

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.

Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 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

Advent Wreath Lighting and Devotional

Hymn "**Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**" WOV 630 v.1, 2

Call to worship chime

* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness LBW 56

* Entrance Hymn "**Prepare the Royal Highway**" LBW 26

* Greeting and Kyrie LBW 57

* The Lord be with you LBW 62

* Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Malachi 3:1–7b

Psalm (Read Responsively) Psalm 66

Second Reading Philippians 1:2-11

* Alleluia Verse LBW 62

* Gospel Luke 3:1–20

Children's Sermon

Sermon

* Hymn of the Day "**On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry**" LBW 36

* Apostles' Creed LBW 65

* Prayers LBW 65

* Share the Peace LBW 66

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

Offertory LBW 66

* Offertory Prayer LBW 67

* Great Thanksgiving LBW 68

* Holy, Holy, Holy LBW 69

* Words of Institution LBW 70

* The Lord's Prayer LBW 71

"Lamb of God" LBW 72

† Communion

* Blessing LBW 72

* Canticle "Lord Now You Let" LBW 73

* Prayer, Benediction, and Dismissal LBW 74

* Closing Hymn "**People, Look East**" WOV 626

* 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.*

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Malachi 3:1-7b

1 “Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ “Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts. ⁶ “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ^{7b} From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

Psalm 66

1 Shout for joy to God,
all the earth;

**² sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!**

³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

**⁴ All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name.”**

⁵ Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**⁶ He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
There did we rejoice in him,**

⁷ who rules by his might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations—
let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

**⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,**

⁹ who has kept our soul among the living
and has not let our feet slip.

**¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.**

¹¹ You brought us into the net;
you laid a crushing burden on our backs;

**¹² you let men ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance**

Philippians 1:2-11

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer
of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your
partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of
this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at
the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all,
because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of
grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation
of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the
affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound
more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may
approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of
Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus
Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1–20

1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" ⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹ And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³ And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages." ¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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.
- **Midweek Advent Service** Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 PM. A soup supper will be held before service at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall.
- *Please note*, the December 18 **Midweek Advent Service, Lessons & Carols**, will be led by our WoG youth and begin 1 hour earlier at 6:00 PM.
- Please join us for the **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on Tuesday, December 24 at 6:00 PM. WoG's **Nativity of Our Lord Service** is at 10:15 AM on December 25.
- *Reminder*, the **Fish Stix Christmas Party** is Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 PM. Friends, families, and volunteers are invited to join in the festivities. Please contact Andi Laaker at wogfishstix@gmail.com for more information.
- The next **Children Ministry Fellowship Gathering** is Saturday, December 14, from 10:00 AM to noon. For more information, please contact Tameka Edwards at tameka@woglutheran.org.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, December 11, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** is Thursday, December 19, 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, December 17 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, December 18 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, December 19 (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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