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## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter



### What's So Important about Jesus Rising from the Dead?

"I don't want to die. I want to live."

A man I had known for about 25 minutes said these words to me as we were flying over the Caribbean Sea between Puerto Rico and Antigua. We were in the middle of a horrific lightning storm. Ten seconds before he said this, our airplane had lost all power and began to dip rather suddenly towards the deep blue expanse of water beneath us. Thankfully, the airplane regained power after only a few agonizing seconds, and we quickly climbed back to our cruising altitude.

"Death scares me," he went on, "because I know nothing about it. I only know how to live."

Choosing between something you know nothing about and something you know quite a bit about is a pretty easy decision. Most everyone feels more confident with what they are familiar with. That's why this

gentleman was not the first person to express himself in this way. He most certainly will not be the last. Who can feel more confident about dying than living since we only know about life and not death?

Jesus had never died either. But as he hung on his cross, he knew it was coming. In fact, he had told his followers the day before that **"it was for this reason (dying) that he came to this hour" (John 12:27).**

Jesus chose death, and he did so with you in mind. Jesus chose death to prove to you that those who follow him have no reason to be afraid of death.

If the pilot of our airplane had guaranteed the passengers before that flight that we would land safely, that he had flown through worse storms and made it, that the backup generators on the plane would keep any power outage from harming us, we would have been

much more confident despite the storm.

Jesus makes a much greater guarantee when he tells us we don't have to be afraid of death. And he proved it by living after he died. The dead body of Jesus was placed in a grave on Friday evening, but he rose from the dead three days later.

When you follow Jesus, death's scare is taken away. The living Jesus gives you the confidence that your grave will be empty, just like his was. He tells all his disciples, **"Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).**

Jesus' death and resurrection are important because it guarantees for his believers that they too will rise from the dead and live forever!

#### Key Events This Month:

- 4/9—Women's Bible Study
- 4/11—Mornings with Mommy
- 4/12—Elder
- 4/14—Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion
- 4/15—Good Friday Service of the Cross
- 4/17—Easter Breakfast, Resurrection Victory Celebration, Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/24—Council Meeting

### 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
3 9:15—Sunday School & “The Chosen” Bible Study 10:30—Worship w/Communion 12:00—Summer Outreach Planning Session	4 5:00—Catechism	5 6:00—Choir 8:00—Council Rock Reset	6 6:30—Midweek Lenten Worship	7	8	9 10:00—Women’s Bible Study
10 9:15—Sunday School & “The Chosen” Bible Study 10:30—Worship	11 10:30—Mornings with Mommy 5:00—Catechism	12 6:00—Choir 8:00—Elders	13	14 6:30—Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion	15 6:30—Good Friday Worship	16
17 9:00—Eater Breakfast Potluck 10:30—Easter Worship 12:00—Easter Egg Hunt	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:30—Worship 12:30—Council Meeting	25	26	27	28	Church Cleaners for April: 3/27-4/2—Coleman, Ian & Sheila 4/3-4/9—Halverson 4/10-4/16—Dolgner, Risse 4/17-4/23—Duncan 4/24-4/30—Holdsworth, Christianson	