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## *Jesus Is My Savior from the World*

**"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."**  
— John 16:33

Do you struggle in life? Are there days when it seems like you're under siege on all sides? Do you wish someone would save you from your family problems? From your health issues? From mistakes you've made and events you regret but can't change? In this world, everyone needs a savior from

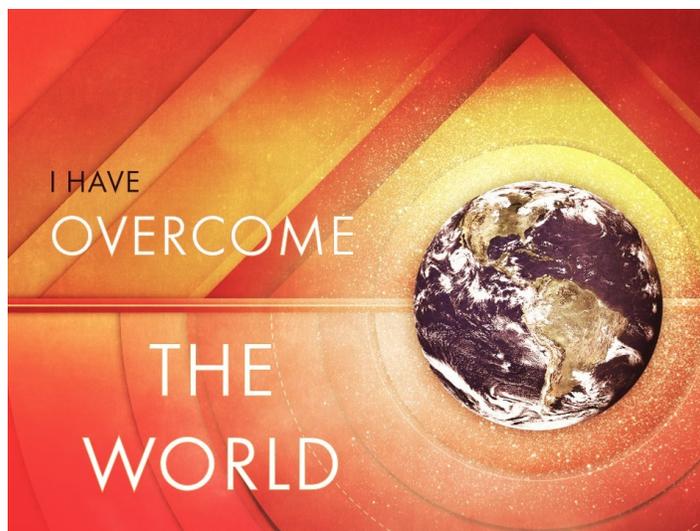
something. What, or who, do you need a savior from?

Jesus tells us that he is the Savior: "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Maybe at first glance that seems like a somewhat simplistic thing for Jesus to say. How could he possibly hope to cover all the potential issues that could come up in the lives of his disciples in their world, to say nothing of ours today?

How can people today trust a promise that was made 2,000 years ago? The world has really changed since then!

But Jesus wasn't talking about overcoming the world by healing diseases or mending broken relationships, although there were times in his ministry when he did just that. He was talking about something far more timeless than health issues, relationship problems, or regrets from the past. Jesus was talking about breaking the cause of all the suffering and wickedness we have in our world. Jesus was talking about his victory over sin. And whether it's a sin you committed, a sin I've committed, or the sin of those in Bible times, Jesus defeated it. He accomplished a timeless victory, because sin is the root cause behind all pain and heartache, whether caused directly by human activities or indirectly as a consequence of the broken world we live in.

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### Key Events This Month:

- 11/11—Family Fun Night
- 11/13—Monthly Potluck
- 11/19—Men's Bible Study
- 11/20—New Member Welcome
- 11/20—GLOW Meeting
- 11/20—Council Meeting
- 11/23—Thanksgiving Eve Worship
- 11/25—Christmas Decorating
- 11/29—Women's Bible Study

### *Sola Gratia—God's Grace in Romans*

It's the greatest gift you've ever been given. It's the greatest experience you could ever have. Do you know what that is?

As we continue to focus on Martin Luther's 3 'Solae' for

our Bible classes this year, we move to "Grace Alone." As we work through Paul's letter to the Romans, we'll have the opportunity to relish once again the grace we have through Jesus and how

his never-ending love moves us to live for him each and every day.

We will be starting this new study on Sunday, November 13th. We hope you'll be able to join us.

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Jesus overcame all of that sin when he lived the perfect and sinless life that God demands. Jesus overcame all that sin when he laid down his perfect life at the cross and died—even though he didn't deserve it. Now you and I can overcome the world too by putting ourselves aside and placing our trust and reliance in Jesus. He leads us through the hardest of times and finally will take us home to his world—the kingdom of heaven he has prepared for all who believe in him.

*Your fellow victor,*

*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...***

### **Lessons from Sunday School**

#### **"DID NOAH FISH?"**

*A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?'*

*'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'*

#### **LOT'S WIFE**

*The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'*

#### **BEING THANKFUL**

*A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, 'Your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?'*

*The little boy replied, 'Thank God he's in bed!'*

#### **UNTIMELY ANSWERED PRAYER**

*During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews.*

*Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, 'Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?'*

*Tommy answered soberly, 'I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!'*

## ***GLOW Update***

The women who were able to head down to Anchorage for the WELS Women's Retreat had a wonderful time. Thank you for the prayers for safe travels. If you would like to see pictures of the weekend there are some posted on the church's Facebook page.

Time to start thinking about all our fun Christmas activities with GLOW! Save the date for Saturday, December 3rd when we will be hosting our annual Advent By Candlelight.

Look for more information in the near future. We will also be hosting our annual Women's Christmas party. No date has been permanently set yet.

## ***New Member Welcome***

Over the past year, God has blessed our congregation by sending new families to join our church family. We are excited and thankful to have them, so, once again, we'll be throwing a reception for our new members this month. Following worship on Sunday, November 20, a reception will be held in the fellow-

ship area. All members are welcome to join us in welcoming these new families to our congregation!

***Welcome***

# NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00—Choir	2	3	4	5
	Pastor at Conference					
6 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Outreach Team	7 5:30—Catechism	8 6:00—Choir	9	10 5:30—6th Grade Con- firmation	11 6:00—Family Fun Night	12
13 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Potluck 12:30—Elders	14 5:30—Catechism	15 6:00—Choir	16	17	18	19 8:00—Men's Bible Study @ Hometown Restaurant
20 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 11:30—New Member Welcome Reception 12:00—Council 12:00—GLOW Meet- ing	21 5:30—Catechism	22 6:00—Women's Bible Study	23 6:00—Thanksgiving Eve Worship	24	25 10:00—Christmas Dec- orating	26
27 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Member Minis- try	28 5:30—Catechism	29 6:00—Choir	30 5:30—Advent Meal 6:30—Advent Worship			

**Church Cleaners for November**  
 10/30-11/11/5—Young  
 11/6-11/12—Ziesmer  
 11/13-11/19—Austin  
 11/20-11/26—Carpenter  
 11/27-12/3—Coleman, Bob & Gail

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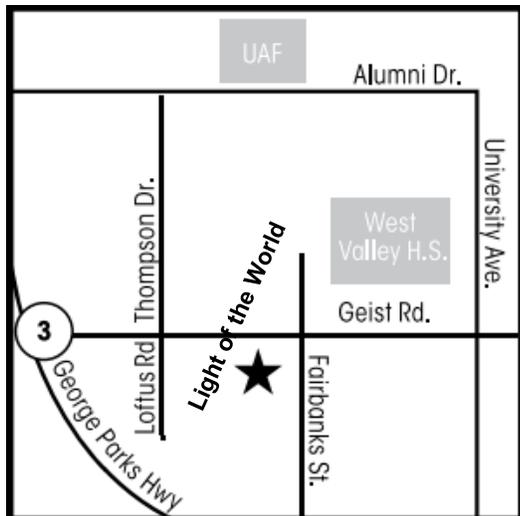
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**Grow in God's Word with us!**

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

**Sunday Worship - 10:30 am**



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**2016 Christmas for Families**

**December 17th**



**More info to come!**