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WEEK 2 OF SERIES



Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

If you are visiting with us, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to stay for morning tea with us after the service. Welcome to LifeWay! We are delighted that you are here as we kick off 2020 with our worship series: **Everyday Ephiphany**. Whether you are new to the area and checking us out, visiting with family or friends, or are a regular, we are thrilled that you are here and pray that everyday maybe one of those Aha moments when the light turns on and you see God's grace and love at work in your life. Here at LifeWay, God has called us to be a people who are living, sharing and growing in his life. Wherever you are at, we would love to walk with you in the next stage of your journey. Please fill in a visitor card at the door with your details and leave it with the ushers, on your seat or in the offering plate as we would love to acknowledge your time with us today.

It's called SAD - Seasonal Affective Disorder. It's a form of depression common in places with prolonged dark winters where for days on end you experience little to no natural sunlight. The darkness literally wears you out...drains you... sucks the life right out of you. Prolonged darkness makes you sick. The only cure is more light. But even more than our mental health... intense light also has physical health benefits. Researchers at the University of Colorado have discovered that Intense light amplifies a specific gene that strengthens blood vessels and offers protection against heart attacks. Exposure to the light of Christ also has health benefits that protects from dark times. Prolonged exposure to Christ, through his Word, among his people turns our lives more and more toward him like a plant to the sun. It conforms us to his image and reveals our true identity. It gives us a clear vision for each day and unfailing hope and strength to live out our calling in this world. The Light of Christ strengthens and we will explore how it does that today personally for each one of us.

> LIVING Jesus' love His hope with all in grace together



OPENHOUSE AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION at the Newcastle Manse, 4 Mima St, Fletcher Monday 27 January from 11am. BYO Drinks. Please let Mat know if you are coming. RSVP on the App or website by Friday 24th January.

For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations SAIAH 56-78

Come and join us as we gather together in prayer for God's church and the community of Newcastle at **our monthly prayer meeting**

Thursday 23rd January from 7pm at LifeWay Newcastle

INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTOR AT LIVERPOOL

You are invited to attend the installation of Pastor Hans Peethala on 2 February at Living Waters Lutheran Church, Liverpool, at 2pm, followed by refreshments. NSW District Bishop Robert Bartholomeus will officiate.

New Time Out daily devotional available.

See Mark Simpfendorfer or Pastor Mat to order yours today at the reduced price of \$20. Four LifeWay writers have contributed to this edition.





CAMBODIA MT2020 IS A GO!!

'Please come again.' That's the request of Pastor Vibol this last week via Messenger! If you are interested in joining us on our 4th Mission Team to Cambodia, please register your name on the App. Departing Saturday 11th July and returning on Friday 24th July – please note change in date. There will be a house to build in Tang Krang, and helping in running a children's and youth camp.

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN KEEP SERMON NOTES IN THE LIFEWAY APP?

SIMPLY GO TO THE SERMON PAGE, SELECT THE SERMON FOR THE WEEK YOU ARE IN AND AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT IS 'MY NOTES'.

Click on that and type away! You can also search for your notes which will take you back to the week/sermon you wrote the note on at a later date.

GET READY TO TAKE-OFF IN 2020

Details of an exciting new adventure for LifeWay coming soon.



GIVING ON THE APP & WEBSITE NOW LIVE

You can now give offerings or donations for Cambodia or even pay for mainly music online.

Simply go to the menu on the App and scroll down to **Give** or alternatively choose **Give** from the menu bar on the website. You can even set up a recurring debit through this portal. It's just another way to make it convenient for you to bless the mission and ministry here at LifeWay. Jesus, light of the world, come and shine your light on us today, revealing who we really are in your presence. Strengthen us with the light of your grace that we may live securely in our identity in you, with clarity in the purpose you have called us to, and with intentionality in every moment that others may see themselves in your true light. We ask this in your name. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For all Christians that they may willingly let the light of Christ reveal the truth of their lives.
- For those who are looking for identity in all the wrong places that they may find a security and identity in the waters of baptism as dearly loved children of God.
- For Christ to strengthen us in our baptismal identity that we may live our lives in the spotlight of the world with integrity.
- For Wilkinson Hu, Alex Duarte and their families as they travel overseas to family that God would strengthen and refresh them in their time away.
- For all the nations of the world that are seeking to make a name for themselves, that they would be humbled and the name of Jesus exalted.
- For those in this community who need our prayers especially Caitlin Toohey, Aet and Boris Lees, Barbara Lehtonen, Jenny Schneider, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.

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Launch of first album coming soon. Stay tuned for details.

We've all had those 'Aha moments' -

those moments where the light turns on and everything becomes clear, those experiences that reorient and transform our lives in ways we never saw coming. But often those epiphanies are rare, that's why we remember them.

What if you could experience an everyday epiphany? What if you could live in 2020 with a clarity and insight that transformed every moment? It's possible.

The coming of Jesus, the light of the world, intersects with our everyday lives illuminating a new way and revealing a clearer purpose. Let the light of Christ brighten your new year and turn every moment into an Everyday Epiphany of his grace in you and around you.



5 JANUARY

Light Shines Light Strengthens Light Heals Light Reigns 12 JANUARY

19 JANUARY 26 JANUARY

NEXT WEEK **SUNDAY 19 JANUARY**

Join us in experiencing an

Everyday Epiphany



Epping 9.30am with holv communion and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am with holv communion

> **Reading:** Isaiah 49:7-16

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Ruth Niemczyk
Prayers	Fritz Berchtold
НС	D Bergen, C Bertelsmeier, G lane
Ushers	Jim & Kathy Ironside
Morning Tea	K Mackenzie, K Schuller A Witt
Flowers	Susan Cornish
Data	David Hazell
Music	Band 3
Sound	John Klingberg

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Sue Gesswein
нс	Sabina Pichler
Usher	Annie Koch
Morning Tea	Linda Aurelius, Carolyn Keane
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Sabina Pichler