



# Sonlight

## Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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## *God's Encouraging Word... when I am burdened with guilt*

### Key Events This Month:

- 3/4—Elders
- 3/11—Monthly Potluck
- 3/16—Family Game Night
- 3/17—Men's Bible Class
- 3/19—Mornings with Mommy
- 3/24—Easter for Kids
- 3/27—Women's Bible Study
- 3/29—Maundy Thursday Worship w/Communion
- 3/30—Good Friday Worship

What she had done in the past weighed heavily on her conscience. She was living under the soul-crushing conviction that the death of her nine-year-old daughter was God paying her back for her sins.

He was resigned to live the rest of his life in despair. His wife had begged him to get help for his alcoholism through their entire marriage. Now suddenly, she was gone and so was any opportunity to make up for being a lousy husband and father. It was too late.

His head hung low as he dissolved into tears. When he looked up, he asked, "What kind of person would steal from his own family?" He knew the answer. That was why he was sobbing.

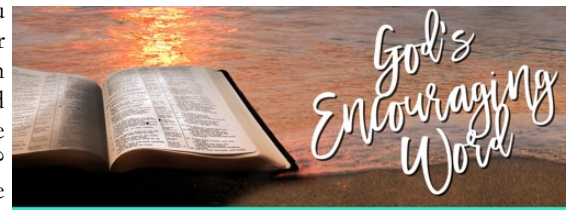
How does your guilt feel? Does it hit you like a wrecking ball when you are confronted with the horrifying truth of

how evil you really are or how much damage and pain you've caused? Does it leave you hopeless

or even horrified at the truth you have to face sooner or later? The truth that you're never going to be the person you know you should be. The truth that makes you a failure to a holy God and undeserving of anything good from him.

You should know something about all those people mentioned above. They all found relief from guilt. They found it in the only place it can be found—in the God who pledges, "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more."

You might think your sins and weaknesses define you. They



don't. Not in God's eyes. You know how you highlight a phrase and then hit "delete" when you are editing a document? God does that with your sins. He not only doesn't see them anymore, he chooses not to even remember them. He doesn't recall the worst things you've done or your habitual failings. So your sins not only don't define you to God, they don't condemn you to his punishment either.

How is that possible? God loved you with a love so amazing that he charged his Son, Jesus, with your sins and punished him in your place. All of the ways you have sinned or

### *New Prayer Group*

Soon the Prayer Ministry will be up and running. The goal of the Prayer Ministry is to pray for the needs of others, to lift up our community, Pastor, neighbors, friends and family in prayer.

Prayer requests can be submitted on the LotW website, or by

filling out a card behind each pew. These cards may be dropped into the collection plate or the prayer box located in the narthex.

If you have a desire within your heart to pray for others and to learn more about this ministry please contact Katrina Becker.

***"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."***

- Ephesians 6:18 NIV

ever will sin, have been paid for. They are not on your record or clinging to your identity anymore.

Believe it, and in Jesus live unburdened from your guilt and in the joyful freedom of forgiveness.

**“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

**- Romans 5:8**

Unburdened with you by Christ,

Pastor Jason Strong

## *Light of the World Mission Statement*

*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.*

## *On the Lighter Side...*

### **A Prayer for Easter Sunday**

Young Ernie and his family were invited to have Easter Sunday lunch at his grandmother's house in Monkey's Eyebrow, Arizona. USA. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate he started eating straight away.

'Ernie, wait until we say grace,' demanded his father.

'I don't have to,' the five year old replied.

'Of course you do, Ernest,' his mother insisted rather forcefully. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house,' Ernie explained, 'but this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook.'

## *Easter for Kids*

An egg. It's one of the most familiar symbols of Easter, yet it seemingly has nothing to do with the best news of Easter...or does it?

For this year's Easter for Kids, it's going to be an “EGGS-ellent Easter EGGS-perience!” Throughout an afternoon of crafts, games, snacks, and the Easter story, kids from our congregation and from throughout the community will have the opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus' resurrection

for them.

Over the coming weeks, there'll be sign-up sheets for material and snack donations, as well as invitations to hand out. We hope that you'll consider partnering with us for this fantastic event, and we ask you to keep this event in your prayers!

It'll be an EGGS-travaganza!

## *Holy Week Worship*

It's one of the greatest weeks of every year. For Holy Week this year, we'll walk that final road of suffering and cross with our Savior by offering a number of special worship opportunities for you. The best part about this week are the numerous times that you get to hear the good news of God's grace with you. We hope that you'll join us for these great services!

- ⇒ Palm Sunday Worship—Sunday, March 25 @ 10:30am
- ⇒ Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion—Thursday, March 29 @ 6:30pm
- ⇒ Good Friday Service of Seven Words—Friday, March 30 @ 6:30pm
- ⇒ Easter Sunday Celebration/Friendship Sunday—Sunday, April 1 @ 10:30am



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Elders Meeting	5 6:00—6th Grade Confirmation	6 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	7 5:30—Lenten Meal 6:30—Midweek Lent Worship	8 Church Cleaners for March : 2/24-3/3—Coleman, Ian & Sheila 3/4-3/10—Die 3/11-3/17—Dolgnier/Becker 3/18-3/24—Holdsworth/Christianson 3/25-3/31—Kuhl/Kukes	16 6:00—Family Game Night	17 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
11 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck	12	13 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	14 5:30—Lenten Meal 6:30—Ash Wednesday Worship	15	23	24 1:00—Easter for Kids
18 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Council 12:00—GLOW	19 10:00—Mornings with Mommy	20 4:45—Catechism 6:15—Choir	21 5:30—Lenten Meal 6:30—Midweek Lent Worship	22	29 6:30—Maundy Thursday Worship	30 6:30—Good Friday Service of Seven Words
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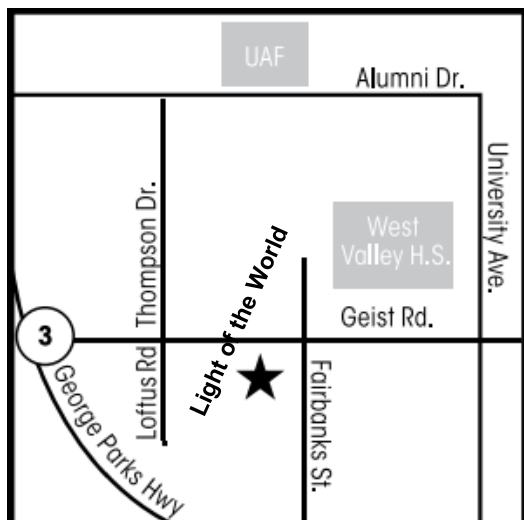
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**Grow in God's Word with us!**

**Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am**

**Sunday Worship - 10:30 am**



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**March 24,  
1-3pm**