

# The Voice of Our Savior's



## Midweek Lenten Worship

For over 1000 years, Ash Wednesday has been observed as the solemn beginning of the penitential season Lent. It began as a stand-alone Wednesday service. Additional midweek Lenten services were a much later addition, generally used for catechetical review.

In Lutheranism, the catechism has long been associated with Lent. Martin Luther himself used the season to review the parts of the catechism. In a Lenten sermon of 1529, he wrote, "This exhortation ought not only to move us older ones, but also the young and the children. Therefore, you parents ought to instruct and educate them in the doctrine of the Lord: the Decalog, the Creed, the Prayer, and the Sacraments." Luther would preach on parts of the catechism and ask parents to review those portions with their children throughout the week.

This Lent we will explore prophecies of Zechariah that relate to his passion, death, and resurrection. As we do so we will review the Apostles' Creed, with special emphasis on the Second Article.

There are five midweek services after Ash Wednesday (counted as Week 1) to review the three articles of the Apostles' Creed.

Week 2 ("What's He Worth to You?") matches up with the Second Article, Part 2 (beginning with the words "He has redeemed me"). The Zechariah prophecy mentions the

silver paid to Judas. The explanation to the article mentions that it was Jesus' holy, precious blood that redeemed us, not gold or silver.

Week 3 ("Scattered Sheep") matches up with the Second Article, Part 1 (beginning with the words, "I believe that Jesus Christ"). The Zechariah prophecy mentions the covenant name of the LORD three times. The explanation to the article mentions that Jesus is our Lord.

Week 4 ("The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth") matches up with the First Article. The Zechariah prophecy mentions the Lord doing good for his people and the people responding

in service and obedience. The explanation to the article follows the same pattern.

Week 5 ("The Kingly Priest") matches up with the Second Article, Part 3 (beginning with the words "All this he did"). The Zechariah prophecy describes the priest on the throne. The explanation to the article has us living under God in his kingdom.

Week 6 ("Look at the One Who Was Pierced") matches up with the Third Article. The Zechariah prophecy includes the Lord's promise to pour out the Spirit of grace. The explanation to the article expands on what it means to have the Holy Spirit poured out on us.

Join us and bring a friend!

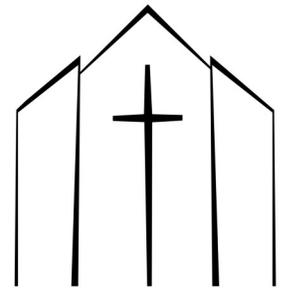


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## Our Mission

is to  
**Glorify**  
 God as we  
**Gather**  
 around the  
 Gospel to  
**Grow**  
 in the  
 Word and  
 Sacraments  
 and then  
**Go**  
 to others  
 with the Gospel



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## Congregational News



### Worship In February

### Notes on Worship

In February we conclude the Epiphany season of the Church Year. The season culminates on the Mount of Transfiguration where we see Jesus' full glory before we begin the season of Lent. In the penitential season of Lent we will reflect on Christ's suffering in our place and his victory over Satan.

Worship is Sunday at 9:00 a.m. All services are streamed on Facebook at [fb.com/WELS.South.Shore/](https://fb.com/WELS.South.Shore/). The theme of each service is below. Hymnals are available at church if you would like one to use at home! Below is this month's service information.

Sunday, Feb. 1 Epiphany 4

Readings: Zephaniah 2:3,3:11-13, Psalm 1, Matthew 5:1-12 Communion

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Hymns 234, 414, 311, 446

Sunday, Feb. 8 Epiphany 5

### Jesus Calls You Salt and Light

Readings: Exodus 19:1-8, Psalm 112, 1 Peter 2:9-12

Sermon: Matthew 5:13-20 Hymns 523, 382, 368, 458

Sunday, Feb. 15 Transfiguration

### Jesus is the Son of God in Glory

Readings: Exodus 24:9-18, Psalm 2, Ephesians 3:2-12 Communion

Sermon: Matthew 17:1-9 Hymns 300, 390 (CW21), 310

Wednesday, Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday

### Return To Me!

Readings: Is 59:12-20, Ps 51a, 2 Co 7:8-13a, Mt 6:1-6,16-21 (Imposition of Ashes)

Sermon: Colossians 2:6-15 Hymns 124, 658 (CW21), 103

Sunday, Feb. 22 Lent 1

### Exactly What I Need—A Champion

Readings: Genesis 3:1-15, Psalm 46, Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: Romans 5:12-19 Hymns 422, 510 (CW21), 431

Wednesday, Feb. 25 Lent MW

### What's He Worth to You?

Readings: Psalm 119, Matthew 26:1-35 Review 2nd article of Apostle's Creed

Sermon: Zechariah 11:7-13 Hymns 349, 125, 343 vv1-3

Consider reading the scripture lessons and hymns as a part of your personal devotions during the week leading up to Sunday Worship!

