

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.

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**January 28, 2024**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
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Advent • Christmas • **Epiphany** • Lent • Easter • Pentecost  
*Please refer to the blue With One Voice hymnal for service.*

**ENTRANCE RITE**

Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- \* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness .....WOV 10
- \* Entrance Hymn "**Rejoice, the Lord Is King!**" .....LBW 171
- \* Greeting .....WOV 28
- \* Hymn of Praise .....WOV 29
- \* The Lord be with you .....WOV 30
- \* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading ..... Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 111

Second Reading ..... 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

\* Alleluia Verse .....WOV 31

\* Gospel ..... Mark 1:21-28

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**God of Grace and God of Glory**" .....LBW 415
- \* Apostles' Creed .....WOV 32
- \* Prayers .....WOV 34
- \* Share the Peace .....WOV 34

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering

Offertory .....WOV 35

\* Offertory Prayer .....WOV 35

\* Great Thanksgiving .....WOV 36

\* Holy, Holy, Holy WOV 36

\* Words of Institution .....WOV 37

\* The Lord's Prayer .....WOV 39

"Lamb of God" .....WOV 39

† Communion

\* Blessing .....WOV 40

\* Canticle "Thankful Hearts" .....WOV 40

\* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal .....WOV 41

\* Closing Hymn "**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**" .....LBW 328

\* 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.*

## **Deuteronomy 18:15–20**

<sup>15</sup> “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— <sup>16</sup> just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

## **Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**<sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Full of splendor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.

**<sup>4</sup> He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

<sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.

**<sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy;

**<sup>8</sup> they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name!

**<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!**

## **1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

1 Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. <sup>2</sup> If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup> For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. <sup>7</sup> However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. <sup>9</sup> But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? <sup>11</sup> And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. <sup>12</sup> Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.



## **Mark 1:21-28**

<sup>21</sup> They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup> And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

## 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 will offer **2** services this year on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Service times are noon and 7:00 PM.
- Please save the date for our first intergenerational event of the new year! **Family Bingo Night** on Saturday, February 24, 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Adult and children prizes will be awarded to the winners. The event is co-hosted by our *Children & Family Ministry* and the *Fellowship Team*.
- The next **Crafters' Fellowship Weekend** is Friday, February 2, and Saturday, February 3, beginning at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. For more information, please contact Becky Cirillo, Diann Eveland, or Tata Pike. Hope to see you there!
- **All Ministry Teams** could use an extra volunteer or two. Please consider joining a team. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!
- **2024 Service Committee members** are Mike Lennon *President*, Linda Satter *Vice President*, Randy Weston *Secretary*, Jim Arnold, Lars Kuhr, Victoria Reece, Max Rietschier, Kent Studnicka, and Joe Bowler, *Treasurer*.
- We will collect last year's **Palm Sunday crosses** to be burned and used for the imposition of ashes on **Ash Wednesday, February 14**, as a reminder that all our prayers are answered and to remember the austerity of Lent. Please return your crosses by *Transfiguration Sunday, February 11*.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, February 14, at 9:00 AM, and the **RLC Mobile Food Pantry** will be Thursday, February 15, 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, February 20 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, February 21 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, February 22 (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 **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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