

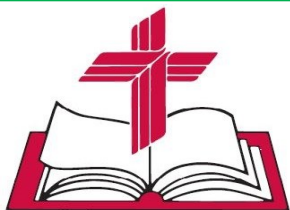
Praise the Lord ! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart, In the company of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord ; They are studied by all who delight in them. Splendid and majestic is His work, And His righteousness endures forever.
Psalms 111:1-3

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Eleanor Galik
for immediate prayers



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"Lessons from Psalm 111"

1. Praise as a Priority

Psalm 111 opens with a call to praise: "Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly". This is the tone for the entire psalm, reminding us that praising God should be a priority in our lives. Whether in private prayer or public worship, expressing gratitude to God aligns our hearts with His goodness and sets the stage for a life filled with His presence.

2. The Greatness of God's Works

The psalmist declares, "Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them" (Psalm 111:2). This verse encourages us to take time to reflect on the wonders of creation and the miracles in our lives. By doing so, we cultivate a deeper appreciation for God's handiwork and are inspired to live in awe of His power and creativity.

3. God's Righteousness Endures Forever

In verse 3, "Splendid and majestic is His work; His righteousness endures forever". This assurance of God's eternal righteousness provides a foundation for our faith. No matter the challenges we face, we trust that God's character remains unchanging and His justice will ultimately prevail.

4. Remembering His Wonders

"He has caused His wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate". This verse highlights the importance of remembering God's past deeds. By recalling His faithfulness, we strengthen our trust in His future provision. Keeping a journal of answered prayers and blessings can be a practical way to keep His wonders fresh in our minds.

5. Provision for His People

We are assured, "He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever" (Psalm 111:5). This reminds us that God is our provider, meeting both our physical and spiritual needs. Trusting in His provision allows us to live with confidence, knowing that He cares for us deeply and is committed to His promises.

6. The Power of His Works

"The works of His hands are truth and justice; all His precepts are trustworthy". God's works are not only powerful but also rooted in truth and justice. This encourages us to align our lives with His precepts, knowing that they are reliable and lead to a life of integrity and righteousness.

7. Redemption and Covenant

"He has sent redemption to His people; He has ordained His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name". It points to the ultimate redemption found in Jesus Christ. As believers, we are part of an eternal covenant, sealed by His sacrifice. Embracing this truth empowers us to live with purpose and hope, knowing we are redeemed and cherished by God.

8. The Fear of the Lord

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow His precepts gain rich understanding" (Psalm 111:10). Reverence for God is the foundation of true wisdom. By prioritizing His commands and seeking His guidance, we gain insight and understanding that surpasses worldly knowledge, leading to a life that honors Him.

9. Eternal Praise

"His praise endures forever" (Psalm 111:10). The psalm concludes with a reminder that God's praise is eternal. Our lives should echo this truth, as we continually offer Him praise and live in a way that reflects His glory. This eternal perspective encourages us to focus on what truly matters and to invest in our relationship with God.

10. Living in Awe

In Psalm 111, we are invited to live in awe of God's majesty and grace. By embracing these lessons, we nurture a heart of worship and a life that reflects His love and truth. We are inspired to live everyday with gratitude, trust, and reverence, knowing that our God is worthy of all praise.

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service	13 No Pre-school	14 9am-Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	15 9am-Noon Preschool	16 9am-Noon Preschool 7:00pm Council Meeting	17 9am-Noon Preschool	18

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Bill Merchantz - Treasurer
Diana Motel - Secretary

Members at Large

Paul Huang

Stewardship Snapshot

October 5th

21 Worshipped, 20 Communed

4 Watched Online

25 Total Worshipped

Financial Support

\$890.00 Total General Fund Offering

Devotional Time

Opportunities to Connect with God

PUSH PRAYER meets every **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708-403-9673) or visit our website to send in your prayer request, or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.

RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew**—8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50, AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495; 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

DEVOTION OF THE WEEK ⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. *Romans 12:9-13*

VERSE OF THE MONTH ²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Lamentations 3:22-24





LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Here We Stand For Life

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason ... I am bound by the Scriptures ... and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.

“I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.

“I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen.”

Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms, 1521



OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH is Lutherans For Life. We will be collecting every Sunday this month for their organization and for their stand and our stand for LIFE!

Here We Stand to declare and defend the precious value of every human being.

Here We Stand to celebrate the many blessings of abundant and everlasting life.

Here We Stand for every human life, at each stage, in any state—no matter what she’s done, no matter what he can’t do.

Here We Stand from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death—because of God’s purpose, not our own plans.

Here We Stand behind Jesus Christ’s passion, not our own pride.

Here We Stand bearing His Holy Spirit’s presence, not our own capacities.



CHICAGO WOLVES

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT

NOV. 15 OR NOV. 16

THE CHICAGO WOLVES INVITE YOUR SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT, AS WE HONOR LOCAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS. ALL STUDENTS, STAFF, TEACHERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL NIGHT.

