

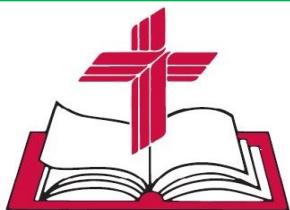


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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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for immediate prayers



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"How to Have Peace"

God will give you three kinds of peace.

1) Spiritual peace. *'Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.'* That's the foundation, the bottom line. You must have peace with God before you can have any other kind of peace. Jesus said, *'I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give'* (John 14:27). Why? Because His peace has the hallmark of heaven on it.

2) Relational peace. Paul writes, *'As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone'* (Romans 12:18). Relational peace decreases conflict. You know from experience that relationships can be an origin of tension. For the majority of us, our greatest problems are people problems: interacting well with our boss, family, or relatives. We consistently have to deal with competition, conflict, and criticism. And these things can steal our peace.

3) Emotional peace. *'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since...you were called to peace'*. The Greek word for 'rule' means 'to umpire'. What is an umpire's role? He maintains peace. He ensures the game is played in a smooth and disciplined way. God will provide you with an internal umpire who'll keep you at peace when everything around you appears hectic. Here's a great Bible promise: *'You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!'* Do you need peace today? Turn to God; He won't be disappointed.

Jesus said His peace is a gift. That means you don't have to work for it, and you cannot earn it. You cannot psych yourself up for it, and you cannot 'try really hard' to obtain it. No, it's a gift you must accept by faith. Jesus also said that His peace is unique from what the world provides. In the last 3,500 years or more, the world has only been free of war for 286 of them – that's less than 9 percent. This world's peace doesn't last. Jesus told His disciples, *'I give you my own peace and my gift is nothing like the peace of this world. You must not be distressed and you must not be daunted'*. He spoke those words just before He went to the cross. God's peace is not regulated by circumstances, it's an 'inside job'. We all have said, 'I need to get away'? This is sometimes known as a geographical cure. You think if you leave where you are and go somewhere else, you will have peace. But it doesn't work, for wherever you go, you take yourself with you. Have you ever been so tired that your body collapsed into bed, but your mind wouldn't turn off? Well, you can get away and find peace! How? Jesus gives us the solution: *'You may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world'*. Where can you find peace? Jesus said, 'In me!' Today, spend time with Him. In order to find real peace, you must do two things:

1) Live by the principles of God's Word. *'Great peace have those who love your law.'* Peace arrives when you live in harmony with God. A new car comes with an owner's manual. It tells you that for your car to perform well, you must do certain things at certain times. The Bible is your owner's manual for life. It contains guiding principles for finances, health, marriage, business, relationships, and considerably more. Your car drives more smoothly when you use it per its design, so your life will go more smoothly when you live it according to God's design.

2) Accept God's pardon. Guilt is the top destroyer of peace. We feel guilty, we feel haunted by our past. That's why we read about people who make amends for a sin they committed years earlier. They say, 'I was living in hell all those years and had to get it off my chest.' The only way to have peace is to own a clear conscience, and only God is able to give you that. *'Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives...transgression?...You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy'*. Micah reveals God is eager, and waiting to clean the slate. It's His personality. He enjoys forgiving. He owns a big eraser. *'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness'*.

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service 11:00 Council Meeting 4:00pm Concert 	10 9am–Noon Preschool	11 9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer Veterans Day	12 9am–Noon Preschool	13 9am–Noon Preschool	14 9am–Noon Preschool	15 7:00pm Chicago Wolves Game 
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November Celebrations



Stewardship Snapshot

November 2nd

21 Worshipped, 20 Communed

3 Watched Online

24 Total Worshipped

Financial Support

\$2,475.00 General Fund Offering

\$180.00 Building Use (God Is Able Church)

\$2,655.00 Total General Fund Deposit

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. We are always looking for people to join us in prayer to our Lord.

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 ⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. *Romans 13:8*

My Lord is the source of Love; I the river's course. Let God's love flow through me. I will not obstruct it. Irrigation ditches can water but a portion of the field; the Great Yangtze River can water a thousand acres. Expand my heart, O Lord, that I may love yet more people. The waters of love can cover vast tracts, nothing will be lost to me. The greater the outward flow, the greater the returning tide. If I am not linked to Love's source, I will dry up. If I dam the waters of Love, they will stagnate. Can I compare my heart with the boundless seas? But abandon not the measure of my heart, O Lord. Let the waves of your love still billow there!

VERSE OF THE MONTH ¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. *Titus 2:11-14*

CAPTURED BY GRACE is the first book that the Bible study classes will begin with. They started a month 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. 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. If you have any questions, or need a book, please see Neal.



DEAR VETERAN,



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

FOR ALL THE COURAGE YOU HAVE SHOWN,
AND SACRIFICES MADE ALONE,
WE HONOR YOU, BOTH BRAVE AND TRUE,
THIS DAY WE CELEBRATE YOU.
THROUGH TRIALS FACED AND BATTLES FOUGHT,
YOUR STRENGTH AND SPIRIT CAN'T BE BOUGHT.
WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS, WE STAND AND SAY,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY.





