

# 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 the Lord**  
**December 24, 2023**

**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**

Prelude

Call to worship chime

\* Christmas Proclamation

\* Entrance Hymn "**Oh, Come All Ye Faithful**" ..... LBW 45

\* Kyrie ..... LBW 78

\* Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" ..... LBW 79

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

Scripture..... Isaiah 9:2-7

Scripture (Read Responsively)..... Psalm 96

Scripture..... Titus 2:11-14

\* Gospel Procession Hymn "**From Heaven Above**" ..... LBW 51 v. 1-3

\* Gospel ..... Luke 2:1-20

\* Gospel Recession Hymn "**Angels We Have Heard on High**" ..... LBW 71

Sermon

\* Hymn "**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**" ..... LBW 60

\* Nicene Creed ..... LBW 84

\* Prayers ..... LBW 85

\* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW 77

\* Share the Peace ..... LBW 86

Announcements

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering ..... Children's Choir

Offertory Hymn "**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**" ..... LBW 44

\* Offertory Prayer ..... LBW 87

\* Great Thanksgiving ..... LBW 88

\* Holy, Holy, Holy ..... LBW 89

\* Words of Institution ..... LBW 89

\* The Lord's Prayer (sing)..... LBW 91

"Lamb of God" ..... LBW 92

† Communion (Hymns are listed on the screen)

\* Blessing ..... LBW 92

\* Lighting of the Candles ..... ***Please hold lit candle upright***

\* Hymn "**Silent Night, Holy Night!**" ..... LBW 65

\* Benediction ..... LBW 94

Extinguish Candles ..... ***Please hold candles upright***

\* Closing Hymn "**Joy to the World**" ..... LBW 39

\* 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.*

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## **Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. <sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. <sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## **Psalm 96**

1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**2 Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**4 For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

**6 Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

<sup>9</sup> Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

**<sup>10</sup> Say among the nations,  
"The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established  
it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

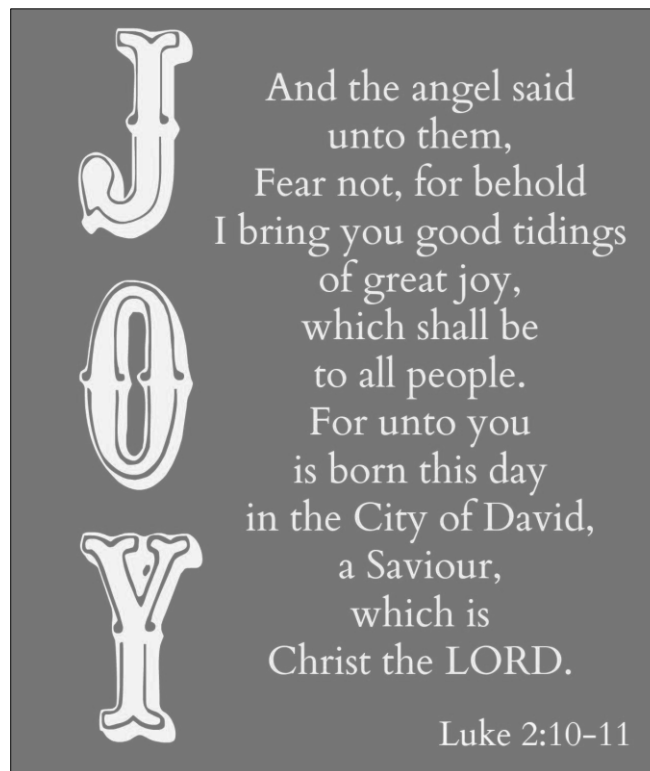
**<sup>12</sup> let the field exult, and everything in it!  
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

<sup>13</sup> before the Lord, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

### **Titus 2:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.



And the angel said  
unto them,  
Fear not, for behold  
I bring you good tidings  
of great joy,  
which shall be  
to all people.  
For unto you  
is born this day  
in the City of David,  
a Saviour,  
which is  
Christ the LORD.

Luke 2:10-11

## **Luke 2:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup> This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup> And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup> And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup> to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup> And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup> And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. <sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" <sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

## 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.
- 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.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 14, following service. New Service Committee members will be elected at this meeting.
- A **New Member Reception** will follow service Sunday, January 7. Please take a moment to stop by the fellowship hall and introduce yourself.
- **Fish STIX Ministry** will offer 2 additional programs beginning in January and needs volunteers! **Xylophone and Chime Choir** rehearsals begin Wednesday, January 10. **Joy in the Morning** (J.I.M. Jam) will meet on Wednesdays in room 11 at 10 am. **Theater Class** is also returning for 6 sessions beginning Saturday, January 6. There are only 12 spots available. Please contact Andi Laaker at [wogfishstix@gmail.com](mailto:wogfishstix@gmail.com) for more information.
- A **First Holy Communion Class** will be held on Sunday, January 14, following service. Please contact Pastor Jason for more information.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, January 10, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, January 18, 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 23 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, January 24 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, January 25 (8 AM - 12 PM). Lunch is provided each day to all volunteers. Contact Joe Bowler at [lrcbowler@gmail.com](mailto:lrcbowler@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](mailto:woglutheran@gmail.com).*

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