- SPECIALLY PRICED TICKETS
- FREE CHICAGO WOLVES HATS
- SPECIAL SCHOOL RECOGNITION ON OUR LED MATRIX BOARD
- ZAMBONI RIDES **PENDING AVAILABILITY**
- FUNDRAISING OPTIONS AVAILABLE



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO TAKE PART IN THIS SPECIAL EVENT,
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT STEFANIE EVANS AT 847-832-1939 OR VIA EMAIL AT [SKEVANS@CHICAGOWOLVES.COM](mailto:skevans@chicagowolves.com)

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT is being planned for all of our past and current preschool and VBS families. It will be Saturday, December 13th from 4pm—7pm. Registration hasn't even opened yet, and we already have a family that RSVP'd for their two children, lol. Mrs. Diana is giving parents a night out for Christmas shopping, wrapping presents, date night, or just sitting home relaxing in peace and quiet for a few hours during the hectic hustle and bustle of the holiday season. She will be showing a movie, serving pizza and popcorn, and doing a craft with the children. They will also be having a fake snowball fight here. She has reached out to all the local high schools for volunteers, we of course already have some of our faithful VBS volunteers already commit to helping us out. She has 13 teenage volunteers. If you would like to donate any goodies or help with setting up or cleaning up, please let Diana know, or if you want to, you can also donate towards the cost of the pizza and popcorn and crafts. As always, we appreciate everything you help us with.

THE CHICAGO WOLVES is hosting a Lutheran Schools Night. Wee will be purchasing tickets for the Saturday, November 15th game that will be at 7:00pm. The Wolves play at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL. The Wolves are an AHL (American Hockey League) team. They will be playing the Cleveland Monsters that weekend. The tickets will be \$23.00 each and the seats will be located on the lower level at center ice and each ticket will also come with a Wolves knit hat. We also have an option to buy food vouchers for a hot dog and soda for \$7.00. Children 2 and under are free. I now have the order form. We need a minimum of 10 people to go in order to get the special discounted pricing. The poster and the order forms are on the welcome desk in the fellowship hall and the poster is also on page 4 of this newsletter. I will be having the order form in the bulletins for the month of October. Deadline for purchasing the tickets is November 2nd. I will email one total order form and then also mail her the hard copy and have Bill write a check for the amount. All tickets and vouchers will then be mailed here, and you will be able to pick them up at your convenience. If you have any questions, please see me or Diana.

ORLAND PARK CHRISTMAS TREE will also be purchased this year. Anyone who wants to help decorate the tree can see Diana for more details as to the dates. It's usually just before the Thanksgiving holiday.



BROOKFIELD ZOO CHRISTMAS TREE has been purchased and we will be planning on decorating the tree on Saturday, November 8th. Most all of the pre-school families have already shown interest and are very excited for the chance to be able to go to the zoo. The zoo will be giving us 20 free passes to hand out to the families, and we can purchase additional ones for \$10.00 each, which is a huge discount on the admission price. If you would like to go, please let us know by this Sunday, October 12th, so we can purchase the additional passes.

CAPTURED BY GRACE will be the first book that the Bible study classes will begin with. They started a couple of weeks ago, and it is led by Neal Hartz. The group will be doing one chapter a week, each chapter is basically a different topic, so if you can't make it for the entire book, you won't be behind. They will do one chapter a week and they should finish up by the start of Advent or shortly there after. The following study will be based on the book, A Life Beyond Amazing, they will start working on that book around the middle of January.

DAVID JEREMIAH is the author of both books. Captured by Grace teaches us that most Christians know that they are saved by grace, but some of us don't realize that we live by grace everyday. The lessons in the book will show us how we can apply the principles of God's grace to our lives. Please let Neal know if you are interested in joining either of these studies, so he can order enough books for all of us. A Life Beyond Amazing shows us how we can be the person God has intended us to be. There is a better way to experience life for all of us. It uncovers God's strategy for and challenges us to make nine important decisions that will transform our lives.

COUNCIL MEETING will be next Thursday night. Among the topics they'll be discussing will be the financials, Call Committee updates, and preschool. They will also be discussing the plans for the Parents' Night Out event and the new flyer that we have started printing and folding. If there is something you would like to have discussed, please let the council know.

HELP NEEDED for folding our latest flyers. We are currently printing out the newest flyers and have started folding them. We are planning out what routes and areas we will send them to, and hope to have them to the post office by the start of November.

10-12-2025 Message Outline

“With All My Heart”

Psalm 111:1b says: *“I will extol the Lord with all my heart...”*

1) With all my heart I will FOLLOW the Lord.

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man’s name was Elimelek, his wife’s name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were from Bethlehem in Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. ³Now Elimelek, Naomi’s husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. ⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back, each of you, to your mother’s home. May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband.” Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰and said to her, “We will go back with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹²Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—¹³would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord’s hand has turned against me!” ¹⁴At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵“Look,” said Naomi, “your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her.” ¹⁶But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.” ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. ¹⁹So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. Ruth 1:1-19a

2) With all my heart I will BE FAITHFUL TO the Lord.

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. ⁵Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself. 2 Timothy 2:1- 13

3) With all my heart I will HAVE FAITH IN the Lord.

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. ¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.” Luke 17:11-19