

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.

First Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE
December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

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 "**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**" LBW 30

* Greeting and Kyrie..... LBW 57

* The Lord be with you LBW 62

* Prayer of the Day

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) Psalm 85

Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-14

* Alleluia Verse page 62

* Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Children's Sermon

Sermon

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

Blessing of the Real Life Center Christmas Dinner Bags

* Apostles' Creed LBW 65

* Prayers LBW 65

* Share the Peace LBW 66

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL

Offering

Offertory LBW 66

* Offertory Prayer LBW 68

* The 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 "Thank the Lord" LBW 72

* Prayer, Benediction, and Dismissal LBW 74

* Closing Hymn "**Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**" LBW 25

* 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.*

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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Isaiah 40:1-11

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, gently lead those that are with young.

Psalms 85

¹ LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**² You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.**

³ You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

**⁴ Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!**

⁵ Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**⁶ Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?**

⁷ Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

**⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.**

⁹ Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

2 Peter 3:8-14

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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Mark 1:1-8

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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.
- The **Angel Tree** for the residents of *Southland Health and Rehab Center* has returned. Please be an angel and take an angel. The deadline to return the wrapped item(s) is Sunday, December 17. For more information, please contact Jennifer Griffin at jbgriffinrn@gmail.com.
- *Reminder*, volunteers are needed to help assemble the **Real Life Center Christmas Dinner Bags** following service today.
- **Midweek Advent services** begin Wednesdays, at 7:00 PM. A soup supper will be held before service at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.
- Please join us for the **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on Sunday, December 24 at 6:00 PM. WoG's **Nativity of Our Lord Service** is at 10:15 AM on December 25.
- The **church office will be closed** Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year's.
- A **New Member Reception** will follow service Sunday, January 7. Please take a moment to stop by the fellowship hall and introduce yourself.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 14, following service. New Service Committee members will be elected at this meeting.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, December 13, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, December 14, 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 12 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, December 13 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, December 14 (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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