

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.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 29, 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 ForgivenessWOV 10
- * Entrance Hymn "**O God beyond All Praising**"WOV 797
- * GreetingWOV 28
- * Hymn of PraiseWOV 29
- * The Lord be with youWOV 30
- * Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Micah 6:1-8

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 15

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

* Alleluia VerseWOV 31

* Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "**Blest Are They**"WOV 764
- * 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 "**Be Thou My Vision**"WOV 776

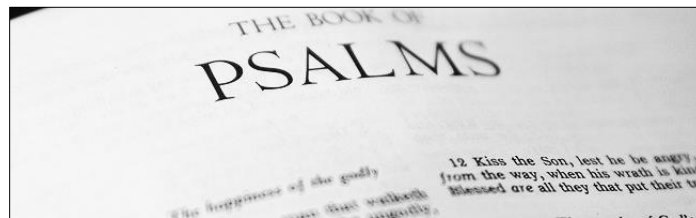
* Sending

* 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.*

Micah 6:1-8

6 Hear what the Lord says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ "O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord." ⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?



Psalm 15

15 O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

**² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;**

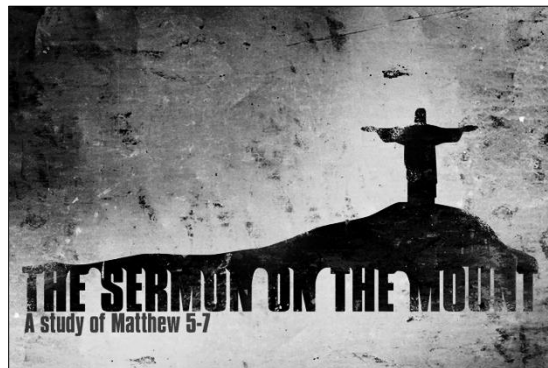
³ who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

**⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;**

⁵ who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



Matthew 5:1-12

⁵ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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.
- Pastor Jason will be at the **NALC Pastors' Conference** in San Antonio January 30 thru February 2. Please contact Pastor John Weber for any immediate Pastoral Care.
- *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.*
- 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.
- The **M.O.M. team** meets Tuesday, January 31, 2023, at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall following service.
- **All Ministry Teams** could use an extra volunteer or two. Please consider joining a team. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!
- *Reminder, **Sunday School** classes follow the school calendar year. There is no children or youth Sunday school on February 13 and February 20.*
- *Reminder, please make sure the church office has your correct **contact information**.*
- 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: 178

Monthly Giving: \$52,576

Monthly Benevolence: \$5,783

Interested in giving online?

Visit http://woglutheran.org/online_giving

Upcoming Events
Please Mark Your Calendars!

- Sunday, January 29** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**
 - **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**
 - **Worship & Music Team Meeting, 11:45 AM**
- Tuesday, January 31** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
 - **M.O.M. Team Meeting, 5:30 PM**
- Thursday, February 1** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**
- Saturday, February 4** - **Fish STIX Theater Class, 9:00 AM**
- 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**
- 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**

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