

**Second Sunday in Lent:
Our Greatest Needs:
A GIFT FOR THE WORLD**



ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

March 5th, 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: *Our Greatest Need: A Gift for the World*

What do you really need right now? To answer that question, one must first define what a “need” is. We understand that a “need” is greater than a “want.” If you lack something you want, life goes on just fine. If you lack something you need, that presents a problem. Thus, to correctly answer that question, “What do you really need right now,” ultimately one must understand their greatest problems. Mankind’s greatest problems are universal. We all live under the curse of sin. That sin makes us utterly helpless in our natural state. Natural man is confused, unable to make sense of life. Left in sin, man is doomed to death, and not just physical death. After one’s heart stops comes another type of death that is infinitely worse, an eternal nightmare. Lent is the season of the Church Year where we wrestle with our greatest needs. Lent also demonstrates that in Christ, all our greatest needs are met. Here is what the Spirit makes clear this season. If you lack Christ, you have nothing. If you have Christ, you have everything you truly need.

A GIFT FOR THE WORLD When assessing the seriousness of need, one factor is how widespread that need is. A homeless individual needs food. During a famine, an entire nation needs food. It is substantially easier to meet the needs of the former than the latter! The more widespread a need, the greater the need. When Jesus said, “No one can enter the kingdom of God,” he declared that the need for salvation is universal. He rightly condemned humanity as a whole. There is no one on the face of the earth who can make the case that they deserve God’s blessing. Yet, ages ago, God declared that all nations would be blessed. God has declared his love for the world and promised he would save the world. God’s gift of salvation is meant for all people. Some interpret this to mean that all people will be saved in the end. This is not true. The gift of salvation is meant for the world; however, it is received by faith. “Whoever believes in him...” the Gospel says. However, the good news is that faith is also God’s gift, imparted through that gospel.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two, pp. 172-182, 171

HYMNS: 613, 570, 627 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 121 “I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains”

(hymnal/screen)

SERMON: Genesis 12:1-8 “Come Follow Me, the Savior Spoke”

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

OPENING HYMN: 613 "The God of Abraham Praise"

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal page 172 (also on the screen)

Note: Glory to God in the Highest omitted during Lent

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-8 (Sermon Text)

(The LORD promised Abram that one of his descendants would be a gift for the world. The LORD also gave Abram the gift of faith to believe that promise.)

¹The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. ⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

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PSALM: Psalm 121 "I Lift Up My Eyes to the Mountains" (hymnal/screen)

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

(Abraham provides an example of how salvation is not earned but received as a gift through faith.)

¹What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³What does Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. ¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

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Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16



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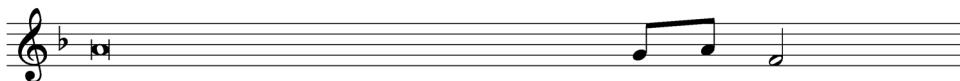


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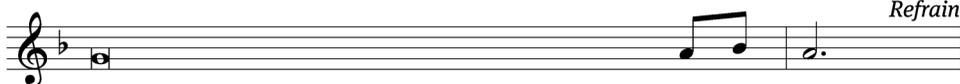


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Tone



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and on - ly Son,



that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have e - ter - nal life.

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GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

(By sharing the gospel of God's love for the world, Jesus gave the gift of faith to a Pharisee named Nicodemus.)

¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." ⁴"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be

born!" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." ⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: 570 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"

SERMON: Genesis 12:1-8 "Come Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

(Apostle's Creed Hymnal page 181/screen)

LENTEN SEASON PRAYERS & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(See bulletin p. 7)

(Hymnal page 171, left side of page/screen)

CLOSING HYMN: 627 "To God be the Glory"

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), 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 (Josh's father, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Kelleen Gruzca (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Amber Kath, 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), Tom Stempniak, Dominick Thoman (the father of Janessa Roberts, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon (added this week: Michael Cox, Dominick Thoman)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: March 5-11, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent: Our Greatest Needs:
"A Gift for the World"

