



**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany:  
The Savior's Sermon:  
"You Are...So Be"**



**Welcome our  
Guest Worship Leader:  
Pastor David Haag,  
WLA Fond-du-lac**

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

February 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](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: *The Savior's Sermon: You are...So Be***

Imagine a beautiful guitar, carefully crafted out of the finest mahogany and steel strings. Now imagine that fine instrument is never played. It is placed atop a bookshelf and never touched. It just collects dust. Tragic, right? What a thing is finds fulfillment when that thing does what it was made to do. Of what use is a guitar that makes no music? What would be the point of turning on a lamp and then throwing a heavy blanket over it. It might still be a lamp, but it provides no light. (It only serves as a fire hazard!) Form and function are intimately connected. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that the same is true of discipleship. He wants us to see that being a disciple and acting as a disciple are intimately connected. When God called us to faith, he declared that we were something new: light, salt, his children. Jesus now encourages us to be what God says we are, so that God might bless the world through us. As Jesus speaks to us, he means to mold our will to his own.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Setting One hymnal pages 154-164, 171

**HYMNS:** 630, 854, 736 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 18C "The Lord My God Will Turn" (hymnal/screen)

**SERMON:** Exodus 19:2-8a "God Communicates to Us"

**OPENING HYMN:** 630 "Thy Strong Word"

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Hymnal page 154 (also on the screen)

**FIRST READING: Exodus 19:1-8** (Sermon text underlined)

(God made Israel, a nation of slaves, his special people. He wanted Israel to be the kingdom of priests he had called them to be.)

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. <sup>2</sup>After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." <sup>7</sup>So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. <sup>8</sup>The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said."

(Hymnal Page 160/screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 18C "The Lord My God Will Turn" (bulletin/screen)

*Refrain*



The LORD my God will turn my dark-ness in - to light.

*Tone*



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my de- / liverer;  
my God is my rock, in whom I take / refuge.

In my distress I called / to the LORD;

I cried to my / God for help.

From his temple he / heard my voice;

my cry came before him, in- / to his ears. *Refrain*

He reached down from on high and took / hold of me;  
he drew me out of deep / waters.

He rescued me from my powerful / enemy,  
from my foes, who were too / strong for me.

They confronted me in the day of my dis- / aster,  
but the LORD was / my support.

He brought me out into a / spacious place;  
he rescued me because he delighted / in me. *Refrain*

You, LORD, keep my lamp / burning;  
my God turns my darkness / into light.

With your help I can advance a- / gainst a troop;  
with my God I can / scale a wall.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:9-12

(St. Peter encourages us to be what God has declared us to be: members of a royal priesthood, citizens of a holy nation.)

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup>Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

(Hymnal page 160/screen)

### Gospel Acclamation

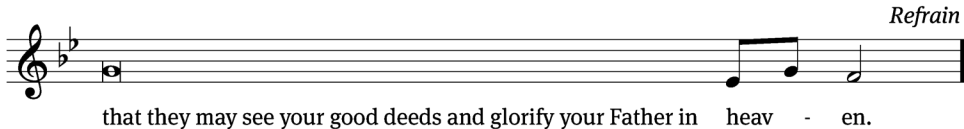
Matthew 5:16



#### Refrain



#### Tone



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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

(Jesus declares that his disciples are blessings to this dark, decaying world. He calls us to be what he says we are.)

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

(Hymnal page 162/screen)

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 854 “Church of God Elect and Glorious”

**SERMON:** Exodus 19:2-8a “God Communicates to Us”

(Apostle’s Creed Hymnal page 163/screen)

**PRAYERS:** (See Below)

(Hymnal pages 166 & 171, right side of page/screen)

**CLOSING HYMN:** 736 "Lord, You Call Us as Your People"

### **WELS Connection Video after Service**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, 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, 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 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), Carol & Tom Stempniak, Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon
- (added this week: Earl "Pete" Laun
- 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 Christian Education

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: February 5-11, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany, "The Savior's Sermon: You Are...So Be"

