

Third Sunday After Epiphany:
Jesus Appears as The Light in the
Darkness



ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

January 22nd, 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: *Jesus Appears as The Light in the Darkness.*

The prophet Isaiah vividly described humanity as "people walking in darkness." We are completely enveloped by sin and suffering and death. Worse, when we honestly assess the content of our minds and hearts, we find darkness there too. However, the prophet also foretold that within this deep darkness, a light would shine. The light would be so brilliant that it would be impossible to miss. As Jesus began his teaching and preaching ministry, that prophecy was fulfilled. Today Jesus continues to shine his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom. He invites us to live a life that is illuminated by him. He calls us to walk in the light of love for God and for the brothers and sisters around us. Our Savior is the Light of the world, and so we shine his reflected light onto everyone around us.

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

HYMNS: 381, 904, 515, 528:1,6 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 27 "The LORD Is My Light" (Sat. all sing from hymnal/screen)

(Sun. At EM & SJ Choir sings "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation" With Congregation. See p. 4)

SERMON: Matthew 4:12-23 "Jesus Proclaims the Light of Heaven"

OPENING HYMN: 381 "The People Who In Darkness Sat"

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 8:19-9:4

(The prophet foretold that the people walking in darkness would see a great light.)

¹⁹When someone tells you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰Consult God's instruction and the testimony of warning. If anyone does not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. ²¹Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. ²²Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. ¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

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PSALM: Psalm 27 "The LORD is my Light"

Sat. sing from Hymnal

Sun. at Emmanuel & St. John's- Choir sings "The Lord is my Light
And My Salvation", All sing Antiphon (refrain)

Choir:

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

When enemies o'ertake me, and evil surrounds me,
my faith shall endure, my faith shall endure! (*Antiphon*)

Choir/Congregation:

Antiphon



The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion. _ Whom shall I
fear?_ Whom shall I fear? ____ The Lord is my light and my sal -
va - tion. ____ Whom shall I fear? ____ Whom shall I fear?

Choir:

To dwell in the house of the Lord all my life, to see the beauty, to learn and grow.
To see the beauty, to learn and grow. (*Antiphon*)

Know me and teach me and lead me thro' this life.
Know me and teach me and lead me thro' this journey of life. (*Antiphon*)

I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait and remain strong.
I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait for you, I wait and remain strong.
(*Antiphon*)

Choir:

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

SECOND READING: 1 John 2:3-11

(God's children are found walking in the light of Christ and reflecting that light by living in love for God and one another.)

³We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. ⁴Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. ⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. ⁸Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. ⁹Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. ¹⁰Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. ¹¹But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

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Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 9:2

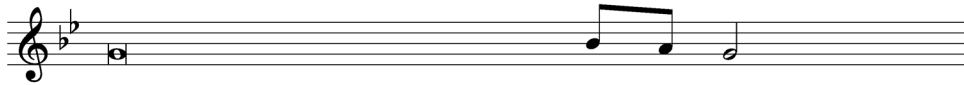


Refrain

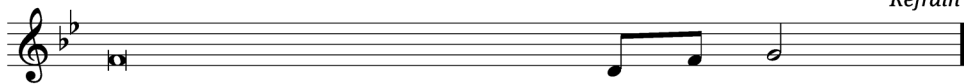


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Tone



The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;



on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23 (Sermon Text)

(As Jesus began his preaching ministry in a world filled with unbelief, the prophecy was fulfilled. A brilliant light shined through the darkness.)

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— ¹⁴to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were

casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

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HYMN OF THE DAY: 904 “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

SERMON: Matthew 4:12-23 “Jesus Proclaims the Light of Heaven”

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 515 “Christ is the World’s Light”

(Hymnal page 187/screen)

CLOSING HYMN: 528:1 & 6 “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Darlene Burrough (Judy Fandrey's niece), Edna Mae Cragin, Gene Crook, Florence Dahlke, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Reinold Eckelberg, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, 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, Dale Kozlowski, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), 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), Carol & Tom Stempniak, Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon - **(added this week: Edna Mae Cragin, Dale Kozlowski, Eloise Schultz)**
- For the family of Spencer Anderson, Jenee Hunter's father, called home on 1/14 at the age of 87
- 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 the unborn (National Sanctity of Human Life Day - 1/22)

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: January 22-28, 2023

Third Sunday After Epiphany, "Jesus Appears as The Light in the Darkness"

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at SJ
	4:00 p.m.- 7:00p.m.	CALA Basketball @ Pardeeville
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at SJ
	2:15 p.m.	Public School Confirmation at SJ
NO SCHOOL	**	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Griefshare at SJ
Saturday	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	CALA Basketball @ Fox Lake
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship

Next Sunday: January 29, 2023

Theme: Fourth Sunday after Epiphany "THE SAVIOR'S SERMON: TRUST IN GOD'S STRENGTH"

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.	Council Meeting at Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship
10:00 a.m.	CALA 3-8 sings at St. John's Montello
11:00 a.m.	Voter's Meeting at St. John's

Attendance

	St. John's	Emmanuel
1/14/23	11	-
1/15/23	34	88

SAVE THE DATE:

Thursday, February 2nd: Ladies Aid Meeting/Dessert

12:00 p.m. St. John's Lower Level

Friday, February 3rd: CALA Basketball at Green Lake

4:15 p.m. -6:15 p.m.

Sunday, February 5th: CALA 3-8 sings at Princeton

Monday, February 6th: Hands in Prayer Meeting

3:30-4:30 p.m. St. John's Lower Level

Monday, February 6th: CALA Basketball in Princeton

4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 12th: Sunday School Taking a Singing Valentine to the Montello Care Center 9:00 a.m. Members welcome to join, can meet at the Montello Care Center.

Saturday, February 18: Men of His Word Conference

Oshkosh, WI (see info p.14)

Sunday, February 19th: Lent by Candlelight at St. John's

CALA LL-8 & Chimes at Princeton

Tuesday, February 21st: Kindergarten Round-Up

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd: Choir sings at Montello

Saturday, February 25th: Art for Dinner

Voter's Meeting!

The next St. John's voter's meeting is NEXT Sunday, January 29th after church.

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

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.

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

St. John's is looking for greeters!

St. John's is looking to start back up the greeter program. If you are interested in being a greeter, contact Matthew Kath in the church office at scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org or 608-297-2866/608-494-0167

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 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):

Saturday 1/21/23 & Sunday 1/22/23:

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

Saturday 1/28/23 & Sunday 1/29/23:

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

Lent Supper Sign-Up

Lent is Coming! There are 3 dates available to host a Wednesday evening supper during lent. March 15, 22, 29. If you are interested in hosting a Lent Supper, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the linkway.

GRIEFSHARE

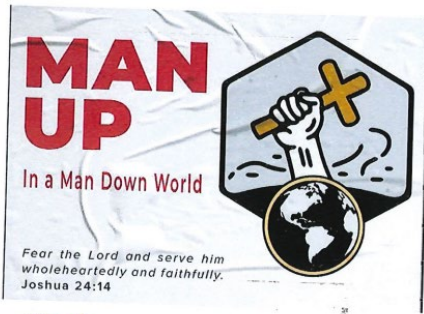
GriefShare sessions are being offered in Montello, Princeton,
and Green Lake. All sessions will begin at 6:00pm.

Green Lake on Mondays

Princeton on Tuesdays

Montello on Thursdays

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



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.

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.

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 lynn Sellnow@christalonelutheranacademy.net



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.

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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