Today	11:30 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting SJ
Monday	3:30 p.m.	Hands In Prayer Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at SJ
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	CALA Board Meeting at Montello
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at SJ
	2:15 p.m.	Public School Confirmation at SJ
	3:30 p.m.	Lent Worship at EM
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper at SJ-Hosted by LWMS
	6:30 p.m.	Little Lambs – 2 nd sing at Princeton
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Lent Worship at SJ
	6:00 p.m.	Griefshare at SJ
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship with Holy Communion

Next Sunday: March 12, 2023

Theme: Third Sunday in Lent: "Our Greatest Needs: WATER FOR THE THIRSTY"

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	"19 minute Bible Studies: Very Important Chapters" at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	"One by One" Bible Study at Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship

Attendance

	St. John's	Emmanuel
2/25/23	10	-
2/26/23	72	54

SAVE THE DATE:

March 13-17: SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL!!

Monday, March 13th: NO Choir practice or Adult Bible Study.

Saturday, April 1st: Easter Family Festival St. John's 9:00am-11:00am

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

Easter Flowers: Sign-up sheets in the linkway at St. John's 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 at St. John's.

Little Lambs Needs Your Help for Crafting!

We are looking for old magazines (outdoor/food/cooking), and paper towel rolls (not bathroom tissue rolls, please). You can drop items off at the St. John's office. Thank You.

Sunday Morning Bible Class at St. John's:

Sunday Bible Study – Very Important Chapters

We will be using the 19-minute Bible Study: Very Important Chapters and will be looking at Chapters of the Bible relating to the Lenten Season.

This study is being led by Pastor John Dolan (2/26 & 3/5 led by Mark Emond) 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!

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

Saturday 3/4/23, Sunday 3/5/23 & Wednesday 3/8/23:

Jerre Duerr, Joe Zauner, Sr., Joe Zauner, Jr., Gordon Krause, Kevin Kaul, Corey Kaul, Joey Zauner, Nathan Zauner

Saturday 3/11/23, Sunday 3/12/23 & Wednesday 3/15/23:

Ben Jaster, Jacob Jaster, Matt Neuhauser, Jeff Reimer, Mark Emond

Saturday 3/18/23, Sunday 3/19/23 & Wednesday 3/22/23:

Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath

Peace, St. John's Princeton & St. John's Montello
Congregations are Welcome!



Meetings: Held the Last Sunday of the Month at Princeton in the Cafeteria from 4-6p with Dinner Served (starting February 26th, 2023)

Who Can Attend: K-12th Grades

What to Expect: Devotion, Music, Outings & Adventures, Team Building and Outreach Activities, Making Ever-Lasting Friendships & FUN!!

Leader's Include: Adam & Brandi Berger 920-229-6586

Adam & Tiara Burk 920-579-7303

Sign up sheets are in the linkway at St. John's

CALA Mission Project Needs a Coordinator!

Our second semester mission project is Thai Village. We are looking for someone to coordinate a sale for Thai Village around Easter. They have products conducive for Easter, graduation, Mother's Day, etc. We can put you in touch with Sara Zondag, who is our coordinator for the mission. She can help you get set for the sale.

Please contact Larry Sellnow at principal@crystalonelutheranacademy.net or Ciara at secretary@crystalonelutheranacademy.net

Wednesdays' Lenten Supper 4:30pm at St. John's

March 8th: Hosted by Ladies Aid, serving meatloaf, potatoes, corn, rolls, desserts.

March 15th: Hosted by LWMS, serving hot turkey sandwiches, baked beans, salad, desserts

March 22nd: Hosted by CALA Athletic Dept, serving spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, desserts.

March 29th: Hosted by CALA Hot Lunch, serving taco/nacho bar, desserts

Free-Will offering will be taken

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.**

“His Final Steps” 6:30 pm

March 8th: “His Final Steps Led To His Enemies”

Pastor Bruce Hanneman; St. John’s, Princeton

March 15th: “His Final Steps Led To Some Greeks”

Vicar Robert Reed; St. John’s, Princeton

March 22nd: “His Final Steps Led To A Tomb”

Pastor John Stelter; St. John’s, Princeton

March 29th: “His Final Steps Led To His Father’s House”

Pastor Mike Sheppard; Mt. Zion, Ripon

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT St. John’s & Emmanuel members are invited to join LWMS in a donation drive for Alpha Resource Center & Thrift Store in Watertown, a chapter of Christian Life Resources. Collection containers are located at both churches. Please collect only items on the following wishlist: size 6 & 7 diapers, rolls of paper towels, boxes of tissues, hand soap, 2-gallon ziplock bags, stamps, envelopes, reams of paper, and Goods for Resale: any sizes of new or gently used baby clothes & adult clothing. Monetary gifts are also welcome & should be given to the LWMS reporter at your church: Helen Stelter @ Emmanuel; Linda Wachholz @ St. John’s.

