

INFO

Please complete this slip and place it in the oak box to the right of the door as you leave.

This aids pastoral care and communication. Thanks!

I/We are:

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

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 2, 2026

We Thank You Lord...

- for seeing our need, paying the cost we could never afford, and feeding us with forgiveness, life, and salvation;
- for our guests and those who invited or brought them;
- 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 empty our proud hands before You and then fill them with mercy for the particular neighbors You place before us;
- to bless ACTS Church
- 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 Anna Wimberley & Justin Neal as their wedding day approaches
- for safe travels for Carrie & Jerry Johnson, and Michele & Steve Paplanos;
- for career direction, employment and/or transition for Toby Molina, William & Andrew Mitschke, Mickey Molina, Jayme & Audry-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) in her last earthly days and grant strength and rest to her 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), Bill & Nadine Christiansen (Christiansen), 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 Heflen (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, Mande, 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.

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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

Someone Has To Feed Them

Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-13; Matthew 14:13-21

Two Tables, Two Kingdoms

- At Herod's table there is _____ - but no freedom.
- At Jesus' table there is scarcity - but everyone is _____.
- At one table, the founder of the feast sacrifices _____ to protect himself.
- At the other, the founder of the cosmos is the one who will sacrifice Himself to _____ the world.

Power Without Freedom

- That is the slavery of Herod's table: power without freedom, authority without truth, control without _____.
- Iris Murdoch once said love is "the extremely difficult realization that something other than oneself is _____."

- We can love “humanity” while finding actual human beings _____.

The Compassionate Christ

- The Son of God _____.
- God is not embarrassed by human _____.
- Christ restores what it means to be _____.

Creatures Who Receive

- Every meal rests on _____ you did not make and cannot control.
- To be human is to _____.
- Humanity can only be _____.

Christ’s Hands and Ours

- But the disciples are not the _____.
- Five loaves and two fish remain exactly that - until they are placed into the hands of _____.
- And the disciples _____ what they first receive.
- The Church lives between two hands: the hands of Christ, and the _____ of the world.
- Toward God, our hands are _____.
- Toward our neighbor, they are _____.

Mercy with a Name

- At Christ’s table, the King gives Himself to save _____.

- Jesus Christ died for _____.
- Jesus Christ is _____.
- Mercy comes through means: water, word, bread, wine, _____ spoken into ears.
- Grace is always particular because _____ is always particular.

No One Is a Crowd

- But Jesus never sees _____.
- He sees _____.
- Someone has to _____ them.
- And Christ has already placed the _____ into your hands.

Family Discussion Guide

Read

Isaiah 55:1–5; Romans 9:1–13; Matthew 14:13–21
together.

1. What is the deepest difference between Herod’s table and Christ’s table? Why is Herod powerful but not truly free?
2. Why do we sometimes experience needing help—or admitting that we were wrong—as failure?
3. Name one person whom you might be tempted to see as an interruption, problem, or part of a crowd. What might Jesus see in that person?
4. What “bread” has Christ placed in your family’s hands: food, time, attention, forgiveness, hospitality, prayer, or an invitation? Choose one specific way to share it this week.

Family prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for seeing, forgiving, and feeding us; open our eyes to the particular people around us and pass Your mercy through our hands. Amen.

Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:

☐ Confidential (for pastors only)
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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.