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Jesus Is My Savior from Myself

By grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

– Ephesians 2:8-9

“I can do it all by myself!” If you have children, you have heard these words. You want them to learn how to do things on their own, but usually they pick times to try when it is least convenient for you. Walking out the door, already late is the time they want to tie their shoes for the first time.

Have you ever thought, “I can do it all by myself?” Doing a project at work by yourself may result in a raise or promotion. However, trying to get into heaven by yourself will never work.

Think about this question: “If you were standing outside of heaven’s gates and God asked you, ‘Why should I let you in?’ what would you say?” Well, how would you answer? “Oh, I was a good dad/mom.” “I was

faithful at work.” “I never (fill in the blank).”

If you answered that way, can you hear it? It is the sound of silence; the sound of heaven’s gates NOT opening. God requires us to be perfect like him. That means that if we want to go to heaven we can never do any wrong...ever!

The truth is that no matter how hard we try, no matter how much good we do, we will never be perfect. Even just one

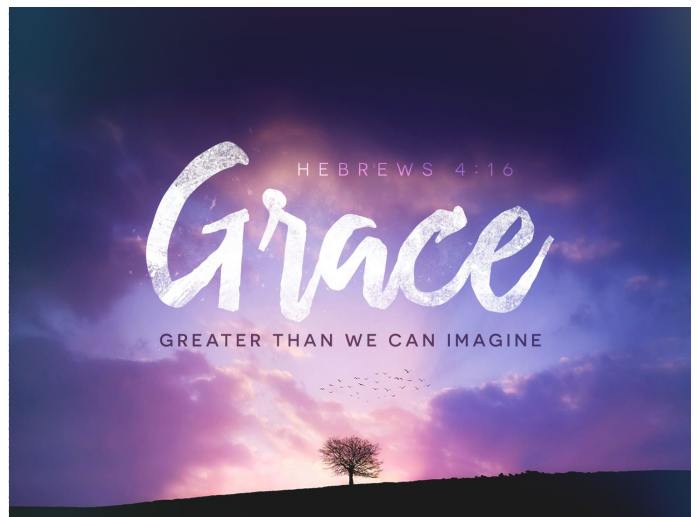
wrongdoing disqualifies us from heaven. Honestly, we commit many, many wrongs in life. So for the prospect of heaven, each of us has to admit, “I CAN’T do it by myself!”

But we don’t have to do it ourselves! God tells us in his Word that we have been saved BY GRACE! Though we are undeserving, God deeply loved us. He sent his Son, Jesus, to

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Key Events This Month:

- 10/7-8—WELS Alaska Women’s Retreat**
- 10/9—German Potluck**
- 10/14—Family Fun Night**
- 10/16—Council Meeting**
- 10/16—GLOW Meeting**
- 10/22—Men’s Bible Study @ Country Café in NP**
- 10/23—Quarterly Voters Meeting**
- 10/25—Women’s Bible Study**
- 10/30-11/1—Alaska Conference for Pastors and Teachers**



Quarterly Voters Meeting

On the fourth Sunday of this month (10/23), we’ll be having our quarterly voters meeting. This is a meeting of the congregation where you can learn more about what’s going on at Light of the World, where

we’re headed, and how you can be a part of our work here.

A couple highlights at this meeting that you won’t want to miss will be looking to approve the 2017 budget and discussing the possibility of changing our

service times (switching Bible class and worship around). Those are important topics, and we want your feedback, so we hope you can make it to our voters meeting towards the end of the month!

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open the way to heaven for us. Jesus did this by sacrificing his innocent life in our place for all of our wrongdoing. Now, through Jesus we are perfectly right before God, all because we didn't do it ourselves. Jesus did it for us!

Why should God let you into heaven? You can point to Jesus and say, "Because of him." Jesus is the one who opens heaven.

Thank Jesus for this wonderful gift! He is your Savior who did it all for you!

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...

MESSAGES FROM ACTUAL CHURCH SIGNS

"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."

"Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"

"Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons - come hear one!"

A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."

"People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."

"God so loved the world that He did not send a committee."

"Come in and pray today. Beat the Christmas rush!"

"When down in the mouth, remember Jonah. He came out alright."

"Fight truth decay-study the Bible daily."

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."

"It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin."

"Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."

"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."

"In the dark? Follow the Son."

"Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up."

AK WELS Women's Retreat

The women of GLOW started back up with their monthly meetings in September. We were blessed to send off a check for \$500 to New Beginnings with money raised from our garage sale this summer. The rest of the money will be used to purchase needed items for the Women's Shelter this coming month. A couple of our ladies will be heading down to Anchorage for the yearly Women's Retreat. We pray for their safe travels! Our monthly Bible Study also started back up in September.

We are finishing up the last couple chapters of "The Heart of Jesus." If any women are interested in joining us for either the Women's Group or the Bible Study we warmly welcome you! If you would like more information please talk to Bethany McGough.

Next Adult Bible Study

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 'Solus' 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.

An exact date for the beginning of this new study isn't set yet, but expect it to begin at the end of October or early in November!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Outreach Team	3 5:30—Catechism	4 6:00—Choir	5	6 5:30—6th Grade Confirmation	7	1 8
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23 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Quarterly Voters Meeting	24 5:30—Catechism	25 6:00—Women's Bible Study	26	27 5:30—6th Grade Confirmation Parents Meeting	28	29 Church Cleaners for October 10/3-10/8—Sampe/Wallace 10/9-10/15—Sinclair/Dolgnier 10/16-10/22—Strong 10/23-10/29—Taipale/Anderson 10/30-11/11/5—Young
30 9:15—Sunday School for all ages 10:30—Worship 12:00—Member Ministry Team Meeting	31 Pastor at Conference					

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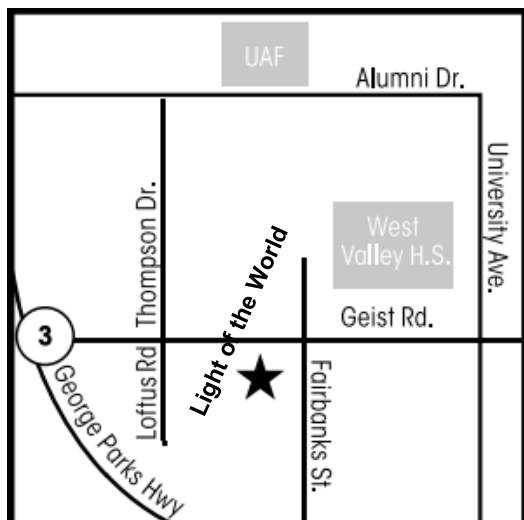
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Grow in God's Word with us!

Sunday School for all ages - 9:15 am

Sunday Worship - 10:30 am



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**Coming soon to
Sunday Morning
Bible Class!**