





*a* STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE  
**GOD-LIVED**  
*life*

**A Life of Being a Disciple**

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## GATHERING RITE

In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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.

**♪ May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything,  
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing. (CW467:3)**

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.

**♪ May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,  
Him exalting self abasing – This is victory. (CW467:4)**

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.

**♪ May his Spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him. (CW467:6)**

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.

**♪ 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. (CW467:1-2)**

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.

**Amen.**

**♪ May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go. (CW467:5)**

## READING.

## 2 CHRONICLES 34:1-2, 14-21, 29-33

<sup>1</sup> Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. <sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> Then Shaphan took the book to the king and reported to him: “Your officials are doing everything that has been committed to them. <sup>17</sup> They have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the supervisors and workers.” <sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. <sup>20</sup> He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king’s attendant: <sup>21</sup> “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.”

<sup>29</sup> Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> 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.

<sup>32</sup> 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.

<sup>33</sup> 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## READING

## 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

*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.*

<sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For,

“All people are like grass,  
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;  
the grass withers and the flowers fall,  
<sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand.*

## 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.*

<sup>9</sup> To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

<sup>13</sup> “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.’”

<sup>14</sup> “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.”

<sup>15</sup> People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Please stand.*

### **Children’s Sermon**

*Children are invited to sit in the front of church.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***SPEAK O LORD | CW 633***

*The Word Uncovered*

*Please stand.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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:

### **Hear our prayer.**

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:

### **Hear our prayer.**

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:

### **Hear our prayer.**

Triune God, bless our *God-Lived Life* stewardship series this coming quarter. 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:

### **Hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

# BIBLE STUDY

## INTRODUCTION

How quickly the Word was lost in Judah! It had only been two generations since good king Hezekiah reigned! What can you think of that was valued in the past and no longer has the same value today? Why is that the case?

## INTO THE TEXT

1. In verse 19, we see the law cut King Josiah to the heart when he tore his robes. However, fear of the law is not what motivated a change in behavior. We see that motivation in verse 32. Describe it.
2. What were the effects of the Word of God on the people?

## APPLYING IT

1. Often in our everyday lives, we see the law motivate behavior but not change hearts. Give examples.
2. In what ways can people see that the gospel has impacted your life?
3. What can we do to ensure the Word is treasured for generations to come?
4. Look at your challenge card. How do each of those suggested commitments work toward this goal?

## God-Lived Life Video

## Challenge Cards

## Prayer

## HYMN

*GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE* | **CW 640**

## BLESSING

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.

**Amen.**

## Challenge card ideas:

- Attend four Bible studies in the next four weeks (in person or via Zoom)
- Set aside time to pray daily about a promise God made to you through Bible study or Sunday morning worship (morning/night)
- Do daily Bible reading (at least 5 minutes per day)
- Set up a daily Bible reading schedule with Pastor Horn
- Do a nightly devotion with spouse (4x per week) <https://wels.net/dev-daily/>
- Read a family devotion at dinner (3x per week) <https://wels.net/family-devotion/>
- Pray before meals and at bedtime
- Start a prayer journal
- Complete Bible Basics Class series <https://lambogodlafayette.com/ministry/bible-basics/>
- Memorize one Bible passage each week
- Start a Bible reading plan (<https://wels.net/serving-you/bible/>)
- Subscribe to a WELS devotion e-mail for individuals, families, couples, or teens (<https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/>)

- Use the WELS Marriage Moments weekly devotions for couples (<https://welscongregationalervices.net/ministry-resources/marriagemoments/>)
- Take child(ren) to Sunday school each Sunday this month
- Attend Sunday school each Sunday this month
- Set aside 15 minutes each week to talk about the sermon/Sunday school topic with family/friends

**OFFERING** [If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website, [lambogodlafayette.com](http://lambogodlafayette.com) and click GIVE in the upper right corner or text any dollar amount to 84321 to give or mail a check to the church—1893 E 600 North West Lafayette, IN 47906] or you may scan this QR code:



### **Serving at Worship**

Pastor Paul Horn  
 Vicar Jonah Schlomer  
 Bethany Price - piano  
 Alison Rosenblum, Becky Horn - violin  
 Chris Miller - trumpet

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Open Forum and potluck lunch after worship**

**Chili Cookoff – Saturday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**

Bring your favorite chili, hot or mild, and enjoy the fellowship and good food.

