

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany: The Savior's Sermon: "Live A Holy Life" ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

February 12th, 2023

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.

TODAY'S THEME: *The Savior's Sermon: Live a Holy Life*

The word "holy" comes from an Old English word, "halig" which means "whole" or "healthy." We have a holy God. He wants us to live a holy life, one that is wholly dedicated to him, one that is spiritually and emotionally healthy for us. So, as Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, he makes a crucial point that not all his followers (including present day followers) understand well. Jesus came to free us from sin. He did not come to free us to sin. God commands that we live a holy life. He provides dire warnings to remind us just how holy he wants us to be. Today we face a rapid decline in public morals and private piety. Yet, Jesus calls his followers to be different. He urges personal purity. After examining our lives, we can only despair over our lack of holiness. So, the Gospel Acclamation reminds us to flee to Christ who loves us despite our failures and who sacrificed himself for unholy people. Secure in his grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit, each day we strive to live the holy lives to which we have been called.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Three with Communion pp. 188-203

HYMNS: 735, 696, 697, 803 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 119A "Teach Me, O LORD" (hymnal/screen)

SERMON: Matthew 5:21-37 "Jesus Wants His Disciples To Go The Extra Mile"

THE DISTRIBUTION: We respectfully ask that only those who are members of this congregation or members of our sister WELS and ELS congregations come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. By this close (or closed) communion practice, we do not mean to imply that our visitors are not true Christians. Since we view coming to the

Lord's Supper as a confession of complete agreement with all the teachings of our church, we would like the opportunity to discuss these teachings with you. Please speak with pastor or indicate on the Friendship Register that you would like to discuss our communion teaching and practice. Thank you for your understanding. Personal Preparation for Holy Communion questions and answers are printed on page 295 in the front of the hymnal. Psalm 32, 51 and Hymns 650-677 may also help in your communion preparation.

Lenten Promo Video: "Crushed" (Sunday at St. John's)

OPENING HYMN: 735 "Before You I Kneel" (Sat at St. John's, Sunday at Emmanuel)

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal page 188 (also on the screen)

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26, 27

(King David committed adultery first in his heart, then in the flesh. David's example illustrates the danger of unrepentant sin. It is the antithesis of a holy life)

¹In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem. ²One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, ³and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. ⁵The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant." ⁶So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military

campaign? Why didn't you go home?" ¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!" ¹²Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. ¹³At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home. ¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. ¹⁵In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die." ¹⁶So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. ¹⁷When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died. ²⁶When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. ²⁷After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

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PSALM: Psalm 119A "Teach Me, O LORD" (hymnal/screen)

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

(Christians sincerely desire to live for Christ. St. Paul explains how. We seek to control our body in a way that is holy.)

¹As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ²For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the

Lord Jesus. ³It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; ⁶and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. ⁷For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit. ⁹Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹²so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

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Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 5:2



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21-37 (Sermon Text)

(What a high bar Jesus sets! He calls us to be holy in our relationships with our brothers, our adversaries, our bodies, our spouse, and our God.)

²¹"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' ²²But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. ²³"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there

in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵“Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹“It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: 696 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

SERMON: Matthew 5:21-37 "Jesus Wants His Disciples To Go The Extra Mile"

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PRAYERS: (See bulletin p. 9)

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 697 "May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

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CLOSING HYMN: 803 "Day By Day"

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Edna Mae Cragin, Gene Crook, Florence Dahlke, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Gloria Duerr, Reinold Eckelberg, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Freitag, Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gromowski Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Hunter Habersat (Judy Fandrey's grandson), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), John Kelm, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Bob Klapper, Dale Kozlowski, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Earl "Pete" Laun, Thomas Marcelain (Dawn's son), Kay Nelson, Rosie Nindorf, Ben Olson, Steve Parrish, Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Wayne Riemer, Eloise Schultz, Wanda Sellnow (Principal Larry Sellnow's mother), Laurelei Faith Starr, Carol & Tom Stempniak, Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon
- (added this week: Dennis Gromowski, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor)
- For Miss Beth Barenz, currently serving at Our Savior--Zion, IL, called by the Lord at the 1/19 CALA board meeting to serve as middle grades teacher next school year
- For Laurelei Faith Starr, the daughter of Pastor David and Anne Starr, and the granddaughter of Pastor and Lauren Zietlow, born on 2/9
- For Christians Suffering Persecution



Faith is a living, daring,
confidence in God's grace.

