

First Sunday After Epiphany Jesus Appears As The Anointed One

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

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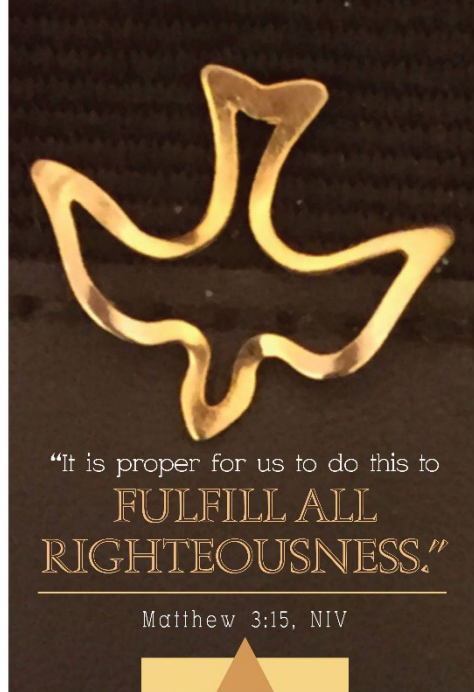
WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

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.

*“And a voice from heaven said, “This is my
Son, whom I love; with Him I am well
pleased.”*

Matthew 3:17



TODAY'S THEME: *Jesus Appears as the Anointed One.*

“Christ” is not Jesus’ last name, of course. It is a title. The Greek word “Christ” and the Hebrew word “Messiah” both mean the same thing—“The Anointed One.” Anointing was the practice of pouring liquid (typically oil) over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. However, when the Lord anointed heroes to do his saving work, what he poured over them was his Spirit. For centuries people of faith had patiently waited for the promised Messiah, the servant of God who would bring the salvation we so desperately need. The time had come for Jesus to be revealed as the fulfillment of that divine promise. So, Christ our Lord came to the Jordan River to be baptized, that he might be recognized by John and revealed to Israel. At his baptism Jesus was anointed—marked as God's special servant and empowered by the Spirit of the Lord.

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

HYMNS: 384, 377, 685, 950

PSALM: Psalm 45 “A Noble Theme Inspires My Heart”

SERMON: Matthew 3:13-17 “It Just Seems Backwards”

LESSONS

FIRST READING:

The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah, empowering the Anointed One to free us from our sins. We see this promise fulfilled when Jesus is baptized.

Isaiah 42:1-7

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ²He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” ⁵This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

SECOND READING:

As Peter told others how God had anointed Jesus, through that good news the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Peter's listeners

Acts 10:34-38

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:11



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL:

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- 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 Gruzca (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Hunter Habersat (Judy Fandrey's grandson), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), John Keim, 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 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 156 in the front of the hymnal. Psalm 32, 51 and Hymns 302–318 may also help in your communion preparation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: January 8-14, 2023

First Sunday After Epiphany, "Jesus Appears as the Anointed One"

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| Sunday | 11:00 a.m. | Evangelism Committee Meeting |
| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Pastor's Study Club at Peace, Green Lake |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Adult Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. | Worship Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Montello Care Center Devotion with Communion |
| Wednesday | 10:30 a.m. | Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at St. John's |
| | 2:15 p.m. | Public School Confirmation at St. John's |
| Thursday | 6:30 p.m. | Griefshare |
| Saturday | 4:30 p.m. | St. John's Worship |

Next Sunday: January 15, 2023

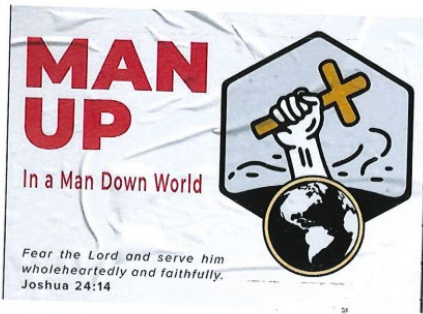
Theme: Second Sunday after Epiphany "JESUS APPEARS AS THE LAMB OF GOD"

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| 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. | Adult Bible Study Emmanuel "One by One" |
| 10:00 a.m. | St. John's Worship |

Attendance

St. John's Emmanuel

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| 12/24/22 | 131 | - |
| 12/25/22 | 48 | 45 |
| 12/31/22 | 17 | - |
| 1/1/23 | 78 | 40 |



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.



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

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.

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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 (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):

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

Sunday 1/29/23: Jerre Duerr, Joe Zauner, Joey Zauner,
Gordon Krause, Kevin Kaul, Corey Kaul,
Nathan Zauner

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**.



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, we'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 piques your interest, please call or email Matthew Kath at scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org, James Wachholz, or Pastor Zietlow at zietlowPL6@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU to Al Rosenthal, Marilyn Reimer, and Kay Maass for the donations toward the purchase of wreaths for St. John's front church doors They are such a welcoming addition. AND thank you, also, to Ashley Henke for creating the beautiful wreaths. We are blessed with church members who share their gifts and talents.

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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