

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 of Advent**  
**December 18, 2022**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**December 18, 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday of Sunday**

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

**"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"** ..... WOVS 630 v.1-4

Call to worship chime

\* Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness .....LBW 56

\* Entrance Hymn **"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"** .....LBW 25

\* Greeting .....LBW 57

\* The Lord be with you .....LBW 62

\* Prayer of the Day

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

First Reading ..... Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm (*Read Responsively*) ..... Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Second Reading ..... Romans 1:1-7

\* Alleluia Verse .....LBW 62

\* Gospel .....Matthew 1:18-25

Children's Sermon

Sermon

\* Hymn of the Day **"Lead On, O King Eternal!"** ..... LBW 495

*Blessing the Angel Tree Gifts*

\* Apostles' Creed .....LBW 65

\* Prayers .....LBW 65

\* Share the Peace .....LBW 66

**SHARING OF THE SACRAMENTAL MEAL**

Offering

Offertory .....LBW 66

\* Offertory Prayer .....LBW 67

\* 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 (Hymns are listed on the screen.)

\* Blessing .....LBW 72

\* Canticle "Thank the Lord" .....LBW 72

\* Prayer, Blessing, Dismissal .....LBW 74

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

\* 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.*

## **Isaiah 7:10-16**

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." <sup>13</sup> And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted.

## **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

80 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
stir up your might and come to save us!**

<sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**<sup>4</sup> how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.

**<sup>6</sup> You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**<sup>17</sup> But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**

<sup>18</sup> Then we shall not turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call upon your name!

**<sup>19</sup> Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!  
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

## **Romans 1:1-7**

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



## **Matthew 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If anyone is physically unable to come to the altar, they may request the Pastor or Worship Assistant to bring them **communion** at their seat. Please let your usher know so he /she can tell the Pastor where you are seated.
- The last **Midweek Advent Services** is this Wednesdays, December 21, at 7:00 PM. A soup supper will be held in the fellowship hall prior to service at 6:00 PM.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** on Saturday, December 24 at 6:00 PM. The **Nativity of Our Lord Service** on December 25 at 10:15 AM.
- The **church office will be closed** Monday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- The **Finance Team** would like to remind everyone that all 2022 pledges and donations must be postmarked no later than Saturday, December 31.
- The **annual Congregational Meeting** is Sunday, January 8, following service. New Service Committee members will be elected at this meeting.
- **Faithful Hands Ministry** will break for the holidays. The next time the group meets will be Monday, January 9, at 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall. All are welcome!
- **Tuesdays with God** will resume January 10. For more information, please contact Vija Cole or Linda Williams.
- The **church office will be closed** Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year's.
- Our next **RLC Warehouse** service opportunity is Wednesday, January 11, at 9:00 AM, and the RLC Mobile Food Pantry will be Thursday, January 19, at 9:00 AM. Please sign up on the bulletin tear-off or contact Sue Burnett at sueburnett@att.net for more information.
- The next **Midwest Food Bank** distribution will be Tuesday, January 24 (8 AM - 12 PM & 6 PM - 8 PM); Wednesday, January 25 (8 AM - 1:30 PM); and Thursday, January 26 (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 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 2022 Report

All donations will be applied to the General, Building, Scholarship, or Fish STIX funds.

Average Weekly Worship Attendance:	158
Monthly Giving:	\$31,594
Monthly Benevolence:	\$3,475

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

- Sunday, December 18** - *4th Sunday of Advent*  
- **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM  
- **WoG College Students' Breakfast**, 9:00 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM  
- **YOUTH Connect**, 11:30 AM  
- **Choir Rehearsal**, 11:45 AM
- Wednesday, December 21** - **Advent Soup Supper**, 6:00 PM  
- **Midweek Advent Service**, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, December 22** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Saturday, December 24** - **Choir Rehearsal**, 5:30 PM  
- *Candlelight Service*, 6:00 PM
- Sunday, December 25** - *The Nativity of Our Lord*  
- **Traditional Service**, **10:15 AM**
- Monday, December 26** - **Church Office is Closed**
- Thursday, December 29** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, January 1** - *New Year's Day*  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, January 2** - **Church Office is Closed**
- Thursday, January 5** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Sunday, January 8** - **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM
- Monday, January 9** - **Faithful Hands Ministry**, 10:00 AM  
- **Property Team Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, January 10** - **Tuesdays with God**, 9:30 AM  
- **Children & Youth Team Meeting**, 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, January 11** - **RLC Senior Bag Program**, 9:00 AM
- Thursday, January 12** - **Assemble Bulletins**, 1:00 PM
- Saturday, January 14** - **Fish STIX**, 9:00 AM
- Sunday, January 15** - **Sunday School**, 9:00 AM  
- **Worship Service**, 10:15 AM

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