Martin Luther

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: February 12-18, 2023

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany, "The Savior's Sermon: Live A Holy Life"

Today	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Singing at Care Center
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Sings at St. John's
	11:00 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Study Club at Trinity, Redgranite
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at SJ
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting 6:30 p.m. at SJ
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at SJ
	2:15 p.m.	Public School Confirmation at SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Griefshare at SJ
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship

Next Sunday: February 19, 2023

Theme: Last Sunday after Epiphany "Transfiguration—Christian Education"

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "88 Verses of Epiphany" at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	"One by One" Bible Study at Emmanuel
9:00 a.m.	LL-8, Chimes At Princeton
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship
11:30 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting at St. John's
4:00 p.m.	Lent by Candlelight at St. John's

Attendance

	St. John's	Emmanuel
2/4/23	6	-
2/5/23	69	44

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, February 19th: Lent by Candlelight at St. John's
CALA LL-8 & Chimes at Princeton

Tuesday, February 21st: Kindergarten Round-Up

Tuesday, February 21st: St. John's Council Meeting 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd: Choir sings at Montello

Thursday, February 23: CALA Spelling Bee

Saturday, February 25th: Art for Dinner at Princeton

Lent Supper Sign-Up

Lent is Coming! There is 1 date available to host a Wednesday evening supper during lent: March 15. If you are interested in hosting a Lent Supper, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the linkway.

February 2023 Newsletter and Calendar available on the Church website: www.stjohnsmontello.org

Easter Flowers: Sign-up sheets in the linkway and information room. Sign up by March 12th. Please Pay Linda Krause, Dolly Eggert, or Matthew Kath.

Little Lambs Registration Information:

Information on Little Lambs 3K & 4K for the 2023/24 school year is available in the information room.

Sunday Morning Bible Class at St. John's:

Sunday Bible Study - 83 Verses of Epiphany

So far, we have read 18 verses from the Epiphany season gospel readings. Today we added 12 more. We saw that Jesus has been "EPIPHANIED" or "REVEALED" to be God's dearly-loved Son who came to be the Lamb of God to take away sin and to be the Light shining in a sin-darkened world. These are not just good stories! This is your life! And it's not too late. Every Sunday at 8:30am here in church. Come and get more out of your worship!

This study is being led by Pastor John Dolan, and will take place in church in the front pews on the right side.

Hiring for Little Lamb's and Eagle's Nest:

St. John's Montello would like to hire an aide for the Little Lambs classroom and Eagles Nest wrap around care! Hours needed to be covered are Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (varies day to day, never past 6:00 p.m. and most days not that late). Hours and days are flexible. Duties would include managing nap time, playtime, snack time, cleanup, and doing activities with the children. This position does involve the ability to work from the floor. Base pay will be based upon qualifications. Please call Barb Stelter (816-853-9029) or the school office (608-297-2866) to set up an interview. We look forward to our continued ministry with our Little Lambs!

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare sessions are being offered in Montello, Princeton, and Green Lake. All sessions will begin at 6:00pm.

Green Lake on Mondays

Princeton on Tuesdays

Montello on Thursdays

Any questions, please call or text **Mark Emond 608-697-1600.**

Usher's schedule (St. John's):

Saturday 2/11/23 & Sunday 2/12/23:

Al Rosenthal, Jon Vote, Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath

Saturday 2/18/22, Sunday 2/19/23 & Ash Wednesday

2/22/23: James Wachholz, Zeb Zuehls, Tomas Wojtalewicz, Kenny Wojtalewicz, Chuck Boetcher, Jesse Schable

Saturday 2/25/23, Sunday 2/26/23 & Wednesday 3/1/23:

Paul Van Treek, Matt Borzick, Ken Borzick, James Henke, Haiden Van Treek, Nolan Van Treek, Brody Henke

Calling all future Kindergartners!

Christ Alone Lutheran Academy (CALA) is hosting a Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, February 21, from 8:00 am-11:30 am. The Round-Up will be held in the kindergarten classroom on the Montello campus. All children who will be 5 by September 1 and are considering CALA as an option for next year are invited to join in this fun kindergarten morning! Please contact the kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Lynn Sellnow, to register for the morning event. You may also address any questions with her that you may have regarding kindergarten. With God's blessing, we hope to round up a group of excited learners for next year!

