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# LIVECHRIST

LORD OF LIFE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*These are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah,  
the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name. ~ John 20:31*

## JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**Text:** John 8:12-59

**Key Verse:** *(Jesus said) "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

**Biblical Background:** Jesus Christ is the Creator of life and his life brings light to humankind. In his light we see ourselves as we really are – sinful and in need of a Savior. Jesus lights the path for us so we can see how to live. He removes the darkness of sin from our lives through the gift of forgiveness. In the temple in Jerusalem during the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus taught that while the truth of the mosaic law left its adherents slaves to sin, the saving truth of the Son of God makes people free.

### Sermon Reflections

### Text Messages

for personal and small group reflection

What do "light" and "darkness" signify in 8:12? What does Jesus mean by his statement in this verse? What claim is Jesus making for himself in this verse? Why might this claim upset the Pharisees?

What are the properties of light? How is Jesus a light in your life? What dark areas must you walk through? How does Jesus help light your way there?

What do you think Jesus means by "truth" in verse 32? How will this truth set them (and us) free from sin?

What does freedom mean to you in the context of your faith?

### Faith Spark

Sit in a dark room and talk about what brings darkness to our lives—specific examples of sin, sadness, loss. Then turn on a flashlight or light a candle. Experience the illumination that overcomes the darkness. Discuss how Christ illuminates our lives—bringing light to the darkness of our lives through his forgiveness and presence.

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### To read for January 21/22—John 9:1-41

Read the text. As you read, jot down any questions or comments you have.

What do you wonder about? What catches your eye? What effect do these words have on you personally?