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"10 Lessons from Psalm 27"

1. Confidence in the Lord's Protection

Psalm 27 begins with a powerful declaration: "The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1). This verse reminds us when we place our trust in God, we have nothing to fear. Just as a lighthouse guides ships safely through stormy seas, God's presence illuminates our path and shields us from harm. Embrace this confidence, knowing that the Creator of the universe is your protector.

2. Seeking God's Presence

David's desire to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life (Psalm 27:4) highlights the importance of seeking God's presence. In a world filled with distractions, prioritizing time with God can transform your life. Whether through prayer, worship, or reading Scripture, make it a daily habit to seek His face. This pursuit will bring peace and clarity to your life's journey.

3. Overcoming Fear with Faith

"When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies and foes who will stumble and fall" (Psalm 27:2). The verse teaches us that faith in God can overcome any fear. When challenges arise, remember that God is greater than any obstacle. Trust in His power to turn your fears into stepping stones for growth and victory.

4. The Beauty of God's Dwelling

David's longing to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord (Psalm 27:4) encourages us to appreciate the splendor of God's creation and His presence. Take time to notice the beauty around you, whether in nature, relationships, or moments of worship. Recognizing God's handiwork in your life will deepen your appreciation for His love and majesty.

5. God as Our Refuge

"For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter" (Psalm 27:5). This assurance reminds us that God is our refuge in times of trouble. When life's storms rage, seek shelter in His presence. He offers a safe haven where you can find peace and strength to face any challenge.

6. Lifting Up Our Heads

David speaks of being lifted high upon a rock (Psalm 27:5). This imagery symbolizes the elevation and perspective God provides. When you feel overwhelmed, remember that God can lift you above your circumstances, offering a clearer view and renewed hope. Trust Him to elevate your spirit and guide you through life's trials.

7. The Power of Worship

"Then my head will be held high above my enemies around me; at His tabernacle I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD" (Psalm 27:6). Worship is a powerful tool for overcoming adversity. When you praise God, you shift your focus from problems to His greatness. Let worship be your weapon against discouragement and fear.

8. God's Faithfulness in Answering Prayers

Psalm 27:7 reassures us of God's faithfulness in responding to our prayers. Approach Him with confidence, knowing that He hears and answers according to His perfect will. Trust in His timing and wisdom, even when the answers are not immediate.

9. The Importance of Patience and Courage

"Wait patiently for the LORD; be strong and courageous". Patience and courage are essential virtues in the Christian walk. As you wait on God's timing, cultivate strength and bravery. These qualities will sustain you through life's uncertainties, enabling you to stand firm in faith.

10. The Assurance of God's Goodness

Remember that God's goodness is not just a future promise but a present reality. Look for His blessings in your daily life, and let this assurance fill you with hope and gratitude. Trust that His goodness will manifest in ways beyond your imagination.

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Please call the office for immediate prayers



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:15 am Adult study

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:00am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Worship Service	9am–Noon Preschool	9am–Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	9am–Noon Preschool	9am–Noon Preschool	9am–Noon Preschool	

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- Ken Marks—Vice President
- Bill Merchantz - Treasurer
- Diana Motel - Secretary

Members at Large

Paul Huang

Stewardship Snapshot

January 18th

17 Worshipped, 17 Communed

9 Watched Online

26 Total Worshipped

Financial Support

\$2,580.00 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. We are always looking for people to join us in prayer to our Lord.

PUSH PRAYER will be available on Zoom now for any of our out-of-towners and/or shut-ins to join us., I will email the link on Monday afternoons or Tuesday mornings, so it would be easier for you to find the email in your inbox. Just click on the link and it will connect you to the group. Please note that this is a recurring link for the meeting, so if I don't send it out right away, or you don't see it in your inbox, you can save and use this link over again in Zoom. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the PUSH PRAYER on January 27th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84076099900?pwd=d3BxLBWbTizRVpuSGhgTXc2dGRldz09>

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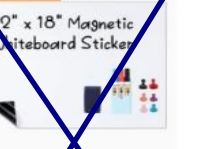


- **Worship Anew**—8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50, AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495; 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

DEVOTION OF THE WEEK 12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. *Romans 12:1*

Lord, take as your right, and receive as my gift, all my freedom, my memory, my understanding and my will. Whatever I am and whatever I possess, you have given to me; I restore it all to you again, to be at your disposal, according to your will. Give me only a love for you, and the gift of your grace; then I am rich enough, and ask for nothing more.