### Lenten Meals

Midweek Lenten worship begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. The Imposition of Ashes will be a part of worship. Worship each Wednesday will be at 7:00 p.m.

Before each midweek service we invite you to join us for a soup supper. We will begin serving at 6:00 p.m. Join us when you can before joining us at worship! Bring a friend for food for the body and then food for the soul!

### Church Council

Church Council will meet on February 11.

### Ladies Aid

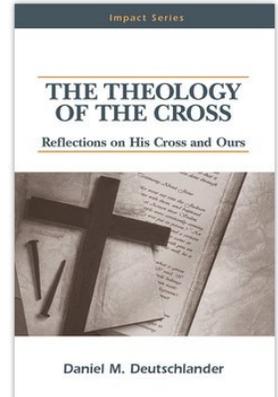
Ladies Aid will meet after worship on February 15.

## Grow in Grace and Knowledge!

### Sunday Morning Study will start up again in March

If you have a topic you would like to discuss, please contact Pastor Nelson

**Sunday Night Book Study** We will not meet in February. In March we will begin the book *The Theology of the Cross* by Daniel Deutschlander. *The Theology of The Cross* reminds us that all biblical doctrine relates to Scripture's central teaching that God sent his Son to save lost sinners. The Old and New Testaments make it clear that our salvation is found in the cross of Christ. However, there is a paradox between the theology of the cross and the theology of glory. Sinful people tend to overlook the cross and its demands and, instead, focus on the glory that they think they should enjoy because they call themselves Christians. This is a matter of urgent concern. The author helps us see Christ's cross as our cross. He reminds us that our good works have no value for our salvation. Yet good works are valuable as fruits of faith done out of gratitude to God for his gift of salvation.



### Thank You!

The generous gifts we received from the members of the congregation and the Ladies Aid was an overwhelming display of Christian Love! We are left speechless by your concern for us. Words cannot begin to express our thanks, but please know we are extremely grateful and moved by your gifts!

Devin and Claire Weseloh  
with Zeke, Odin, Quinn, and Daphne.

### Annual Meeting Notes

A the annual meeting on Sunday, January 18 the voters decided to phase in use of the new hymnal in worship. A member will cover the cost.

The tentative shipping date for the new lights is May 27.

## Great Plains News

**Spring Auction** Our Spring Auction relies on generous donations of items, themed baskets, or packages that are attractive and fun for bidders. All donated items will be included in the online silent auction. There will be no live auction this year.

Suggested themes include: Weekend Getaway, Pet Lovers, Camping, Movie Night, Baby Shower, Spa at Home, Beach, Car Care, Gourmet Coffee, Global Beverages, Gardening, and more.

Please drop off donated items or baskets at the Mission Advancement Office by March 1. Thank you for your generosity!

**Save the Date** Circle Saturday, July 18 on your calendar. We are planning a 30th Anniversary Celebration of GPLHS! More information regarding this special event will be sent to you via updates, emails and invitations. Let's thank the Lord for this amazing and needed ministry!

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## News from the WELS

The Conference of Presidents (COP) met Jan. 6-9. At that meeting, the COP discussed the following items:

- The current number of pastoral vacancies. There are 162 total vacancies for pastor-trained men (unchanged from October), of which 154 are in congregations (up from 148 in October). The vacancy numbers will improve somewhat in the spring, since the graduating class at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., will be larger than it has been in recent years.
- Guidelines for the call process. These guidelines apply to how often called workers can receive calls, how district presidents work together to coordinate when calls are issued and which names can be used on call lists, and how many names should be included. The COP reviewed the current guidelines and the suggestions for changes and decided to keep the current guidelines in place.
- What information should be included in the profiles of called workers that are provided to congregations when they are considering candidates to call.
- The process for assignments of called worker candidates. Assignments will take place at Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in May.

Synod statistics for 2025 and Congregation Mission Offering (CMO) subscriptions are currently being gathered, with Feb. 6 being the deadline for both. Congregations are encouraged to submit their statistics and CMO subscriptions by that date.

The Doctrine Committee of the COP will hold its annual meeting with the Doctrine Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod at the end of January.

Serving with you in Christ,