

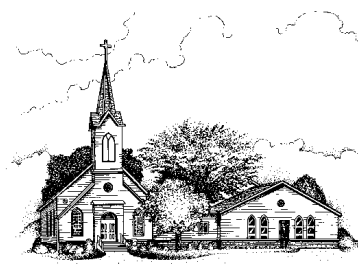
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A Life of Being a Disciple

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER

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Welcome to God's House

God became man and lived life in our place. Christ lived the perfect God-lived life. Living as a Christian, a little Christ, we have the privilege of demonstrating what God looks like in how we live our lives, in living lives that show God. So for the next several months (1 weekend / month)—God's Word will be challenging us and we'll be challenging one another to live a God-lived life. In today's worship, the particular emphasis of the God-lived life is that of being a disciple, a learner, one who grows in God's Word. May God's Word cause us to crave that pure spiritual milk so that by it we grow up in our salvation.

This month, we focus especially on ways to strengthen our following of Jesus.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

M: Heavenly Father, you have given us indescribable riches in your Word. But we have failed to appreciate your Word as we should. We have not read or learned it as we should have and so we can be deceived. Forgive us and let your peace rule our lives.

C: **♪ May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing. (CW #467:3)**

M: Dear Savior Jesus, we admit that by our sinful nature we lack complete confidence in the power of your Word which you give us to share with others.

We easily give way to doubt or fail to fully trust that you speak with power in your Word. Forgive us and let your love fill our lives.

**C: ♪ May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting self abasing – This is victory. (CW #467:4)**

M: O Holy Spirit, give us and all believers unity in your word. Teach us to discern what is truth and what is deception. Forgive us for not taking seriously your warnings about false teachers. Give us and all believers wisdom and unity through your Word, and live within us.

**C: ♪ May his Spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him. (CW #467:6)**

M: As a called servant of the Triune God, I announce to you his grace and forgiveness. On behalf of and by the command of our Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: ♪ May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow’r inspiring All I do or say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow’r. (CW #467:1-2)**

M: We pray:

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may glorify you in the way we use the gifts you give us to manage. Help us to live a God-lived life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**C: ♪ May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go. (CW #467:5)**

Prayer of the Day

M: Lord Jesus Christ, you lived a holy life in our place and inspire in us the desire to follow. Strengthen us by your Word that we crave that Word, hear it, learn it

and speak it, living our lives as your disciples; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

2 Chronicles 34:1-2, 14-21, 29-33

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ² He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left...

¹⁴ While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord that had been given through Moses. ¹⁵ Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord." He gave it to Shaphan.

¹⁶ Then Shaphan took the book to the king and reported to him: "Your officials are doing everything that has been committed to them. ¹⁷ They have paid out the money that was in the temple of the Lord and have entrusted it to the supervisors and workers." ¹⁸ Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

¹⁹ When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. ²⁰ He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: ²¹ "Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that is poured out on us because those who have gone before us have not kept the word of the Lord; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."

...²⁹ Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ³⁰ He went up to the temple of the Lord with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. ³¹ The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book.

³² Then he had everyone in Jerusalem and Benjamin pledge themselves to it; the people of Jerusalem did this in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their ancestors.

³³ Josiah removed all the detestable idols from all the territory belonging to the Israelites, and he had all who were present in Israel serve the Lord their God. As long as he lived, they did not fail to follow the Lord, the God of their ancestors.

Psalm 1

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Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. **Refrain**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen. **Refrain**

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For,

“All people are like grass,
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
the grass withers and the flowers fall,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

And this is the word that was preached to you.

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Gospel Acclamation

Proverbs 1:7

C: Alleluia. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-17

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹⁵ People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When

the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Hymn of the Day

Speak, O Lord CWS #735

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built and you fill the earth with your glory.

Sermon

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

A God-Lived Life Craves God's Word

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and

for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering Hymn

We Give Thee But Thine Own CW #485:1-2

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

C: ♪ We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blestest us, to thee our firstfruits give.

Prayer of the Church

M: Almighty God, Creator of this world, all good gifts come from you. We give you thanks for all that you have given to us—the bounties of the earth, fruitful labor, meaningful relationships, enjoyment of your gifts, and contentment.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

M: We confess that we have not always acknowledged you as the giver of all that is good. We confess that we have not always seen the good in all that you send into our lives. We confess that we have often complained instead of praised.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

C: We give you thanks, O Lord.

M: Savior King, we give you thanks that you became man to set us free. You lived a perfect life in our place—living to please our Father, running in the path of his commands, and learning and loving his ways. You died the death we deserved. You rose to ensure our forgiveness and eternal life.

C: We praise your name, O Lord.

M: Holy Spirit, you brought and continue to strengthen faith in our hearts through the gospel in Word and sacrament. You send preachers and teachers who teach us your truth. You enlighten our minds, strengthen our hearts, and loosen our tongues to give you praise.

C: Grant us your peace, O Lord.

M: Give us the fervor of seeking you first and your kingdom, O God. Continue to train faithful ministers and teachers of your Word. Grant us wisdom to daily meditate on your promises. Strengthen us to follow your will and commands. Grow our desire for your truth and your Word that we may better understand your love, your ways and your peace.

