

INFO

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This aids pastoral care and communication. Thanks!

I/We are:

☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd time Guests ☐ Regular attenders

I/We heard about Word of Life

from: _____

I/We would like:

- ☐ the pastor to call me
☐ to request personal, spiritual care
☐ to be baptized
☐ to receive foundational teaching

Adult Name(s) Please Print

Youth/Children (grade)

Please complete unless our information is current:

Address

City, ST Zip

Email

Can We Text You?
Yes ☐ No ☐

Phone

Additional Info

Building a bigger heaven and better lives!

August 9, 2026

We Thank You Lord...

- that Your saving grip is stronger than our fear, our doubt, and even death;
- for our guests and those who invited or brought them;
- for Mr. and Mrs. Neal, as they became, at their wedding August 4;
- for Pastor Carlos Velazquez' acceptance of a call to serve as Executive Director of LINC South Texas;
- for answering our prayers for Nicole (George) and daughter Preslee Marie who was born July 23;
- for the material blessings and resources You have given us to steward, and the Gospel You have invited us to share.

We Ask You Lord...

- to speak Your promise into our storms, O Christ, and hold our little faith fast until the day You raise us from the grave;
- to continue to call and train evangelists in every church in the Heart of Texas Church Planting Network, that new disciples are made for his glory;
- to bring the sword to bear on evildoers so that the vulnerable might have justice;
- to bless all leaders with Your wisdom - moving them to perform Your will;
- to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster;
- to mend broken and strained relationships, especially within families;
- to bless students, parents and educators as the new school year approaches;
- for safe travels for Carrie & Jerry Johnson, and Michele & Steve Paplanos;
- for career direction, employment and/or transition for Toby Molina, Mickey Molina, Jayme & Audrey-Anna Edwards, Emme (Alsobrook);
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for Anna Vandegriff, Amy Davis (Doublestein), and Spring;
- to grant peace and comfort to Marjorie Schroeder (Mitschke), Bill Christiansen (Christiansen), in their last earthly days and grant strength and rest to their family and caregivers;
- for the family and friends of Lauren Fitzgerald (Phillips) as they mourn her death;
- to bless Patty Stevens, Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (Flowers), and Antaiya Easterling;
- to heal and comfort Koen Slates, Jim Weissmann, Al Fennigkoh, Margie Dominguez, Thomas & Denise Bruce, Joyce Givens, Monte Easley (Beveridge), Audrey, Joshua Tolin (Bruce), Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Patricia Pargmann, Mary Lu, Debbie Sansom (Dominguez), Debbie Arriaga, Bubba & Donna Ahrens (Flowers), James Guidry, Patty (George), Tracy Parks (Hatfield), Joshua Mitschke, Roger Fields, Robbie Smith, Sandy Doering, Iris Trahan (Mitschke), Gerald Heffen (Molina), Marianne Powell, Tina Moss, Carson (Nightingale), Mark McQuaid, Deb Smith (Paxton), Phil (Peterson), Miriam Prieto (Prieto), Sylvia Rojas (Stafford), Sef Alvarado (Stark), John Moore, Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Annabelle Ryan, Andy, Beth Lukasiewicz, Nicole Garcia, Mandee, Beth Roberts, Debbie (Stevens), Andres' Garcia, Robert Maggiano, Naomi Reese (Valentine), Sharon Venable (Venable), Terry Walker (Wagner);
- to heal those battling cancer: Rick Wimberley, Lyndal Cadel, Guy Morgan (Craigmile), Pedro, Betty Ruff (Dominguez), Gary Doublestein (Doublestein), Gladys (Garcia-Treviño), Rosaria Pecos (George), R.D. Latimer (Latimer), Leena Prindle, Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (Mitschke), Becky Plumley (Nichols), Meredith Powell (Nightingale), Eddy Holloway (Paxton), Chuck Warner (Pointer), Maggie (Weissmann);
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds, and;
- to open hearts of people to the Gospel and to open our ears, hands and mouths to bless them and share Jesus with them.

Take this home to review and to reference for your prayers throughout the week.

August 9, 2026

Word of Life Fellowship

Worship • 9:00a & 11:15a

K-5th Sunday School • 9:00a

Youth and Adult Bible Class • 10:15a

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Grace in Particular

A Cry and Christ's Rescuing Hand

Job 38:4-18 • Romans 10:5-17 • Matthew 14:22-33

The Storm and the Voice

- The most honest prayer Peter ever prayed contained three words: "Lord, _____ me."
- And immediately, Matthew says, Jesus reaches out His _____.
- The disciples do not end up in the _____ because they disobeyed.
- They are in that boat because _____ put them there.
- But the disciples are exactly where Jesus told them to be, and the _____ is against them.
- Before Jesus calms the wind, He _____.
- And _____ begins there.

The God Who Walks the Sea

- There are waters we cannot _____.
- The sea is not God's _____.
- The God who asked Job, "Have you entered the depths of the sea?" has now entered them _____.
- He is the Lord of creation entering the _____ to reach you.

Humanity Begins by Hearing

- Our life with God does not begin with a _____ we generate from somewhere inside ourselves.
- Faith begins when the _____ of Christ reaches us.
- Faith does not answer by pretending the _____ has stopped.
- Faith hears the voice of _____ inside the storm.

The Word, Little Faith, and the Cry

- He waits for a _____.
- Faith doesn't invent its own _____ and demand that God support them.
- The possibility lies entirely in the command and _____ of Jesus.
- Suddenly the storm becomes more _____ to Peter than the word that called him into it.
- But little faith is still faith because of the _____ to whom it clings.

- The cry admits something our pride spends years trying to conceal: I cannot _____ myself.
- Christian prayer is not a _____ designed to persuade an unwilling God.

The Hand That Holds

- Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took _____ of him.
- Grace comes before _____.
- A weak faith in a _____ Christ is saving faith.
- On the cross, the hands that pulled Peter from the sea are _____ open.
- His final answer to every Christian prayer is _____.
- It is Christ taking _____ of you.

Family Discussion Guide

Read together:

Job 38:4-18 • Romans 10:5-17 • Matthew 14:22-33

Begin with the story: What frightened Peter, and what changed when he heard Jesus speak?

Name the storm: Where does something visible or painful feel more real to us than Christ's promise?

Practice the cry: Let each person finish this prayer: "Lord Jesus, save/help/hold me when..."

Remember the promise: Read Romans 10:17 and recall the words spoken in Baptism: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have placed His name upon you.

Become a hand: Who near us may be sinking, and what ordinary act of listening, staying, helping, or speaking Christ's promise can we offer this week?

Pray together:

Lord Jesus, our faith is small, but You are strong. Hold us fast.

Amen.

Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

☐ Confidential (for pastors only)
Please Print CLEARLY



Our Lutheran Faith:

We believe that in Holy Baptism, God Himself acts - washing away sin, granting new birth by the Spirit, and uniting us with Christ's death and resurrection. Baptism is not a symbol of our commitment, but a gift of grace in which God claims us as His own and makes us heirs of eternal life.

In the Lord's Supper, Christ comes to us personally and bodily - His true body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This holy meal is not merely a remembrance, but a participation in the very life of Christ, strengthening faith and binding us together in His love.

Baptism and the Supper

are pure Gospel - signs that do what they promise, delivering Christ's forgiveness to sinners and certainty in our relationship with God.