Phone 616-826-0816 or

email lynnsellnow@crystalonelutheranacademy.net

Lent by Candlelight Women's Event

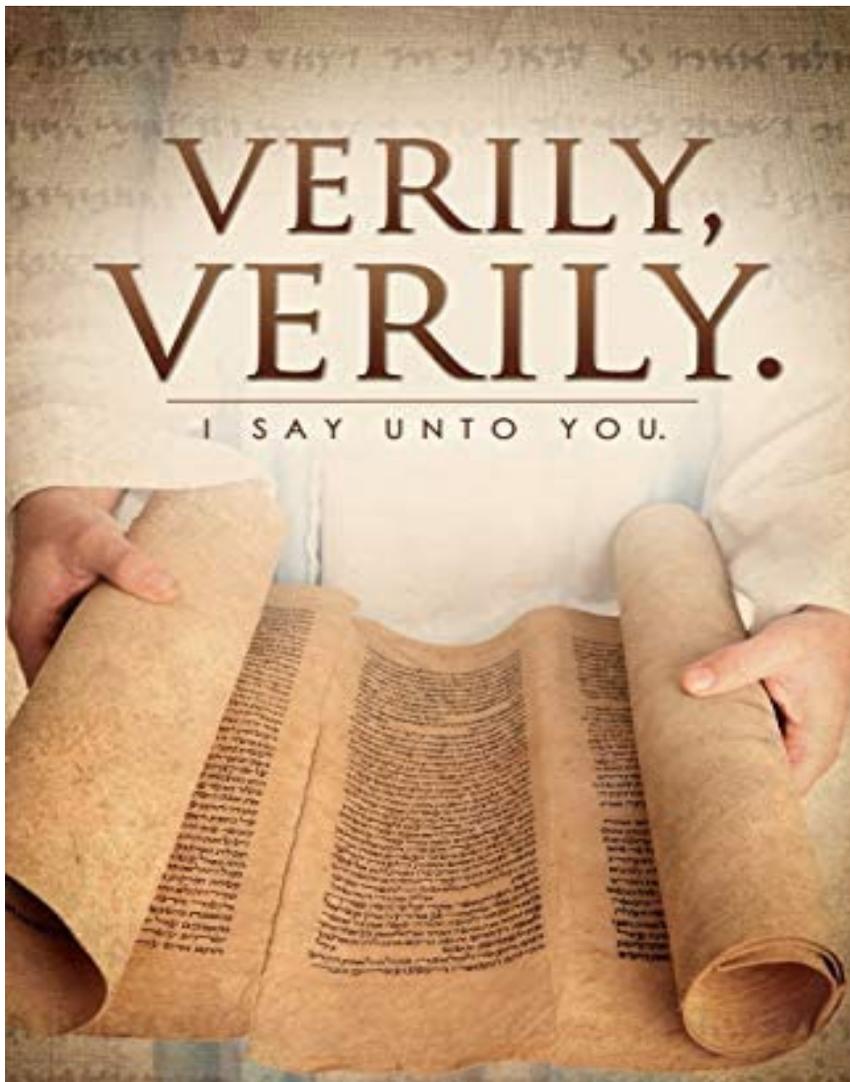
Ladies, you won't want to miss the annual Lent by Candlelight on Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, Montello, WI. Please plan to join us for an evening of visiting, beautiful music, scrumptious snacks, and reflection on our Savior's journey to the cross. Theme will be "The Final Words."

All women throughout the community are invited and are encouraged to invite their friends to prepare their hearts for Lent.

There is no charge for this event. Seating is limited, so RSVP by emailing christavantreeck@gmail.com, calling St. Johns at 608-297-2866 or signing up in the linkway at St. John's Lutheran Church, Montello.

DONATION DRIVE FOR HOPE HOUSE OF MARQUETTE COUNTY

Church members are invited to join the Sunday School in a service project for Hope House, a refuge and safe haven for individuals who are victims of abuse. Please donate from the following list of items which are frequently needed for their clients: *paper towels, dishwasher detergent, Lysol laundry sanitizer, new pillow, gas cards (any) & grocery gift cards (WalMart & Festival preferred), used cell phones (cleared/cleaned & Hope collects a small monetary refund), monetary gifts (give to Linda Wachholz; will be used to purchase gift cards described above).* A collection box is located in the linkway. We will collect through Sunday, February 19. Thanks for your help as we "shine" in the community.



Midweek Lenten Devotions 2023

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Mecan, WI

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 3:30pm

Help us stay in touch!

Scan the code below using your smartphone camera and fill out the prompted information. Don't have a smartphone? That's ok! Fill out an attendance card located at the end of each pew and place it in the offering plate located at the entry of each church.



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