

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
December 29, 2024

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 "**Angels, From the Realms of Glory**" LBW 50
- * Greeting and Kyrie 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 Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 111

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

* Alleluia Verse LBW 83

* Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Children's Sermon

Sermon "The Reason for the Season" Pastor Kollmeyer

* Hymn of the Day "**It Came upon the Midnight Clear**" LBW 54

* Apostles' Creed LBW 85

* Prayers LBW 85

* Share the Peace LBW 86

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

Offertory LBW 86

* Offertory Prayer LBW 88

* 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

* Blessing LBW 92

* Canticle "Thank the Lord" LBW 92

* Prayer, Benediction, and Dismissal LBW 94

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

* 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.*

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

1The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”
³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. ¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD’s. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

Psalms 111

1 Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

**⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

**⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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 **church office will be closed** Wednesday, January 1, in observance of New Year's.
- **Fish STIX Theater class** begins on Saturday, January 4, at 10 AM. Please contact Andi Laaker at wogfishstix@gmail.com for more information.
- **New Member Reception** following service on January 5. Please take a moment to stop by the fellowship hall and introduce yourself.
- **Children's Ministry Team Meeting** following service on January 5. Please contact Tameka Edwards at tameka@woglutheran.org with questions.
- *Mark your calendars*, the **annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 12, following service. New Service Committee members will be elected at this meeting.
- The **Service Committee nominee bios** can be found on our website under the members resources tab.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, January 8, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, January 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, January 21 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, January 22 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, January 23 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at lrcbowler@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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