

# LOGOS

The word from Word of Life

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## RESHAPED

At the beginning of time in the book of Genesis we find that all was created when God spoke. All that was created was good! So why is there sickness, problems, and unhappiness today? Enter Satan into this blissful place with the desire to undo what God has accomplished by bringing chaos and death into the mix. Ever since mankind's fall from grace we have been tainted by sin and are constantly having to choose between light and darkness, God's way or our way.

"Our way" never gets us anywhere except further from our creator. God's way was to send his son, Jesus, to take on our human form – the Word became flesh! At the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, God again spoke saying, *"This is my beloved Son, whom I love, with whom I am well pleased"*. John 3:22.

When water and the Word are used together for our benefit, wonderful changes occur. At the time of our baptism God adopts us as his own, forgives us our sins so we can live in a relationship of grace, and places the Holy Spirit within us. There is HOPE in the darkness that surrounds us because we know that the Spirit, part of the Holy Trinity, dwells within us and is helping to direct and guide our ways. The direction we are led will be different for each one of us for as it says in I Corinthians 12:4-5 *"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord."*

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## February 4th

**Potluck meal at 5:00pm.**

**Service at 6:00pm.**

**JOIN US!**

## WHO ARE WE?

We are most importantly children of God. Once a week we come together under the name Word of Life Lutheran Church to worship God, our Father. We bring our confessions to him and he forgives us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Songs are sung, the Bible references are discussed during the sermon time, and we gather around the altar to remember and to be strengthened by the body and blood given for us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

If you have missed your Sunday morning service, you are welcome to join us at 6:00pm - 3512 Robin St.

## Worship Texts for February

Date		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
Feb. 4	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 146:1-11	1 Corinthians 9:16-27	Mark 1:29-39
Feb. 11	Transfiguration of Our Lord	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 3:12-13, 4:1-6	Mark 9:2-9
Feb. 18	First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 22:1-18	Psalm 25:1-10	James 1:12-18	Mark 1:9-15
Feb. 25	Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 5:1-11	Mark 8:27-38

Reshaped - Cont.

There is a song about God being the Potter and we the clay but have you thought instead about yourself as being a dry stick? There are people that will take dry sticks (branches) and with the help of water bend the sticks into different shapes. Depending on the type of stick or reed the ending result can be beautiful furniture, baskets, or pieces of art. At the end of this article there are various pieces of furniture made from material that have been reshaped into many different shapes. They visually help illustrate how Christians are part of the body of Christ (the church) and how we each have our own unique gift(s) which then become an integral part of the whole. We have been reshaped by our baptism with water and the Word to be useful. Our gifts will vary in size and shape but each gift has been given by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building up and enhancing the proclamation of God's love within and without the confines of our churches. We have been given hope and life because through our baptism we have been baptized into a death like Jesus' and into a resurrection like His.

This month begins the season of Lent and the journey to the cross, a time of self-reflection on the gift that God gave us in Jesus Christ, not only for now but for eternity. Whether we have been molded or reshaped, we have been changed so that we can tell others about Jesus.



*FEBRUARY 14TH*

**Valentine's Day**

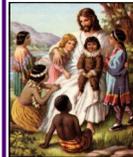
**Ash Wednesday**

### **Three questions to guide you!**

Who are you? *"I'm a child of God!"*

Where are you going? *"I'm going out into the world!"*

Why are you going there? *"I'm going out of love for Jesus, who died for me!"*



Jesus loves me, this I know!  
Jesus knows me, this I love!

### **Word of Life Core Values**

- ***Jesus is Lord.***
- ***Jesus is our guide.***
- ***Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.***
- ***Prayer changes things.***
- ***Faith is God's gracious gift that saves.***



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