## **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus – Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

The choir of our synod’s pastor training school will be singing for our Maundy Thursday service this year. Please consider hosting members of the choir. It is a great chance to get to know the men of the choir and ask them questions about our synod’s training schools. The responsibilities of the hosts are to provide breakfast and transport back to church on Friday morning. A sign-up will be in the back of the church. Please indicate the number of students you will be able to host.

## **FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15**

**Pre-K—8th Grade**—Bible history stories, apologetics, crafts, games, songs and more!

### **What are people saying about our current Bible study series?**

“I’ve heard these stories since I was a child but I’m learning that there’s so much more to them!”

“This has been one of my favorite bible studies.”

“I have friends who are unchurched and ask these same questions that we’re asking in bible study. This has been so helpful finding simple ways to have a conversation with them.”

Spend some quality time with Jesus and your church family as we dig a little bit deeper into well known stories from the gospels. **Sunday mornings at 9:15am.** Bibles provided or bring your own!

**Catechism Class—7th & 8th grade (after worship)** - This class prepares young people for confirmation and receiving the Lord's Supper. We use Martin Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible as textbooks for an in-depth study of the six main teachings of the Bible (Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Lord's Supper, Keys and Confession).

### **BUNCO— Friday, January 27th**

Bunco is a fun and easy game that brings with it an evening of fellowship for the women of our congregation! Haven't played before? NO PROBLEM! We'll teach you! We usually take the first 12 women who sign-up, **HOWEVER**, we can add another table so if we have 16 women who would like to play, we can accommodate you. The more the merrier! **The fun will begin at 7:00pm on Friday, January 27th at 50 Shadow Valley Ct, Lafayette, IN 47909. Please sign up on the sheet on the serving counter next to the Fellowship Treat Sign-Up. The cost is \$5 to play which covers the cost of prizes. Please sign up if you would like to bring a snack or a beverage.**

### **Building up the Body of Christ**

It's amazing when you read Romans 12:3-8 and then look around at all the folks in our church family and see it in action... how God uses all of us with our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ and expand his kingdom. Here's a couple ways you can do that in the next couple of weeks.

#### **Vehicle Search**

Someone in the church is in need of trading or selling their older vehicle for a more reliable vehicle. If you can assist, please contact Pastor Horn for more information. [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com)

#### **Electric Dryer**

One of our homebound members is in need of an electric dryer. For more details contact Pastor Horn [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com)

## **Potluck Lunch**

Today we will have a potluck lunch following the service. Stay and enjoy time with the Lamb of God family!

## **Open Forum**

You matter and so does your opinion. The leadership team will host an open forum after the potluck lunch to give an update on the state of the church and to hear from you!

## **Property Improvement**

The leadership team would like to make our property more visible to traffic by thinning the tree lines on Saturday, January 28th at 10:30am. For more details contact Eric Becker [42ofvarget@gmail.com](mailto:42ofvarget@gmail.com)

Remodeling the basement will begin on Saturday, Feb 4th at 1pm

## **Ride to Church**

One of our prospects is in need of a ride to church on Sunday mornings. For more details contact Pastor Horn [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com)

**Acolytes** (fancy word for someone who lights the candles on the altar)

If your child would like to be trained as an acolyte, contact Pastor Horn [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com)

## **Prayer Requests**

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

**Keep in your prayers this week:** All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; for Jim Holmes, Gail Rathgeber, Joan Bonnet, and Bryant Monk, who are experiencing health difficulties; for our Pastors, teachers and staff ministers as they reach the lost sheep of their communities with the Good News of Jesus; for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine and all those who are suffering in the war in Ukraine; that God grant peace between Ukraine and Russia as well as between

the warring nations in Africa; that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those who join us for worship each Sunday; for all those who are suffering from abuse in the home, that they might seek help; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and for the 118th US Congress, that they be guided by sound reason and the wisdom that comes from God above to pass bills that allow us to flourish in our vocations and spread the gospel in peace; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need. Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our outreach efforts as we invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to our Bible studies, worship, and fellowship events.





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