

# 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 after Christmas**  
**January 3, 2021**

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

**ENTRANCE RITE**

Announcements

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**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading ..... Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 147:12-20

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Children's Sermon

Sermon

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- \* Closing Hymn "**Angels, from the Realms of Glory**" ..... LBW 50

\* Please stand as able

† Communion will not be celebrated today.

**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*.

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## **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> For thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' <sup>8</sup> Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup> With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>10</sup> "Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.' <sup>11</sup> For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup> They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. <sup>13</sup> Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup> I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the Lord."

## **Psalm 147:12-20**

<sup>12</sup> Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!

**<sup>13</sup> For He strengthens the bars of your gates;  
He blesses your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup> He makes peace in your borders;  
He fills you with the finest of the wheat.

**<sup>15</sup> He sends out His command to the earth;  
His word runs swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup> He gives snow like wool;  
He scatters frost like ashes.

**<sup>17</sup> He hurls down his crystals of ice like crumbs;  
who can stand before his cold?**

<sup>18</sup> He sends out his word, and melts them;  
He makes his wind blow and the waters flow.

**<sup>19</sup> He declares his word to Jacob,  
His statutes and rules to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup> He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know His rules.  
Praise the Lord!

## **Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup> which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

## **John 1:1-18**

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. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please *love your neighbor* and be cognizant of Covid 19 protocols such as practicing **social distancing** and wearing a **face mask** while attending service. Pastor Kollmeyer will not be shaking hands before or after service. He is responsible for the care of his elderly father.
- We need your talents! Volunteers are needed to assist the Call Committee with creating a **video** of WoG. The video will be used as a tool to highlight our church community to candidates and the outside community. Please contact Emily Nadeau at [enadeau5@gmail.com](mailto:enadeau5@gmail.com) or call 248-227-0963.
- Reminder, **Sunday School** classes follow the school calendar year and will resume Sunday, January 10, 2021.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 10, immediately following service.
- **Discovery Class** will be offered Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 9:00 AM in Room 2. The class is for anyone interested in knowing more about Lutheran Theology and Word of God Lutheran Church. For more information, please contact Vince Compagno at [vince@vmcise.com](mailto:vince@vmcise.com).
- WoG will be celebrating **Communion** on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please pick up your self-contained Communion set and bulletin before you enter the sanctuary.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, January 20, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, January 21, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Cathy Moore at [mooreteam5@gmail.com](mailto:mooreteam5@gmail.com) for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, January 19 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, January 20 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, January 21 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at [lucbowler@gmail.com](mailto:lucbowler@gmail.com), or sign up on the bulletin tear-off.
- The next **Redeemer Soup Kitchen** service opportunity in Atlanta will be Monday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 30. Volunteers meet in the parking lot at Mimi's restaurant at 8:30 AM to carpool. Please contact Cathy Moore at [mooreteam5@gmail.com](mailto:mooreteam5@gmail.com) for more information.
- *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 2020 Report

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

Average Weekly Worship Attendance: 102

Monthly Giving: 29,890

Monthly Benevolence: \$3,288

Building for Our Future Giving to Date: \$741,576

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

- Sunday, January 3** - *Second Sunday after Christmas*  
- **NO Sunday School**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Call Team Meeting, 11:30 AM**
- Tuesday, January 5** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**  
- **Stewardship Team Meeting, 6:00 PM**
- Thursday, January 7** - **Assemble Bulletins, 9:30 AM**  
- **Thursday Night Bible Study, 6:30 PM**
- Friday, January 8** - **FishSTIX Fun Night, 7:00 PM**
- Sunday, January 10** - *Baptism of the Lord*  
- **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Congregational Meeting, 11:30 AM**
- Monday, January 11** - **Property Team Meeting, 7:00 PM**
- Tuesday, January 12** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**  
- **ROMEOs Monthly Luncheon, 11:30 AM**
- Thursday, January 14** - **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**  
- **Thursday Night Bible Study, 6:30 PM**
- Friday, January 15** - **Midwest Food Bank Pre-pack, 8:00 AM**  
- **Crafters Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Saturday, January 16** - **Crafters Fellowship Weekend, 10:00 AM**
- Sunday, January 17** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **Call Team Congregational Workshop, 11:30 AM**
- Monday, January 18** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**  
- **M.O.M. Team Meeting, 5:30 PM**
- Tuesday, January 19** - **Midwest Food Bank Distribution, 8:00 AM**  
- **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, January 20** - **Call Team Congregational Workshop, 9:30 AM**  
- **Call Team Congregational Workshop, 1:00 PM**  
- **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
- **Call Team Congregational Workshop, 7:00 PM**