C: We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament

M: The Lord be with you.

C: 🎵 And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: 🎵 We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: 🎵 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his

children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

C: ♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness CW #311

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'ence greet him,
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:

Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring—
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me As your guest in heav'n receive me.

Thanksgiving

C: 🎵 Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 🎵 Amen.

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: 🎵 Amen. Amen. Amen.

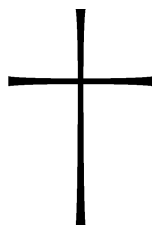
Closing Hymn

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray CW #500:1, 2, 5

1 For Christian homes, O Lord, we pray, That you might dwell with us each day.
Make ours a place where you are Lord, Where all is governed by your Word.

2 We are the children of your grace; Our homes are now your dwelling-place.
In you we trust and daily live; Teach us to serve and to forgive.

5 And when you call us all to rest, Then will we have a home more blest,
See all our care and sorrow cease, And find with Christ eternal peace.



This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
Mon:	10:00 a.m.	OWLS at Peace, Hartford
Wed:	6:00 p.m.	Catechism instructions
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Fri:	2:00 p.m.	Hope Health and Rehab devotion - Lomira
Sat:	9:00 a.m.	Friends of the Seminary Day - Mequon
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study

In Our Prayers Les Hahn, Sr., who is still recovering from surgery at Froedtert Hospital - Menomonee Falls; Karen Allison, adjusting to life at The Gardens of Hartford; and Norman Martin at Hope Health and Rehab in Lomira.

Lord's Supper We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

Remember, Jesus gives qualifications for his Supper, among them "examining ourselves." Read p. 156 in the front of your hymnals for one way to do just that.

The flowers on the altar today were placed to God's glory by Orv and Eileen Schulz on the occasion of their anniversary.

We thank Barb Olsen (Thursday) and Bea Pamperin (Sunday) for serving as our organists this weekend.

Bible Study Each Sunday in our adult bible study, we have the opportunity to dig a little deeper into God's Word than we are able to sometimes in a worship service. Is there a more beneficial way to spend an extra 45 minutes in your week than learning and applying God's Word? Join us at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday morning.

Special Concert In conjunction with the new hymnal, a special concert was recorded with a number of new hymns we'll eventually be learning. You can find it at the following site: <https://welscongregationalservices.net/national-hymnal-week/>

Value the Gift - CLR National Convention Join Christian Life Resources (CLR) on Saturday, October 16 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, (3399 Division Road, Jackson, WI) for our annual National Convention. It will be an exciting, informative, and inspiring day of learning—on how to VALUE THE GIFT of life from beginning to end, today and tomorrow. More information is in the church newsletter or can be found at www.christianliferesources.com/resources/events/national-convention/

Calling All Crafters & Craft-Lovers You're invited to support a craft and bake sale to benefit Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti. The island of Haiti was hit hard by an earthquake last month and the children and families connected to Branch Lutheran Schools have gone without many basic necessities ever since. A local fundraiser is being planned to help support the victims of the earthquake on Saturday, October 23rd from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Trinity Community Center at N6409 County Road P (Mayville), just south of Hwy. 33. You can help by donating baked goods or crafts for the sale. You can also help by coming out that day to purchase some of the amazing crafts and baked goods. If you want more information, see the posters on the bulletin board.

Please pick up copies of the September calendar, the *Forward in Christ* from the cabinets in the entryway. Refrigerator magnets from Kettle Moraine Lutheran are there as well....take one or two home with you today.

Learning Center Positions at KML Due to KML's growing enrollment and more students utilizing the Learning Center, our staffing needs have increased. The KML Learning Center has full-day and half-day positions open for individuals to work with students. A four-year college degree is required, but it does not have to be in education. Pay is \$13/hr. If interested or for more information, contact Learning Center Administrator Sheila Krause at sheila.krause@kmlhs.org or www.kmlhs.org/jobs.

Trivia Night Is Back Are you ready for an exciting night of trivia fun?!? The 4th Annual Charger Club Trivia Night will be happening at KML on Saturday, October 9, at 6:30

p.m. Gather a group of 5-10 friends/family/co-workers, come up with a team name, register, and start planning your night of fun! Event participation is only \$15 per person, and all proceeds go to support KML. The deadline is October 7th at www.kmlhs.org/kmltrivia

KML Clay Shoot & Wine Event The KML Foundation is hosting their annual Clay Shoot & Wine Event on Sunday, September 26, at *The Highlands* in Cascade. This growing event is fun for everyone whether an expert hunter or simply a novice. The Wine Event is a great time to sample some wines, paint a glass, and enjoy some live music. To register, sponsor, or donate, go to www.foundation.kmlhs.org/events. All proceeds will go to KML student assistance.

Don't Judge Me? Have you ever heard someone defend their actions with those words? They'll even quote Jesus from Matthew 7. Read the article from the September *Forward in Christ* that explains what Jesus was getting at. Or this question: does the bible teach that there will be a 1,000 year – reign with Jesus at the end of time? This has confused believers for centuries...find out in the latest *Forward in Christ*.