

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.

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 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.....*Kalynn Burns*

Call to worship chime

* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness..... LBW 77

* Entrance Hymn **"Oh Come All You Faithful"**..... LBW 45

* Greeting and Kyrie LBW 78

* Hymn of Praise **"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"** LBW 55

* Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First ReadingIsaiah 52:7-10

Hymn **"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"** LBW 50

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-12

Hymn **"Away in a Manager"**..... LBW 67, v.1

* Gospel John 1:1-14

Hymn **"Away in a Manager"** LBW 67, v.2

Children's Sermon

Hymn **"Away in a Manager"**..... LBW 67

Sermon *Pastor John Weber*

* Hymn of the Day **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** LBW 60

* Apostles' Creed LBW 85

* Prayers LBW 85

* Share the Peace LBW 86

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

Offertory **"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"** LBW 565

* Offertory Prayer LBW 87

* Great Thanksgiving LBW 88

* Hymn **"Angels We Have Heard On High"** LBW 71

* Words of Institution LBW 89

* The Lord's Prayer LBW 91

"Lamb of God" LBW 92

† Communion

* Blessing LBW 92

* Post Communion Canticle **"Joy To The World"** LBW 39

* Prayer, Benediction, and Dismissal LBW 95

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

* 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 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸ The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1:1-12

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷ Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." ⁸ But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." ¹⁰ And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."



John 1:1-14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. 9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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.
- Many thanks to everyone who stayed to help assemble the **Real Life Center Christmas Dinner Bags**. 100 bags were assembled in 30 minutes.
- **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.
- **No children or youth Sunday School** on December 29.
- 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 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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