

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

### ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

March 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](http://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.

**WATER FOR THE THIRSTY** A person can survive between one and two months without food. But a person can survive only two to three days without water. Water is one of our greatest needs. Research shows that even slight dehydration will adversely affect your mood, memory, and motor coordination. Become seriously dehydrated, and life ends quickly. This helps us understand what Scripture means when it says things like, “My soul thirsts for God” (Psalm 42:2). If one is separated from God, he is adversely affected. If he remains separated from God, he will die an agonizing eternal death. Not all admit it; yet it remains true for all. Everyone has a deep spiritual thirst. In our heart of hearts, we all long for everlasting life. Unbelievers try to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things, a strategy doomed for failure. Believers look to the One who has promised, “Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.” Jesus meets our greatest needs. He alone possesses the water that satisfies those who are spiritually parched. He alone grants eternal life.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Setting Two with Communion, pp. 172-187

**HYMNS:** 526, 703, 677, 533:1,4 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 95 “The Rock of Our Salvation” (hymnal/screen)

**SERMON:** John 4:5-26 “Obey Your Thirst”

**OPENING HYMN:** 526 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Hymnal page 172, confession on p.173 (also on the screen)

Note: Glory to God in the Highest omitted during Lent

**FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

(The children of Israel wanted to stone Moses because they were thirsty. So God, in his grace, gave this underserving people water from a stone.)

<sup>1</sup>The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?" <sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" <sup>4</sup>Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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**PSALM:** Psalm 95 "The Rock of Our Salvation" (hymnal/screen)

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

(We were like people dying of thirst who were powerless to help themselves. But God's love has been poured out into our hearts like living water.)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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### Gospel Acclamation

John 4:13,14

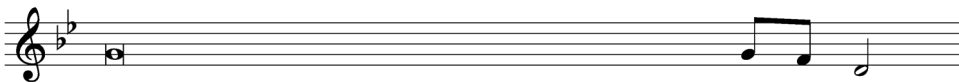


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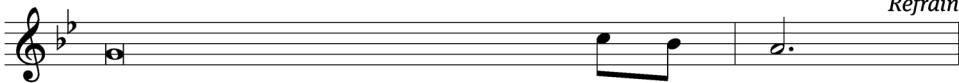


Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

#### Tone



Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirst - y a - gain,



but whoever drinks the water I give them will nev - er thirst."

## **GOSPEL: John 4:5-26** (Sermon Text)

(Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.)

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." <sup>17</sup>"I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup>The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." <sup>19</sup>"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this

mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” <sup>26</sup>Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

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**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 703 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

**SERMON:** John 4:5-26 “Obey Your Thirst”

(Nicene Creed Hymnal page 181/screen)

**LENTEN SEASON PRAYER & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

(See bulletin p. 7)

(Hymnal page 183 /screen)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** 677 “The Death of Jesus Christ, our Lord”

(Hymnal page 185, left side of page/screen)

**CLOSING HYMN:** 533:1,4 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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## 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, 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

- For the family of Wilma Jaster called home on 3/6 at the age of 91

- For Missions

**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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Week: March 12-18, 2023**

Second Sunday in Lent: Our Greatest Needs:

“WATER FOR THE THIRSTY”

**SPRING BREAK! NO SCHOOL!**

Monday	6:30 p.m.	NO Choir Rehearsal at SJ
	7:30 p.m.	NO Adult Bible Study
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	NO Adult Bible Study
	2:15 p.m.	NO 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.	Lent Worship at SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Griefshare at SJ
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship

**Next Sunday: March 19, 2023**

Theme: Third Sunday in Lent: “Our Greatest Needs: SIGHT FOR THE BLIND”

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

3/4/23	16	-
3/5/23	75	49



## **SAVE THE DATE:**

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

**Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Joint Council Meeting Emmanuel  
6:30pm

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>:** Second Pastor Call Meeting at St. John's  
11:15am, Meeting will be led by Pastor John Stelter and WELS  
District President Zank.

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:** Easter Family Festival St. John's 9:00am-  
11:00am

**Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** God's Grounds Café in the linkway opening.  
Voter's Meeting after church.

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** LWMS Rally at St. John's Markesan

March 2023 Newsletter and Calendar available on the Church  
website: [www.stjohnsmontello.org](http://www.stjohnsmontello.org)

**Easter Flowers:** Sign-up sheets in the linkway at St. John's and  
information room. Sign up by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please Pay Linda Krause,  
Dolly Eggert, or Matthew Kath.

