

Word of God Lutheran Church  
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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 Our Lord**  
**December 24, 2021**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
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Advent • Christmas • Epiphany • Lent • Easter • Pentecost

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\* 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 from their parents.*

**NOTE:** Page numbers are in the front of the hymnal, followed by the Hymn numbers. *LBW* is the green *Lutheran Book of Worship*. *WOV* is the blue *With One Voice Hymnal*.

## **Isaiah 52:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> 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



## **Psalm 98**

98 Oh sing to the Lord a new song,  
for He has done marvelous things!

His right hand and His holy arm  
have worked salvation for Him.

**<sup>2</sup> The Lord has made known His salvation;  
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

**<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!**

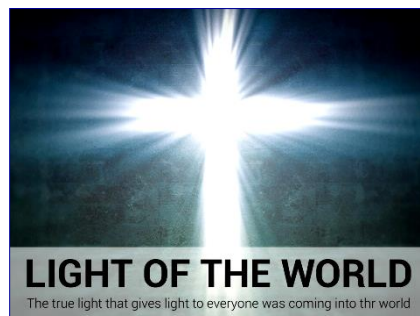
<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!

**<sup>8</sup> Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together**

<sup>9</sup> before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

## **Hebrews 1:1-12**

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> 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"? <sup>6</sup> And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." <sup>7</sup> Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." <sup>10</sup> And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. <sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup> 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

- For the remainder of 2021, we will be celebrating **communion** using only the individual communion kits due to Covid. Please pick up your kit from the ushers as you enter the sanctuary.
- Kristen Phillips, RLC, picked up **130 Christmas Dinner Bags** on December 12. Thanks to all WoG volunteers who helped with assembling.
- The church **office** will be closed Monday, December 27, in observance of Christmas and Monday, January 3, in observance of New Year's Day.
- Reminder, **Sunday School** classes follow the school calendar year and will resume Sunday, January 9, 2022.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 9, immediately following service. New Service Committee members will be elected at this meeting.
- **Discovery Class** begins January 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM in room 2. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Vince Compagno at [vince@vmcise.com](mailto:vince@vmcise.com).
- The next **Ministry Leaders meeting** is Monday, February 7, at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall.
- The Finance Team would like to remind everyone that all 2021 pledges and donations must be postmarked no later than Friday, December 31.
- **M.O.M. Team** needs volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or have questions concerning the ministry, please contact Christina Gerling at [stina0702@gmail.com](mailto:stina0702@gmail.com), or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, January 12, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, January 20 at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at [suegburnett@att.net](mailto:suegburnett@att.net) for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, January 18 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, January 19 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, January 20 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at [ltcbowler@gmail.com](mailto: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 [wogadmin@woglutheran.org](mailto:wogadmin@woglutheran.org).*

### November 2021 Report

All donations will be applied to the General, Building, or Scholarship funds.

Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	143
Monthly Giving:	\$38,616
Monthly Benevolence:	\$4,248
Building for Our Future Giving to Date:	\$786,094

Interested in giving online?

Visit [http://woglutheran.org/online\\_giving](http://woglutheran.org/online_giving)

**Upcoming Events**  
**Please Mark Your Calendars!**

- Friday, December 24** - *Christmas Eve* **Candlelight Service**, 4:00 PM  
- **Choir Practice**, 6:30 PM  
- *Christmas Eve* **Candlelight Service**, 7:00 PM
- Saturday, December 25** - *Celebration of Christmas Day Service* 10:15 AM
- Sunday, December 26** - *1st Sunday after Christmas*  
- **No Sunday School**  
- **Choir Practice**, 9:25 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, December 27** - **Church Office is Closed**
- Thursday, December 30** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Friday, December 31** - *New Year's Eve*
- Sunday, January 2** - *2nd Sunday after Christmas*  
- **No Sunday School**  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM  
- **YOUTH Connect** 11:30 AM  
- **Choir Practice**, 11:45 AM
- Monday, January 3** - **Church Office is Closed**
- Tuesday, January 4** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM  
- **ROMEO's Monthly Luncheon**, 11:30 AM
- Thursday, January 6** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, January 9** - *3rd Sunday after Christmas*  
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM  
- **Discovery Class**, 9:00 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, January 10** - **Property Team Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 11** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM
- Wednesday, January 12** - **RLC Warehouse Senior Bag Program**, 9:00 AM  
- **The Word at Mid-Week**, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, January 13** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Friday, January 14** - **Fish STIX Fun Nite**, 7:00 PM

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