

## First Sunday in Lent: Our Greatest Needs: A CHAMPION FOR THE DEFEATED

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

February 26th, 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 Champion for the Defeated***

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.

**A CHAMPION FOR THE DEFEATED** Our modern English word “champion” comes from an old English word that meant “warrior.” In ancient times, when two armies gathered to fight, sometimes as a prelude to the battle—and sometimes in place of the battle—each army would pick a mighty soldier, and these two men would fight each other. These elite warriors, these champions, would represent their people in battle. They would meet in the middle of the field. With everyone watching, they would fight to the death. Today we are reminded of an ancient war that began in Eden. The perfect peace and prosperity of Paradise was lost when a fallen angel convinced mankind to follow the demons in rebelling against their Creator. When Adam fell, he condemned the world to darkness and death. The enemy of God claimed that the children of men now belonged to him. God was having none of it. He promised he would send forth his champion, his Son. And so, today we see a battle of champions. The demons send forth their strongest warrior—Satan. God sends forth the best of men, Jesus Christ. Jesus does what Adam and we could not. In crushing the devil, Jesus meets one of our greatest needs.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Setting Three with communion, pp. 188-203

**HYMNS:** 556, 864, 574, 842 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 46 “The LORD Almighty is With Us” (hymnal/screen)

**SERMON:** Genesis 3:8-15 “Where Are You?”

**Lenten Promo Video:** (Sunday at St. John’s)

**OPENING HYMN:** 556 “All Mankind Fell In Adam’s Fall”

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Hymnal page 188 (also on the screen)

Note: Glory to God in the Highest omitted during Lent

**FIRST READING: Genesis 3:1-15** (Sermon Text Underlined)

(God promised to send a champion who would do what we could not, defeating our greatest enemy.)

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ” <sup>4</sup>“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. <sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of

the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.' <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

(Hymnal Page 193/screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 46 "The LORD Almighty is With Us" (hymnal/screen)

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19**

(Adam's defeat meant death for all. Christ's victory brings life for all.)

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—<sup>13</sup>To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come. <sup>15</sup>But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup>Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and

brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup>For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup>Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:15



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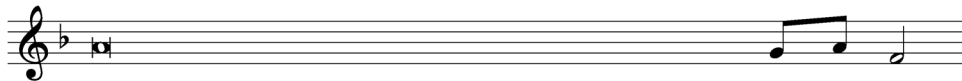


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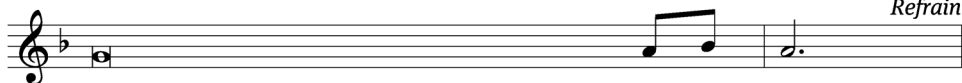


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### Tone



We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weak - ness - es;



### Refrain

we have one who has been tempted in every way,  
just as we are—yet he did not sin.

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## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

(The champion of the demons and the champion of mankind do battle. Jesus Christ wins.)

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup>"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup>"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" <sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

(Hymnal page 195/screen)

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 864 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**SERMON:** Genesis 3:8-15 "Where Are You?"

(Nicene Creed Hymnal page 196/screen)

**PRAYERS:** (See bulletin p. 7)

(Hymnal page 199/screen)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** 574 "The Tree Of Life"

(Hymnal page 203)

**CLOSING HYMN:** 842 "Jesus Still Lead On"

## 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, Dennis Gromowski (Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), 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), Amber Kath, 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, Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon (added this week: )

- For called ministers of the gospel

**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: February 26-March 4, 2023**

First Sunday in Lent: Our Greatest Needs:

“A Champion For The Defeated”

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study “Book of Job” at SJ
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	Kindergarten Round-Up At CALA St. John’s Campus
	6:00 p.m.	CALA Spelling Bee Princeton Church
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study “Book of Job” at SJ
	2:15 p.m.	Public School Confirmation at SJ
	3:30 p.m.	Lent Worship at EM
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper at SJ-Hosted by HIP
	6:30 p.m.	Lent Worship at SJ-CALA sings
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid Meeting & Dessert Collecting Spring Mission Offerings
	6:00 p.m.	Griefshare at SJ
	6:00 p.m.	SJ School Board Meeting
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Langdon/Wuerch Wedding Service EM
	4:30 p.m.	St. John’s Worship

**Next Sunday: March 5, 2023**

Theme: Second Sunday in Lent: “Our Greatest Needs: A Gift for the World”

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
11:30 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting

## Attendance

	St. John’s	Emmanuel
2/18/22	10	-
2/19/22	56	39



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## SAVE THE DATE:

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

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 Registration Information:**

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

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

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

## **THANK YOU!!**

Amber & Matthew Kath would like to thank our church families from St. John's Montello & Princeton, Emmanuel and CALA for all of their prayers, help, thoughts and kind words. To God be the Glory! Praise God for His blessing of healing.

### **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 (2/26 & 3/5 led by Mark Emond) 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 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

### **Saturday 3/4/23, Sunday 3/5/23 & Wednesday 3/8/23:**

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

### **Saturday 3/11/23, Sunday 3/12/23 & Wednesday 3/15/23:**

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

### **Calling all future Kindergartners!**

Christ Alone Lutheran Academy (CALA) is hosting a Kindergarten Round-Up on Tuesday, February 28, 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)



Peace, St. John's Princeton & St. John's Montello  
Congregations are Welcome!

**Meetings:** Held the Last Sunday of the Month at Princeton in the Cafeteria from 4-6p with Dinner Served (starting February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

**Who Can Attend:** K-12<sup>th</sup> Grades

**What to Expect:** Devotion, Music, Outings & Adventures, Team Building and Outreach Activities, Making Ever-Lasting Friendships & FUN!!

**Leader's Include:** Adam & Brandi Berger 920-229-6586

Adam & Tiara Burk 920-579-7303

**Sign up sheets are in the linkway at St. John's**

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>:** Hosted by Hands in Prayer, serving chicken noodle soup, chili, corn bread, cheese & sausage tray, crackers, desserts.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>:** Hosted by Ladies Aid, serving meatloaf, potatoes, corn, rolls, desserts.

**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.**

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

### **“His Final Steps” 6:30 pm**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>:** “His Final Steps Led To A Dinner Celebration”

Pastor Nick Haasch; Peace, Green Lake

**March 8<sup>th</sup>:** “His Final Steps Led To His Enemies”

Pastor Bruce Hanneman; St. John's, Princeton

**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

### **CALA Singing Schedule:**

March 1<sup>st</sup>: 3-8 at St. John's Montello

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

# NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

## Midweek Lenten Devotions 2023

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Mekan, WI

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 3:30pm

**March 1, 2023** – ***THE TRUTH IS ... Faith Can Move Mountains***

**March 8, 2023** – ***THE TRUTH IS ... Fruits of Faith Will be Remembered***

**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***



Lent 2015

Forgiveness

Week 4

Forgiveness of sins  
is the very heart of Christianity,  
and yet it is a very dangerous  
thing to preach. --Martin Luther

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