### **Little Lambs Needs Your Help for Crafting!**

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

### **HOUSING OPTIONS NEEDED**

We at CALA are currently searching for housing options for our new  
teacher, Beth Barenz, with a move in date of July 1. If you or  
anyone you know have rental options near the Princeton/Green  
Lake area, please contact Mr. Sellnow 920-481-9002  
or [principal@christalonelutheranacademy.net](mailto:principal@christalonelutheranacademy.net). 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 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 3/11/23, 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

#### **Saturday 3/25/23, Sunday 3/26/23 & Wednesday 3/29/23:**

James Wachholz, Zeb Zuehls, Thomas Wojtalewicz, Kenny Wojtalewicz, Chuck Boetcher, Jesse Schable

## 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](mailto:principal@crystalonelutheranacademy.net) or Ciara at [secretary@crystalonelutheranacademy.net](mailto:secretary@crystalonelutheranacademy.net)

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

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** Hosted by LWMS, serving hot turkey sandwiches, baked beans, salad, desserts

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Hosted by CALA Athletic Dept, serving spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, desserts.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>:** 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.**

## **CALA Singing Schedule:**

March 8<sup>th</sup>: Little Lambs-2<sup>nd</sup> at Princeton

March 19<sup>th</sup>: Sunday School at St. John's Montello

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Little Lambs-2<sup>nd</sup> at Emmanuel

**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

## **BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER:**

Florence Dahlke is turning 101! The Ladies Aid invites the members of both congregations to send her a birthday card and shower her with all the well wishes. Her Birthday is March 20<sup>th</sup>. Please mail her a birthday card to:

Florence Dahlke

Haven Hills RM 109

215 Dale Dr.

Lodi, WI 53555

## St. John's Mid-Week Lenten Worship Series:

### “His Final Steps” 6:30 pm

**March 15<sup>th</sup>:** “His Final Steps Led To Some Greeks”

Vicar Robert Reed; St. John's, Princeton

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** “His Final Steps Led To A Tomb”

Pastor John Stelter; St. John's, Princeton

**March 29<sup>th</sup>:** “His Final Steps Led To His Father's House”

Pastor Mike Sheppard; Mt. Zion, Ripon



Midweek Lenten Devotions 2023  
Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Mecal, WI  
Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 3:30pm

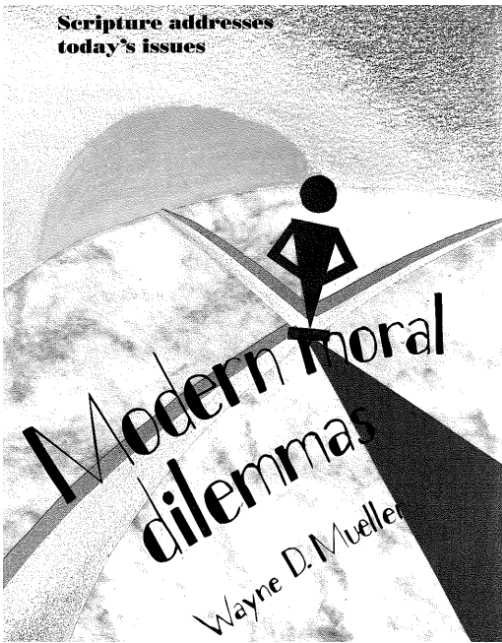
**March 15, 2023** – *THE TRUTH IS ... One of You Will Betray Me*

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

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

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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!



What can we do about the gross immorality that flaunts its presence in our modern world? How can we sort out the dilemmas we face in a permissive society where once-clear moral choices are now challenged and changed? Is the Bible still relevant today?

Wayne Mueller addresses these questions clearly and concisely in this book. He not only demonstrates the relevancy of God's word but also does a masterful job in correctly relating law and gospel to the issues. The author offers fresh and incisive insights on such up-to-date concerns as premarital relationships, family planning, materialism, authority, and the environment.

## **New Monday & Wednesday Bible Study**

### **Beginning 3/20 & 3/22**

The study will be using the W.D. Mueller book "Modern moral dilemmas". We will be looking at topics including: Drug abuse, the environment, single life, church and government, premarital relationships, materialism and much more. Monday classes at 7:30pm. Wednesday classes at 10:30am. Come and join this hard-hitting study.

## ***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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