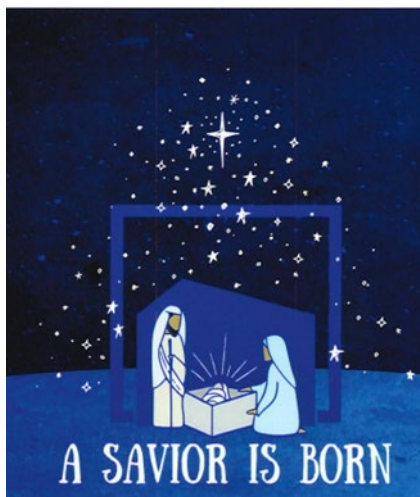


Christmas Day A Savior Born To Dwell Among Us



ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

December 25th, 2022

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.

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those who bring good news, who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation.”*

Isaiah 52:7



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John 1:14

TODAY'S THEME: Christmas Day: “A Savior Born to Dwell Among Us”

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting One, with Communion, pp. 154-170

HYMNS: 354, 366, 347, 350

PSALM: Psalm 98 “All the Ends of the Earth”

SERMON: Isaiah 52:7-10 “Our Deliverer Comes”

For centuries on Christmas Day the Church has read chapter one of St. John's Gospel. There, in just a few simple words, Scripture describes the indescribable: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1:14). The word God had spoken in the Garden, promising to send a Savior who was part of mankind, came true. God himself became flesh and blood—to be born under law, to suffer, and to die that he might redeem us. The Greek word translated “made his dwelling” can also be translated “pitched his tent.” That word describes a temporary dwelling place. God came into our broken world to dwell for a time, so that one day we might go to God's perfect home and dwell for all eternity. Unlike those Christmas Eve shepherds, we cannot see Christ with our eyes. Yet still he dwells among us. For he is the Word made flesh. As we listen to the Word today, we truly are hearing the voice of Christ. As we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we partake of his true body and blood. In Word and sacrament, still today, our Savior dwells among us, feeding our faith, preparing us for our true home.

LESSONS

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" ⁸Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy.

When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1:1-9

¹In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? ⁶And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels spirits, and his servants flames of fire." ⁸But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a

scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

Gospel Acclamation

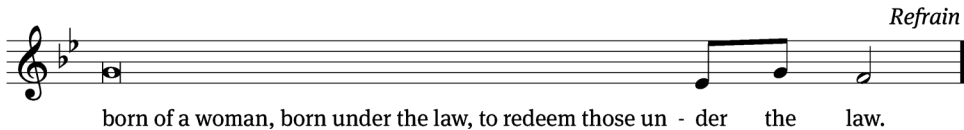
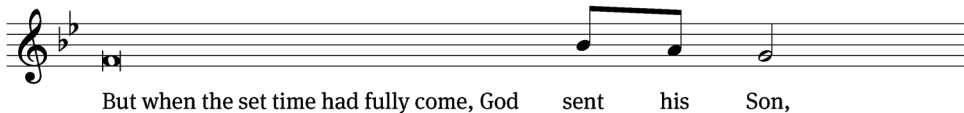
Galatians 4:4,5



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John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to

everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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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 156 in the front of the hymnal. Psalm 32, 51 and Hymns 302–318 may also help in your communion preparation.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

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- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Darlene Burrough (Judy Fandrey's niece), Gene Crook, Florence Dahlke, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Reinold Eckelberg, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Judy Freitag, Donna Gatzke, 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, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Thomas Marcelain (Dawn's son), Steve Parrish, Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Wanda Sellnow (Principal Larry Sellnow's mother), Carol & Tom Stempniak, Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon

-For Mr. Joel Putz, currently serving at Immanuel--Manitowoc, called by the Lord at the 12/6 CALA meeting to serve as our middle grades teacher

- For travelers

Announcements

This Week: December 25-31, 2022

Advent 4

Come Lord Jesus-As Immanuel

Monday		NO Choir Rehearsal
		NO Adult Bible Study
Wednesday		NO Adult Bible Study "Book of Job"
		NO Public School Confirmation at St. John's
Thursday	6:00p.m.	NO Griefshare at St. John's
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's New Year's Eve Memorial & Worship

Next Sunday: January 1, 2023

Theme: New Year's Day: "A Savior is Born to be the True Son"

8:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Memorial and Service at Emmanuel
8:30 a.m.	No Adult Bible Study at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	No Adult Bible Study at Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Memorial and Service at St. John's

Attendance

St. John's Emmanuel

12-17 Little Lambs Christmas Service	148	-
12-17	10	-
12-18 (Sunday School Service St John's)	84	36
CALA Christmas Service (St. John's)	189	-



Ladies Aid Meeting:

The January 2023 Ladies Aid Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5th. The meeting starts at noon.

GRIEFSHARE

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

Montello: Thursdays

Green Lake: Mondays

Special note: There will be Griefshare sessions at St. John's on Dec. 8 & 15, then will take a break until Jan. 12th. In Princeton, they will resume Tues. Jan 10th, and in Green Lake on Mon., Jan. 9th, and Montello Thurs. Jan. 12th.

