

The Voice of Our Savior's



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The Great Exchange

“He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

Life is filled with exchanges. Employees exchange forty hours for a paycheck. Fans exchange forty dollars for a seat at the game (and then exchange another ten dollars for a hotdog and drink)! Every day we exchange time, money, effort, and emotion for what we hope brings us joy, peace, and satisfaction.

The Bible speaks about exchanges, too. It says that God does not want us to have any sin. In fact, he says that if we do sin, we cannot live with him because he is a sinless, holy God. Sin is so serious to God that he pronounces the death penalty for anyone who sins. He says, “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23) and “The soul who sins is the one who will die” (Ezekiel 18:20). So, who can ever hope to stand in God’s presence and enjoy his favor? For try as we might, we are not perfect. Sinful thoughts, words, and acts clutter our lives.

There is good news, however. In love for us, God made an exchange. Instead of holding us un-

der his judgment for all our wrongdoing, he placed his Son under judgment instead of us. The Bible is speaking about Jesus when it says, “He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.”

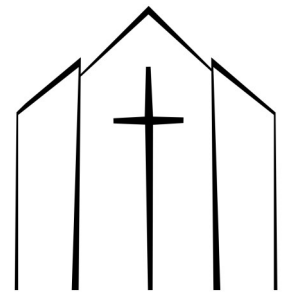
That is a great exchange! Jesus came and exchanged his life for ours. Our transgressions (times when we fail to live according to God’s holy will) were taken away when Jesus was pierced on the cross. Our iniquities (all the things we think or do that don’t measure up to God’s perfect will) were taken away when Jesus was crushed in death. Our punishment was paid for by Jesus.

Through Jesus you have peace with God. Through his wounds you are given life with God. Through Jesus you are forgiven and loved by God. Yes, you! God chose to make that exchange for you.

From the 2020 Outreach Newsletter from WELS Congregational Services

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 March

Notes on Worship

In March we continue our journey through the season of Lent. In the penitential season of Lent we reflect on Christ's suffering in our place and his victory over Satan. The last Sunday in March begins the high point of the Church Year: Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Worship is Sunday at 9:00 a.m. All services are streamed on Facebook at [fb.com/WELS.South.Shore/](https://www.facebook.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.

Wed., March 11 **The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth** MW 4

Readings: Psalm 25, Part 3 of the Passion History from Matthew

Sermon: Zechariah 8:14-17

Hymns 128, 114:1-4, 114:5-7

Sunday, March 15

Exactly What I Need: Sight

Lent 4

Readings: Ps 27, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 Communion

Sermon: Isaiah 42:14-21

Hymns 121, 515(CW21), 303, 904 (CW21)

Wednesday, March 18

The Kingly Priest

MW 5

Readings: Psalm 138 (CW21), Part 4 of the Passion History from Matthew

Sermon: Zechariah 6:9-13

Hymns 359, 351, 515

Sunday, March 22

Exactly What I Need: Life

Lent 5

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:11-19

Sermon: John 11:47-53

Hymns 167, 211, 449, Dry Bones

Wednesday, March 25

Look at the One Who Was Pierced

MW 6

Readings: Psalm 32, Part 5 of the Passion History from Matthew

Sermon: Zechariah 12:10-13

Hymns 140, 128, 108

Sunday, March 29

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

Readings: Psalm 24, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon: Zechariah 9:9-10

Hymns 130, 133, 702, 716

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 is on Wednesday 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 after worship on March 15

Ladies Aid

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Grow in Grace and Knowledge!

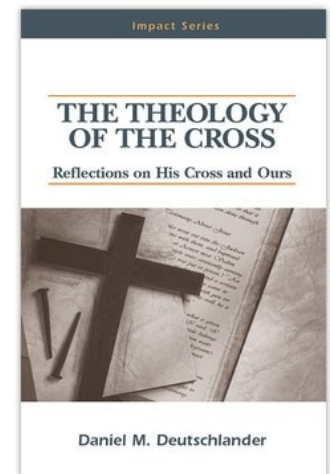
Sunday Morning Study

We are studying *Christ* from the People's Bible Teaching series. This study uses Old and New Testament Scriptures to detail the person of Christ (true God and true man), the humiliation and exaltation of Christ (Prophet, Priest and King) and the work of Christ (redemption) This study covers the following:

- Jesus is True God and True Man
- Jesus Is God United With Man
- The Divine and the Human in One Person
- Jesus Was Humbled and Exalted to Redeem Us
- Priest, Prophet, King

Sunday Night Book Study

We are discussing *The Theology of the Cross* by Daniel Deuschlander. *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. We meet Sundays at 6:30 p.m. On March 15 we will begin discussing chapter 2. Join us!



Great Plains News

GREAT PLAINS LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

SPRING AUCTION 2026

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION ONLY

MARCH 11-MARCH 15

REGISTER AT:
[BIT.LY/2026SPRINGAUCTION](https://bit.ly/2026springauction)

BIDDING BEGINS ON MARCH 11 AND ENDS AT 2:30 P.M. ON MARCH 15!

PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A GRAND PIANO FOR THE FINE ARTS PROGRAM AT GPLHS

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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 Liberia Plan

On February 7-16, 2026, Missionaries Dan Witte and Dan Kroll visited a group of Christians in Buchanan, Liberia. The One Africa Team has been working with a church there called Lamb of God. Three years ago, Lamb of God left another local group that was teaching false doctrine. They are currently a single congregation due to their unwillingness to compromise on doctrinal matters. Missionary Dan Kroll shares an update:

Lamb of God has been making slow but steady progress for quite some time. We expect more congregations to form in the near future. We have reviewed extensively Luther's Small Catechism as well as the Lutheran Confessions. We have seen our Liberian brothers make progress in securing property. They are now building a school in a developing area of Buchanan. This is very likely to bring opportunities for outreach to the community. We have also developed some excellent relationships here and have made inroads into the unique culture of Liberia.

Many groups of Christians approach WELS with a request to join our fellowship. For eight years, the One Africa Team has been using a process to evaluate these requests. In Liberia, under the guidance of Pastor Toyee Barnard, we started with what has become known as "The Liberia Plan." The plan includes a requirement that new groups join the TELL online Bible school. They must also submit monthly reports via the internet and send weekly sermon notes for evaluation and revision.

This week, we reviewed the Constitution of Lamb of God Lutheran Church. We also did a bit more in-depth review of their "Statements of Faith." This allowed the congregation to show that they are united with WELS in their understanding of the Holy Scriptures. We discussed at length the ministerial practices of the congregation. We saw that these teachings are not just words but are effective for building God's Kingdom here in Liberia.