VERSE OF THE MONTH ²⁴“The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” *Numbers 6:24-26*

PRESCHOOL WISH LIST on Amazon. Mrs. Diana had created a wish list on Amazon last week. The past few years, Diana has been supplying all of the items that her classroom has needed throughout the school year without being compensated for it. We all know how expensive that can get, so in order to help her out a little, here is a wish list on Amazon. Here is the link to the list she has created: https://www.amazon.com/registries/gll/guest-view/20NAPMBATD5WA?ref=cm_sw_r_apann_ggr-subnav-share_MNF6H1V8W4DMC469VA9T&language=en-US This isn't mandatory of course, and if you happen to find some things cheaper elsewhere, then by all means feel free to buy them where the items are cheaper. Some of the items on the list are under \$10. Thank you to the ones who bought some of the items, the children are having a blast with them. As a reminder, please keep your receipts and turn them in to me, so I can add the amounts to your tax statements. If you need me to email you the link, just let me know. As always thank you for your overwhelming generosity and supporting our preschool. As you can see, there's Magic Paint Books, Play-Dough, Play-Dough accessories and tools, stickers, a magnetic board for the classroom door, and classroom equipment.

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PRESCHOOL IS GROWING. Mrs. Diana will be a very busy teacher for the winter semester of preschool. She welcomed two new students last week, both boys, James and Luke. Last Wednesday was their first day, one of them was upset when he had to go home, lol. The third boy started on Thursday, the day after his third birthday. Since the start of preschool in September, she has doubled the number of students, she now has 8 students. One student is 5 days, one will be 4 days, two are three days, and 3 students are 2 days a week and now Luke has been coming everyday with his older sister, Dani who is 5 days a week. Keep up the great work Diana.



INDOOR WINTER FUN Mrs. Diana brought out her pail of snowballs the other day. The kids of course had a blast with them. Of course, Diana and I were their main targets, lol. Last week, when the temperatures were a little bit warmer, the kids were able to go outside and play in the playground, the swing is their favorite. They do take great class pictures though, lol.



CHURCH FLYERS New flyers have been printed. The flyer will be promoting Preschool Open House, our annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Bible Studies. We are hoping to have them folded and brought to the post office by the first week of February.

CALL COMMITTEE had given a brief update to the congregation two weeks ago following the service. Diana explained how we had been talking to the District and at this time we are going to apply for seminary student. It was unanimous to go ahead with this decision. They received our application and paperwork, and said they will interview several candidates that they think will be a good fit for us. So after several suggestions by the District and the council reworking some of the issues, Diana had sent out the final draft of our application and the Call documents to the District and to the Seminary Board. We will not know how those interviews go until sometime in April. As always, please continue to pray for our church and to be able to follow God's plans for us and our church family.

2025 TAX STATEMENTS have been printed out and are available on the desk in the fellowship hall. Please make sure to review your statement with your records and let me know if there are any discrepancies.



ASH WEDNESDAY is February 18th. Service will be at 6:30pm. We pray that you will be in attendance for that special worship service.

Mission of the Month

January 2026 Mission of the Month



GIDEONS
INTERNATIONAL

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations”... Matthew 28:19

The Gideons International provides Bibles and New Testaments to people all over the World. They work with hotels and also distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them. They are a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ.

MISSION OF THE MONTH for January is Gideons International. Phil Hauze gave a short presentation following the worship service couple of Sundays ago. There were also some literature to browse through on a table in the fellowship hall. As always thank you for your overwhelming generosity.

1-25-2026 Message Outline

“In His Dwelling”

“In the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling.”
Psalm 27

1) In His dwelling God keeps me safe from DARKNESS.

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Isaiah 9:1-4

2) In His dwelling God keeps me safe from DIVISION.

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. ¹¹My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe’s household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. ¹²What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.” ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don’t remember if I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

3) In His dwelling God keeps me safe from DISEASES.

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. ²⁵Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

Matthew 4:12-25

