 23** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**

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