

A GOD-LIVED LIFE: A LIFE OF BEING A DISCIPLE

Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 "A God-Lived Life is One That Craves the Word."

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

We pray that you find comfort, peace, and motivation through God's Word today. In our worship bulletin, you will find an outline of **today's order of worship**. The entire service can be found in the hymnal, up on the screen on Sunday at St. John's and Emmanuel and livestreamed at www.stjohnsmontello.org and also at St. John's in the Lower Level. At St. John's, the **restrooms** are located in the link way, out the church entry way, to the left and down the stairs. At Emmanuel, they are located in the Parish Hall. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES-WELS

September 14 & 15, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

A GOD-LIVED LIFE: A LIFE OF BEING A DISCIPLE

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, in this series—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.

In this series, we focus especially on ways to strengthen our following of Jesus.

Week One: A Life of Being a Disciple (September 14 & 15)

Week Two: A Life Lived for Others (September 21 & 22)

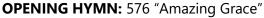
(Mission Festival—September 28 & 29)

Week Three: A Life of Hospitality (October 5 & 6)

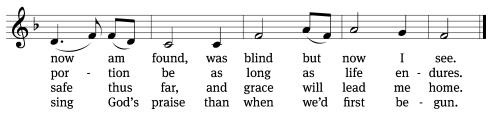
Week Four A Life Lived Shrewdly (October 12 & 13)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, in coming to hear your Word this morning, you have planted us like trees beside streams of water. Grant that we may ever delight in your Word and yield abundant fruit in our lives, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.







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GATHERING RITE

M: We begin our worship in the same way we were baptized: 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.

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.

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.

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 \mathcal{F} 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.

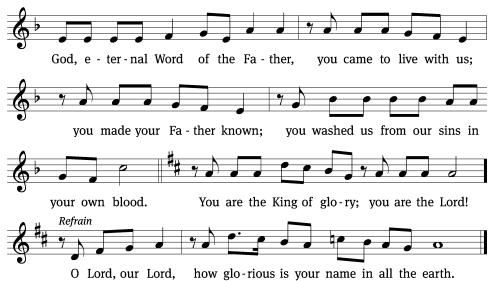
M: We pray:

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. May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe, Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!





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THE WORD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

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: 1 Peter 1:22—2:3 Sermon Text

(The truth of God's Word changes us to live God-lived lives, to love one another and to live the life of a disciple of the Word.)

²²Now 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. ²³For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, ²⁵but the word of the Lord endures forever."

And this is the word that was preached to you. ¹Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ²Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 62 "In God Alone My Soul Can Find Rest And Peace" *Refrain*





Truly my soul finds / rest in God; my salvation / comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my sal- / vation; he is my fortress, I will never be / shaken. Yes, my soul, find / rest in God; my hope / comes from him. *Refrain*

Though your rich- / es increase, do not set your / heart on them. My salvation and my honor de- / pend on God; he is my mighty rock, my / refuge. Trust in him at all times, you / people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our / refuge.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be-/ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your words are my joy /And my heart's delight.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-17

(Here is an example of someone who appeared to live a God-lived life but was living for himself. The one who trusted in the life God lived for him went home to live a truly God-lived life.)

⁹To 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. ¹¹The 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. ¹²I 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." ¹⁵People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 695 "Take My Life"



- 1 Take my life and let it be con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.

take my feet and let them be swift and beau-ti - ful for thee.

take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sag - es from thee.

take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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SERMON: 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 "A God-Lived Life is One That Craves The Word" **APOSTLES CREED:** Hymnal page 181

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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. 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. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. 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. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

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. Now give us the fervor of seeking you first and your kingdom, O God. Send us godly and faithful ministers and teachers of your Word. Grant us wisdom to meditate daily 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. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Triune God, bless our *God-Lived Life* stewardship series. Make it an opportunity for each of us to grow in your Word and in our lives of living it. Use us to be a blessing to others. Help us encourage one another in our commitments and grow us in your grace. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer*.

M: All these things we ask in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS, OFFERING, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, ALTAR PRAYER.

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

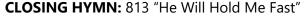
C: Amen

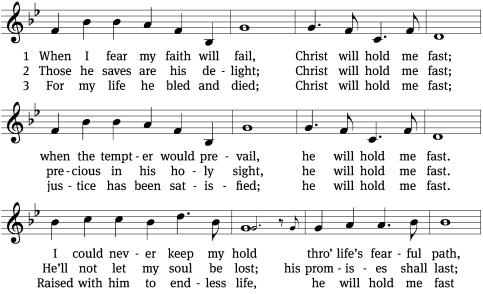
M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

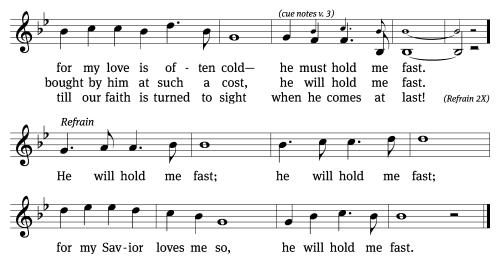
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.