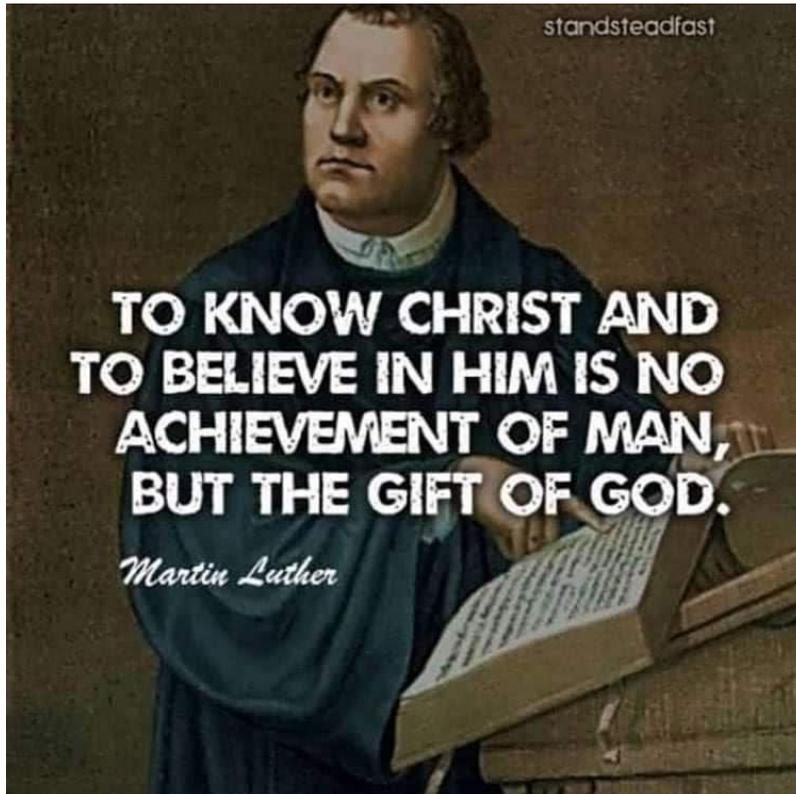
THANK YOU to congregational members for your donations to the Sunday School's community service project for Hope House. We were able to purchase \$100 worth of gift cards and a nice selection of goods on their wishlist.

March 8, 2023 – *THE TRUTH IS ... Fruits of Faith Will be Remembered*

March 15, 2023 – *THE TRUTH IS ... One of You Will Betray Me*

March 22, 2023 – *THE TRUTH IS ... You Will Disown Me*

March 29, 2023 – *THE TRUTH IS...If One Dies, It Produces Life for Many*



CALA Singing Schedule:

March 8th: Little Lambs-2nd at Princeton

March 19th: Sunday School at St. John's Montello

March 22nd: Little Lambs-2nd at Emmanuel

WOW! What a wonderful turn out at this year's Art For Dinner event!

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who gave their time, talents, and donated in any sort of way. You are a blessing to us!

THIS YEARS TOTAL RAISED: \$14,345.00

If you are interested in join the Art For Dinner planning committee please reach out to Megan Jaster mj.jastersag@outlook.com.

SPRING MISSION OFFERINGS are being collected by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society throughout March. Containers will be located in the entrance at both St. John's and Emmanuel—Please give your gift at the church where you are a member. 75% of gifts given will support Beaver Dam Circuit mission projects—HM/Summer Students Assistants & WM/Sudanese Outreach. 25% of gifts given will support home & world mission projects that will be decided by ballot in May and will be presented at the 2023 LWMS Convention, June 22-25, in LaCrosse. Gifts welcome from all who love missions!

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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