Today	9:00 a.m.	CALA 3-8 sings at Princeton
Monday	3:30 p.m.	Hands in Prayer Meeting SJ
	4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.	CALA Basketball at Princeton
	6:30 p.m.	NO Choir Rehearsal at SJ
	7:30 p.m.	NO Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at SJ
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Elder's Meeting SJ
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	CALA Joint Campus Day at Princeton
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at SJ
	2:15 p.m.	Public School Confirmation at SJ
Thursday	NO SCHOOL	Teacher's Conference
	6:00 p.m.	Griefshare at SJ
Friday	NO SCHOOL	Teacher's Conference
	2/10-2/12	WALL Basketball Tournament
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion

## Next Sunday: February 12, 2023

Theme: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany "The Savior's Sermon: Live A Holy Life"

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with Communion
8:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "88 Verses of Epiphany" at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	"One by One" Bible Study at Emmanuel
9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Singing at Montello Care Center
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Sings at St. John's
11:30 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting at St. John's

### Attendance

St. John's      Emmanuel

1/28/23	9	-
1/29/23	119	22



## **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>:** 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 (see information room)

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>:** Lent by Candlelight at St. John's  
CALA LL-8 & Chimes at Princeton

**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>:** Kindergarten Round-Up

**Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Choir sings at Montello

**Thursday, February 23:** CALA Spelling Bee

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Art for Dinner

**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](mailto:scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org)

### **Lent Supper Sign-Up**

Lent is Coming! There is 1 date available to host a Wednesday evening supper during lent: March 15. If you are interested in hosting a Lent Supper, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the linkway.

## 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 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!

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

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

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

### **Saturday 2/4/23 & Sunday 2/5/23:**

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

### **Saturday 2/11/23 & Sunday 2/12/23:**

Al Rosenthal, Jon Vote, Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath

### **Saturday 2/18/22, Sunday 2/19/23 & Ash Wednesday**

**2/22/23:** James Wachholz, Zeb Zuehls, Tomas Wojtalewicz, Kenny Wojtalewicz, Chuck Boetcher, Jesse Schable

### **Saturday 2/25/23, Sunday 2/26/23 & Wednesday 3/1/23:**

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

### **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

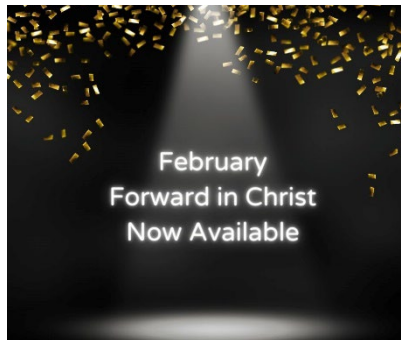
Any questions, please call or text **Mark Emond 608-697-1600.**

## **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 [lynnsellnow@christalonelutheranacademy.net](mailto:lynnsellnow@christalonelutheranacademy.net)



Little Lambs  
Learning Center



St John's, Montello

### **Little Lambs Registration Information:**

Information on Little Lambs 3K & 4K for the 2023/24 school year is available in the information room.

## Lent by Candlelight Women's Event

Ladies, you won't want to miss the annual Lent by Candlelight on Sunday, February 19 at 4:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, Montello, WI. Please plan to join us for an evening of visiting, beautiful music, scrumptious snacks, and reflection on our Savior's journey to the cross. Theme will be "The Final Words."

All women throughout the community are invited and are encouraged to invite their friends to prepare their hearts for Lent.

There is no charge for this event. Seating is limited, so RSVP by emailing [christavantreeck@gmail.com](mailto:christavantreeck@gmail.com), calling St. Johns at 608-297-2866 or signing up in the linkway at St. John's Lutheran Church, Montello.



# CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN ACADEMY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



## FEBRUARY 25, 2023

WHERE: CALA PRINCETON CAMPUS

WHEN: PREVIEW 3:30PM DINNER: 5:00PM

SILENT AUCTION 3:30-5:30PM

TICKETS REQUIRED UPON ENTRY

FREE SPAGHETTI MEAL FOR CHILDREN (13 & UNDER)

TO BUY TICKETS OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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608-369-3456

MEGAN JASTER (COORDINATOR)



## 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.



The secret of contentment is the realization that life is a gift, not a right. Next to faith this is the highest art - to be content with the calling in which God has placed you.

Martin Luther

## ***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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