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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

WELS Stewardship #2--A God-Lived Life: A Life Lived for Others Acknowledgments

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Are you able to help the Church and School and serve the Lord by mowing?
For information contact: Jerre Duerr Jerre.asc@gmail.com

St. John's	Usher's Schedule		
Saturday, Sept. 14	Saturday, Sept. 21		
Sunday, Sept. 15	Sunday, Sept. 22		
Jerre Duerr	Ben Jaster		
Joe Zauner	Jacob Jaster		
Gordon Krause	Mark Emond		
Kevin Kaul	Jeff Reimer		
Corey Kaul			

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Allie Andres (Bonnie Chapman's relative), Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Sandy Buchholz, Bob Buehrens, Agnes Dassow, Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Kaye Edwards (Mark Emond's friend), Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza, Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, LuAnn Hoffman-Reber (Barb Hoffman's step-daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Lucy Laun, Darren Marceau, Ken McKenzie (Mark Emond's friend), Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo & Barbara Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Shelley Rene (Mary Isberner's niece), Marilyn Riemer, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon, Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week:
- For Amanda Finger, James & Linda Wachholz who will be installed as Sunday School teachers at the 9/15 SJ service
- For Befriend a Missionary Month including Pastor Matt, Emily Rothe & family at The Way Lutheran Church--Fredrickburg, VA

Gentlemen of all ages!!!

We will be starting up our

Men's Breakfast and Study Club

Saturday, September 21 at 8am in the

St. John's Lower Level!

Our topic will be living a

God-Lived Life!

Come and enjoy some good food & fellowship
followed by a devotion and worship,
then digging into our study topic.

Men of all ages welcome!

Dads are welcome to bring
their kids!!!

See you there!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: September 15-21, 2024					
Today	11:15 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting			
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ			
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ			
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting SJ			
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Council Meeting EM			
	7:30 p.m.	SJ Council Meeting			
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ			
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ			
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ			
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Study Club SJ			
	11:00 a.m.	Vicki Davis Memorial Service SJ			
	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship with Communion			

Next Sunday: September 22, 2024				
8:00 a.m. Emmanuel Worship with Comn				
8:30 a.m.	Sunday School St. John's			
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's			
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Emmanuel			
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion			

Attendance				
Date	EM	SJ		
9/7/24	-	Concert on the Ball diamond		
9/8/24	49	Worship at City Park		

August	Monthly	August	Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date
Offerings	Budget	Expenses	Offerings	Budget	Expenses
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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7**

WHAT IS BEFRIEND A MISSION MONTH? The <u>L</u>utheran <u>Women's Missionary Society</u> supports WELS missions by prayer, encouragement, & giving. During our September BAM month at St. John's, we make a special effort to *shower our support* on our assigned missionaries by increasing our prayers, sending a few more notes & emails, & giving a little extra for missions. These joy-filled means of support have no age limitations! We can ALL be a friend! As LWMS shares awareness of WELS missions, we hope *YOU* will join us by sending a note, signing a card, saying a prayer, or giving a little something extra to missions. Our home mission assignment is The Way Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia. These home missionaries would appreciate hearing from you! Share God's love and encouragement!



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FALL MISSION OFFERINGS are being collected by LWMS during September at both churches. Please use the collection container at the church where you are a member—in the church entrance both at Emmanuel and at St. John's. WELS mission projects that will benefit from your gift are these Beaver Dam Circuit projects: Home Mission—Campus Ministry (helps campus pastors/congregations reach out & serve college students away from home on college campuses) and World Mission—Native American Missions (aids work on Fort Apache & San Carlos Apache Reservations in Arizona; outreach into new tribes, support groups & counseling, addiction programs & more). **Your offerings are important to our supported missions and are welcome from everyone with a heart for missions! DEADLINE: Sunday, September 29.**

At St. John's, check out the glass doors in our linkway entrances and in school! Our new janitress has them gleaming after the arduous task of removing a lot of tape residue from posted items. All signs have been removed, and we hope to keep it that way! Some of us have developed the poor habit of using glass doors and display cases at church as bulletin boards for posters and other messages. It looks rather tacky when a sign is flapping or when signs are removed and the tape is left behind—you don't see this at other churches. Please refrain from posting anything on glass. Thanks for helping to make our entrances so much more pleasant!

LWMS FALL RALLY at St. John's-FOX LAKE, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12. All are welcome! Come share a day "CHEERING" for WELS missions! Speaker Sara Zondag, former health & finance trainer for Thai Village, Inc. Register at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy morning refreshments, mission displays, and making a homemade card for a missionary! Service Project: Bring monetary gifts to the rally for Thai Village, Inc. and also shop a Thai Village sale—all will aid their current building fund. Bible study "Reflecting the Lord's Compassion through Words and Actions." 10:25 a.m. Business Meeting 11:10 a.m. Lunch 12:00 noon. Devotion/Speaker 12:55 p.m. Come for the whole day or just part of it! Anyone with a heart for missions—women, men, even kids—all are invited! Car pool signup in the Information Room or contact your LWMS reporter: Helen Stelter 608-297-7116 or Linda Wachholz 608-369-2635.

PLEASE VISIT THE BEFRIEND A MISSION LINKWAY DISPLAY AT ST. JOHN'S. Please stop by and sign greetings for the missionaries.

MISSION FESTIVAL & EVANGELISM SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 29. Guest preacher is Pastor Doug Tomhave from St. Paul-Lake Mills, who currently serves as chairman for the WELS Commission on Evangelism. "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35 Lord, give us "A Heart for the Harvest!" Join us for a celebration lunch at St. John's following the second service. Your freewill offering will support the WELS Home Mission project: Campus Ministry and the World Mission project: Native American Missions.

St. John's & Emmanuel Joint Choir will begin practice on Monday, Sept. 9. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our choir! Students in 7th grade and up, along with adults are invited to join. We practice once a week on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30, and as we do we are blessed with Christian fellowship and the singing of faith building musical pieces. We enjoy singing a variety of music as we praise the Lord in practice and in worship services. If you have questions, please contact the director, Lynn Sellnow. (616-826-0816 or lynnsellnow@stjohnsmontello.org) If you would like to join, you may simply come to our practices!

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

Help us stay in touch!

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