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

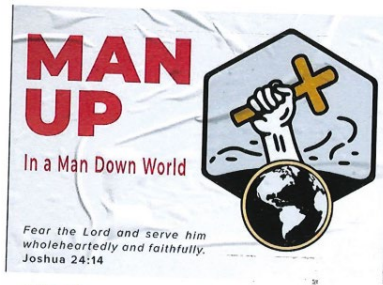
Usher's schedule (St. John's):

New Year's Day 1/1/23: Ben Jaster, Jacob Jaster, Matt Neuhauser, Jeff Reimer, Mark Emond, Ethen Neuhauser

Sunday 1/8/23: Jon Vote, Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Joe Vote, Matthew Kath

Sunday 1/15/23: James Wachholz, Zeb Zuehls, Thomas Wojtalewicz, Kenny Wojtalewicz, Chuck Boetcher, Jesse Schable

Sunday 1/22/23: Paul Van Treek, Matt Borzick, Ken Borzick, James Henke, Haiden Van Treek, Nolan Van Treek, Brody Henke



The Fourteenth Annual
Men of His Word Conference

Keynote: Pastor Dan Solofra

"MAN UP: in a man down world"

Worship Band: Koine'

16 Challenging Breakout Sessions

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Best Western Premier Waterfront

Convention Center – Oshkosh, WI

Register at: www.menofhisword.org

MEN OF HIS WORD CONFERENCE

If any gentlemen plan on going to the conference on Saturday February 18th, and would possibly like to carpool, contact Matthew Kath in the

Church office at 608-297-2866 or 608-494-0167 or

scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org

Thank you.

BULLETIN INFORMATION: If there is anything you wish to have in the bulletin, please have it to me by no later than noon on Friday. You can call me at 608-297-2866 or 608-494-0167 or email me, Matthew Kath, at scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org

THE NEWSLETTER IS COMING BACK!!

Beginning in January, I am going to start back up the monthly newsletter. If there is information, news, etc., you would like to have in the newsletter, please email me by no later than the 25th of each month for the next month's edition, and I am planning on having them emailed or mailed by the 1st of the month (beginning with February's edition to coincide with Lent). If you would like a copy emailed to you as a PDF, email me to sign up. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, please let me know (and provide the address), and please provide a donation to help cover the costs. I am looking forward to providing a newsletter!

Please contact me at church, or in the church office.

Matthew Kath.

scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org

608-297-2866/608-494-0167

THANK YOU FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

We were happy to have so many guests come to our Birthday Party for Jesus following our Christmas service at St. John's. Thank you especially for your freewill offerings which we are giving to our 2022-2023 Kids C.A.R.E. mission project, Mi Amigo Jesus --- Hispanic Family Outreach. This project helps fund children's programs for congregations who want to reach out and serve Hispanic families living in their neighborhood. The offering totaled \$171.50! Happy Birthday, Jesus!



New Sunday Morning Bible Class at St. John's:

How To Get More Out of Going to Church!

Who wouldn't want to do that - get more out of their worship? One good way is to come to church prepared. Good preparation includes knowing what's happening and why. Beginning on Sunday January 8, 2023 starting at 8:30am a new 7-week

Sunday morning Bible study will take place. It's called "88 Verses of Epiphany." We will read 88 Bible verses from the Gospel of Matthew that help you understand the meaning of this important season, AND which will also help you - that's right - get more out of going to church.

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

2022 Offering Statements Sign-Up Sheet

The sign-up sheet for Offering Statements is in the linkway. If you want a statement of your offerings for 2022, please sign the sheet or email scsecretary@stjohnsmontell.org by no later than January 15th. Thank you.

2023 Offering Envelopes

The 2023 offering envelopes are on the table in the linkway. If you want a box of offering envelopes, and didn't see one with your name on it, please sign the sheet on the table, and please make sure you put your name and the number of the box on the sheet. Thank you.

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 would be 12:00-6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The after-care hours may vary from day to day but would never go past 6:00 p.m. 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 or the school office (608-297-2866) to set up an interview. We look forward to our continued ministry with our Little Lambs!

SPECIAL NOTE

Some books were dropped off by the office for the book drive, unfortunately after the due date. Whoever dropped them off, please contact LuAnn Zieman (608)297-2422 if you still want them donated.

Thank you.

New Church Calendars

The new Church Calendar is available on the Church's Website at www.stjohnsmontello.org and copies are also available in the information room.

Men's Breakfast Club

To the gentlemen of St. John's and Emmanuel Churches,
In the past, we had a men's breakfast club. There are a lot of us that remember it and would like to see this happen again. We would meet once a month at the café just up the street from Church, enjoy fellowship, put a few bucks in the hat, and did small activities at Church. We helped our seasoned citizen members getting in and out of Church in inclement weather, helped fill in as ushers if needed, and held one of the Lenten suppers. The small donations we got went to mutually agreed upon funds, such as missions, Sunday School, etc. Gentlemen, I'd like to see this again. We could meet once a month on a Saturday morning, enjoy some fellowship, have a devotion, have some breakfast (Dutch treat) throw a buck or two in the hat, and then go and serve our fellow Church members. For all gentlemen (yes, sons and grandsons too!) if this peaks your interest, please call or email Matthew Kath, James Wachholz, or Pastor Zietlow.

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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