

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.

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 2, 2022**

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

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† 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.*

**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 60:1-6**

60 Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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.

## **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

72 Give the king Your justice, O God,  
and Your righteousness to the royal son!

**<sup>2</sup> May he judge Your people with righteousness,  
and Your poor with justice!**

<sup>3</sup> Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!

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

<sup>5</sup> May they fear You while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

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

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

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

<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him!

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

<sup>13</sup> 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.**

### **Ephesians 3:1-12**

3 For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of 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.

### **Mathew 2:1-12**

2 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

- We are now celebrating **communion** each Sunday at the altar rail. You may choose between intinction from a host family or the individual communion kit. If choosing the communion kit, you can take it to your seat after receiving.
- The church **office** will be closed Monday, January 3, in observance of New Year's Day.
- **Tuesdays with God** resumes Tuesday, January 4 in the fellowship hall at 9:30 AM. For more information, please contact Vija Cole or Linda Williams.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** is next Sunday, January 9, immediately following service. New Service Committee members will be elected at this meeting.
- Reminder, **Sunday School** classes follow the school calendar year and will resume next Sunday, January 9, 2022.
- **YOUTH Connect parent meeting** with Pastor Jason on Sunday, January 9, 2022 in the fellowship hall at 11:30 AM.
- **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 **Word at Mid-Week** resumes Wednesday, January 12, 2021. For more information, please contact Robin Davis at [davis.robinrenee@gmail.com](mailto:davis.robinrenee@gmail.com).
- The **Bulletin Team** needs volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or have questions concerning the ministry, please contact the church office at [woglutheran@gmail.com](mailto:woglutheran@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

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

- Sunday, January 2** - *Epiphany of the Lord*  
- **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** - *Baptism of Our Lord*  
- **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **YOUTH Connect Parent Meeting, 11:30 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**
- Sunday, January 16** - **Sunday School, 9:00 AM**  
- **Discovery Class, 9:00 AM**  
- **Worship Service, 10:15 AM**  
- **YOUTH Connect, 11:30 AM**  
- **Choir Practice, 11:45 AM**
- Monday, January 17** - **Faithful Hands Ministry, 10:00 AM**
- Tuesday, January 18** - **Tuesdays with God, 9:30 AM**
- Wednesday, January 19** - **The Word at Mid-Week, 6:30 PM**
- Thursday, January 20** - **RLC Mobile Food Pantry, 9:00 AM**  
- **Assemble Bulletins, 1:00 PM**  
- **Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM**  
- **Fish STIX, 7:00 PM**

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