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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



Am I good enough to go to heaven?

Mom went over to the slow cooker where the Thanksgiving turkey had been all day. As the lid was taken off, a shriek filled the air. The slow cooker had been unplugged hours before to make room for Uncle Bob's famous sweet potato soufflé.

Tears filled Mom's eyes. "My dinner is ruined!" she cried. Dad chimed in, "Oh, honey. I am sure that it is good enough." However, the half-baked turkey was not good enough, nor was it safe to eat.

In our lives, we probably hear or say those words often. "Oh, the lawn looks good enough. I can wait another couple of days to mow." "Oh, the house isn't that dirty. It is good enough for now." "My job was done well enough for today. I am going home!"

What about when it is quitting time here in this life? Are we sure that we are going home to heaven? Are we good enough?

We may be individuals who settle for good enough more than we like to admit. However, we have a God who doesn't settle for anything but perfection. Jesus says, "Be perfect . . . as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

So are we good enough to go to heaven?

God takes the "lid" off of our hearts and tells us what he sees. "Every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood" (Genesis 8:21). Even if we try hard and work at being kind, good, and perfect, we still fail. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

So, now what will happen to us? Is our hope to live forever in heaven with God ruined?

Thanks to Jesus Christ, our Savior, the answer is, "No." We do have hope because Jesus has forgiven our sins by dying on the cross, and he has declared us to be innocent by rising from the dead. Because of what Jesus has done, every time that God looks at us, he sees us "holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation" (Colossians 1:22).

Are you good enough to go to heaven? Jesus did not just make you good enough, but he made you perfect! Through faith, you receive "the gift of God [which] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Key Events This Month:

11/4—Baby Shower for Sammy & Ella Simms

11/6—Fall Congregational Meeting

11/12—Everyone Outreach

11/20—Friendship Sunday & LotW Thanksgiving

11/25—Christmas Decorating

11/27—Council Meeting

11/28,30—Little Lights

Light of the World Mission

*As a family of believers united in faith, we serve Jesus, the true Light of the World, as we **GATHER** around God's Word and the Sacraments and **GROW** together in our faith and our relationship with Jesus, so we can **GO** and share the good news of Jesus in our community and the world and **GLOW** with the love of Christ in our lives.*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00—Choir	2 6:30—Branches	3 6:30—Branches	4	5
6 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Fall Congregational Meeting	7 5:00—6th Grade Confirmation	8	9 6:30—Branches	10 6:30—Branches	11	12 10:00—Everyone Outreach
13 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Worship	14	15	16 6:30—Branches	17 6:30—Branches	18	19 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
20 9:15—Sunday School & Branches 10:30—Friendship Sunday & Thanksgiving Worship 12:00—Thanksgiving Potluck	21	22	23	24	25 10:00—Christmas Decorating @ Church	26
27 9:15—Sunday School 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting	28 10:30—Little Lights	29 6:00—Choir	30 10:30—Little Lights	<div style="background-color: #808080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> Church Cleaners for November: 10/30-11/5—Duncan 11/6-11/12—Halverson 11/13-11/19—Holdsworth/Christianson 11/20-11/26—Risse/Dolgener 11/27-12/3—Strong </div>		