



## KNOWING

### WEEK EIGHT

***“At Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church, we value knowing God’s Word.”***

Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”(John 8:31-32). In a time when so much of what we hear and learn can be labeled fake news, knowing something is true is a real gift. How many times have you made a decision and afterward said to yourself, “I wish I had only known?” We make decisions every day based on the best knowledge we have, because we want the best for our lives. Think of all the fear, anxiety, disappointment and regret that would be removed from our lives if we only knew the truth. As Jesus said, “the truth will make us free.”

The other day my I-phone stopped working. Not being very tech savvy, I started pushing all the buttons I could find on the phone. In desperation, I was forced to go to the internet and search for the I-phone instructions. Sure enough, Apple, who manufactured my phone, had the solution. All I had to do was hold two buttons for tens seconds, until the Apple appeared. Like magic my I-phone was restored and back functioning.

God did not create us and leave us to ourselves to figure out how life works. He gave us His Word to guide us and help us to understand the truth about Himself, the truth about salvation, and the truth about life and how to live. God made Himself known and revealed His truth about life in many ways. His greatest revelation of Himself was Jesus Christ. God put truth into human flesh. “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen the glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Again Jesus said, “No one has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life” (John 6:46-48). Jesus is truth.

What did Jesus say and do? This is the truth that must guide what we believe and how we live. Our feelings and thoughts have been tainted by sin, at best they are blind guides. If we reject God’s Word and go against truth, we only hurt ourselves and others.

***1 Thessalonians 2:13 And we also thank God continually because when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.***