

# 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.

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 7, 2024**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## Baptism of Our Lord

Advent • Christmas • **Epiphany** • Lent • Easter • Pentecost

*Please refer to the green Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnal for service.*

### **ENTRANCE RITE**

Announcements

Prelude

Call to worship chime

- \* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW 77
- \* Entrance Hymn "**Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart**" ..... LBW 486
- \* Greeting and Kyrie ..... LBW 78
- \* Hymn of Praise ..... LBW 79
- \* The Lord be with you ..... LBW 82
- \* Prayer of the Day

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading ..... Genesis 1:1-5

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 29

Second Reading ..... Romans 6:1-11

\* Alleluia Verse ..... LBW 83

\* Gospel ..... Mark 1:4-11

Children's Sermon

Sermon

- \* Hymn of the Day "**Baptized in Water**" ..... WOV 693
- \* Nicene Creed ..... LBW 84
- \* Prayers ..... LBW 85
- \* Share the Peace ..... LBW 86

### **SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering

Offertory ..... LBW 86

\* Offertory Prayer ..... LBW 88

\* Great Thanksgiving ..... LBW 88

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

\* Words of Institution ..... LBW 90

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

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

† Communion

\* Blessing ..... LBW 92

\* Canticle "Thank the Lord" ..... LBW 92

\* Prayer, Benediction, and Dismissal ..... LBW 94

\* Closing Hymn "**On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry**" ..... LBW 36

\* 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.*

## **Genesis 1:1-5**

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

## **Psalm 29**

1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the LORD, over many waters.

**4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**6 He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

7 The voice of the LORD  
flashes forth flames of fire.

**8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

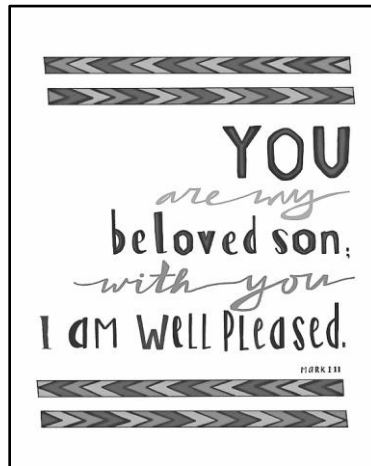
9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
and strips the forests bare,  
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

11 May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## **Romans 6:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.



## **Mark 1:4-11**

<sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And 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. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And 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. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

## 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 **Children and Family Team** will meet Sunday, January 14, in the fellowship hall at 11:30 am. For more information, please contact Tameka Edwards at [tameka@woglutheran.org](mailto:tameka@woglutheran.org).
- *Reminder*, a **New Member Reception** will follow today's service. 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.
- The **Service Committee nominee bios** can be found on our website under the members resources tab.
- **Faithful Hands Ministry** will meet January 8 and January 22 at 10 AM in the fellowship hall. For more information, please contact Diann Eveland.
- **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 [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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