

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 Epiphany of Our Lord
January 5, 2025

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 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LBW 90
- * 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 Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm (Read Responsively) Psalm 72:1-15

Second Reading Ephesians 3:1-12

* Alleluia Verse LBW 83

* Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- * Hymn of the Day "We Three Kings of Orient Are" WOV 646
- * 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 "**As with Gladness Men of Old**" LBW 82

* 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.*

Isaiah 60:1-6

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. 2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. 3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. 6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Psalms 72:1-15

1 Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!

**2 May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!**

3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!

**4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!**

5 May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!**

7 In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

**8 May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him
and his enemies lick the dust!

**¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

**¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.**

¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

**¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

¹⁵ Long may he live;
may gold of Sheba be given to him!
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all the day!

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given
to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have
written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of
Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has
now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that
the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise
in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to
the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ To me,
though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the
Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is
the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰ so that
through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the
rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal

purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.



Matthew 2:1–12

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶ “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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.
- *Reminder, **New Member Reception*** following today's service. Please take a moment to stop by the fellowship hall and introduce yourself.
- *Mark your calendars, **Line Dancing Class*** returns Saturday, February 1, from 5:00 PM — 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. All attending are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Please contact Vince Compagno at vince@vmcise.com with questions. Hope to see you there!
- **Faithful Hands Ministry** will meet this Monday, January 6, at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. The group meets on the first and third Monday of each month. All are welcome!
- The next **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, January 24, and Saturday, January 25, beginning at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. Please contact Becky Cirillo, Diann Eveland, or Tata Pike for more information.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** is next 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 on 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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