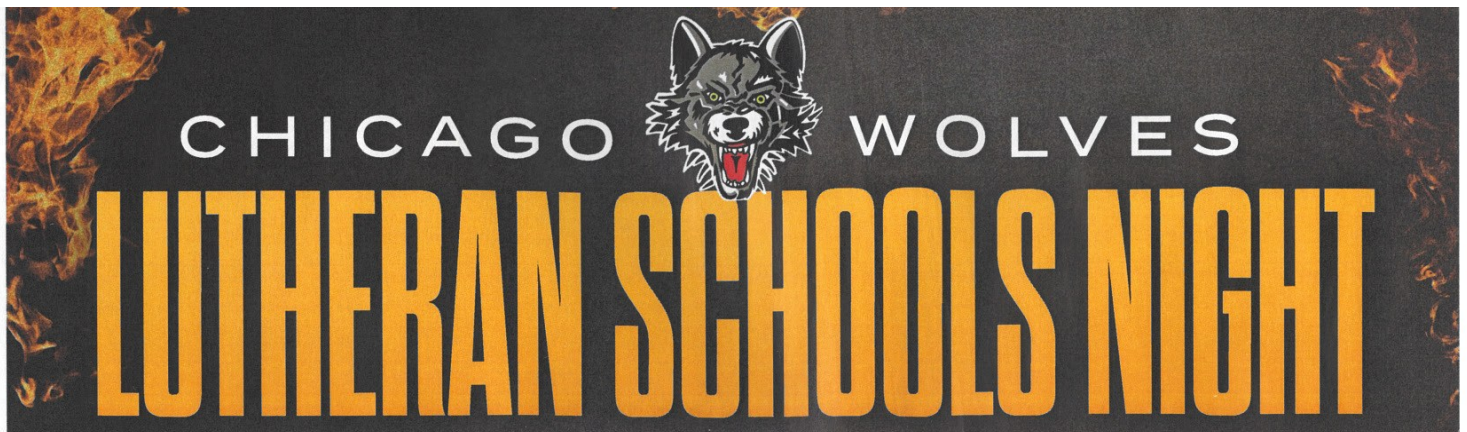
The Orland Township Food Pantry supplies food and Christmas gifts to low-income residents who need immediate assistance.

We will be collecting monetary donations all month to help them stock their shelves and buy gifts for our community.

NOVEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH will be the Village of Orland Park Food Pantry. We will be collecting monetary donations every Sunday for them to help stock their food pantry and to be able prepare for their holiday dinner and gift programs. With the prices of food and gifts continually rising, there are so many families in our community that are struggling to make ends meet. It's our goal to help make their holidays a little brighter by helping the Village to buy more items for them. As always we greatly appreciate your overwhelming generosity.

THANK YOU LETTER was received earlier this week from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. It reads, "Dear Living Word Lutheran Church, Your remarkable gift of support for the healing of the children at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is so appreciated. You are an important part of the Ranch's mission to "help at risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ" Because of you, each of these precious children has an opportunity to become their best selves! Thank you." It is signed, "In His love, Joy Ryan, President and CEO." The entire letter can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship Time



THE CHICAGO WOLVES are hosting a Lutheran Schools Night. We are 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. We have a total of 12 people going, including a 2 year old boy. All tickets and vouchers will then be mailed here, and you will be able to pick them up at your convenience.

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 25 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.

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 preschool families have already shown interest and are very excited for the chance to be able to go to the zoo. The zoo gave us 20 free passes to hand out to the families, and we purchased 2 additional passes for \$10.00 each, which is a huge discount on the admission price. Mrs. Diana and the preschoolers have been working very hard on the ornaments for both trees. They have made gingerbread people and houses, peppermint candies and candy canes.



THE NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING will be held on this Sunday, November 9th following the service. The main topic of discussion will be the Call Committee update from our meeting with President Buss, and the several different options that are available to us, including putting in our papers before December 1st for a seminary graduate, a meeting in Burr Ridge regarding partnership possibilities with other congregations and available candidates for the SMP program. They also discuss the normal monthly topics since they had decided not to have 2 meetings this month. Among the other topics will be the finances, preschool updates and Parents' Night Out event. If you have anything you would to have discussed, please see Neal, Ken, Bill or Diana, and they will add it to the agenda.

GRETEL HANSEN MUSIC SCHOOL will be hosting their fall concert here this Sunday, November 9th at 4:00pm. Come and enjoy some live music and fellowship that evening.



SPAGHETTI DINNER being hosted by the Tinley Park Community Jazz Band of which Jim McKinney is a member of, on November 15th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm at the Tinley Park Community Church at 7939 W. 167th Street. Tickets are \$8.00 for spaghetti and .50 for each meatball. As an added bonus, there will be Culver's frozen custard for dessert. That includes the spaghetti dinner, a raffle and live music that starts at 6:00pm



11-9-2025 Message Outline

“Close to His Heart”

“And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants ... the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord!”

Psalm 148:14

1) God HEARS the people close to His heart.

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” ⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” ¹³ Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’” “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation. Exodus 3:1-15

2) God HELPS the people close to His heart.

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, ² not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. ³ Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ⁴ He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Don’t you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? ⁶ And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. ⁷ For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. ... ¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. ¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

3) God will raise to HEAVEN the people close to His heart.

²⁷ Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?” ³⁴ Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.” ³⁹ Some of the teachers of the law responded, “Well said, teacher!” ⁴⁰ And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Luke 20:27-40