



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV

Fifth Sunday of Easter:

HE LIVES TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

May 7th, 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: *He Lives to be the Only Way to Heaven*

The gospel is the most inclusive message in the world. The benefits of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are meant for every man, woman, and child who ever lived. The gospel is also the most exclusive message in the world, for it maintains that salvation can only be found in one place—the person of Jesus Christ. Just listen to how Jesus speaks: “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6). Jesus doesn’t say, “I will show you the true way to eternal life.” The prophets and apostles could say that. But Jesus says, “I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life you crave.” And note that definite article: “the,” not “a”! Jesus is not a way into heaven. He is the way. There is no other way than through faith in the One who died and rose again. The unbelieving world finds this claim—that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven—to be the most offensive teaching in all of Scripture. Yet this is the very truth upon which Christ builds his Church

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two, Hymnal pages 172-182, 171

HYMNS: 454, 809, 924 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 118 “This Is the Day the LORD Has Made”

SERMON: John 14:1-12 “Take the Sorrow Out of Goodbye”

OPENING HYMN: 454 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

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

Sunday At St. John’s: Sunday School sings: Fruit of the Spirit Medley

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-12

(St. Peter told the Jewish leaders that the man they had crucified was raised to life and therefore is the only man in whom salvation is found.)

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹Jesus is “ ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²Salvation is

found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

PSALM: Psalm 118 “This Is the Day the LORD Has Made”

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-10

(The claim that Jesus is the only way to heaven is like a stone over which unbelievers stumble. But that truth is the cornerstone on which Christ builds his Church.)

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹But 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. ¹⁰Once 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.

Gospel Acclamation *John 14:6*



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



I am the way and the truth and the life.



No one comes to the Father ex - cept through me.

Refrain

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12 (Sermon Text)

(Jesus teaches that the only way to draw near to God the Father is through God the Son.)

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 809 “Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled”

SERMON: John 14:1-12 “Take the Sorrow Out of Goodbye”

EASTER SEASON AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(See bulletin p. 5)

OFFERING AND PRAYERS

CLOSING HYMN: 924 “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

WELS Connection after announcements
Sunday at Emmanuel and St. John’s

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Gene Crook, Florence Dahlke, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Gloria Duerr, Reinold Eckelberg, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Judy Freitag, Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gromowski (Josh's father, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Del Henke, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Bob Klapper, Dale Kozlowski, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Earl "Pete" Laun, Thomas Marcelain (Dawn's son), Ben Olson, Steve Parrish, Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Eloise Schultz, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Tom Stempniak, Dominick Thoman (the father of Janessa Roberts, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon (added this week: Del Henke)
- For today's Second Pastor call meeting at St. John's
- For for St. John's members Dennis & Sharon Kekow who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 5/5
- For the family of Joyce Birling (Jennie Utke's mom) who was called home to the Lord on 5/1

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: May 7-13, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter:
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Today	11:00 a.m.	Second Pastor Call Meeting at SJ
	4:00 p.m.	Piano Recital at SJ
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Pastors' Study Club at Peace, Wautoma
	5:00 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting at SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study "Modern Moral Dilemmas"
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Modern Moral Dilemmas"
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Wayne Riemer Memorial Service at SJ
	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion

Next Sunday: May 14, 2023

Mother's Day
Sixth Sunday of Easter "HE LIVES AND CALLS ME TO LIVE FOR HIM"

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with Communion
8:30 a.m.	Bible Study and Sunday School at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
4/30/23	-	248

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, May 15 & Wednesday, May 17: Last Adult Bible Classes until fall.

Tuesday, May 16: St. John's Council Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 17: Ascension Eve Worship at St. John's 6:30pm

Saturday, May 20th: Men's Breakfast & Study Club 8:00am in Lower-Level at St. John's.

Sunday, May 21: Little Lambs Graduation at St. John's Montello 3:00pm

Tuesday, May 23: Worship Meeting at St. John's 6:30pm

Thursday, May 25: CALA Kindergarten and 8th Grade Graduation at Princeton 6:30pm

Friday, May 26: CALA and Little Lambs Last Day of School

Sunday, May 28: Youth Group at Princeton 4:00pm

May 2023 Newsletter and Calendar available on the Church website: www.stjohnsmontello.org

May Issues of Forward in Christ Available.

HOUSING OPTIONS NEEDED

We at CALA are currently searching for housing options for our new teacher, Beth Barenz, with a move in date of July 1. If you or anyone you know have rental options near the Princeton/Green Lake area, please contact Mr. Sellnow 920-481-9002 or principal@christalonelutheranacademy.net. 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 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 5/6/23 & Sunday 5/7/23:

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

Saturday 5/13/23 & Sunday 5/14/23 & Wednesday 5/17/23:

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

Saturday 5/20/23 & Sunday 5/21/23:

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

Saturday 5/27/23 & Sunday 5/28/23:

Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath, Michael Kempley

Saturday 6/3/23 & Sunday 6/4/23:

James Wachholz, Zeb Zuehls, Thomas Wojtalewicz, Kenny Wojtalewicz, Chuck Boetcher, Jesse Schable

CALA & LITTLE LAMBS FAMILIES ARE HOSTING A THAI VILLAGE SPRING CRAFT SALE TODAY: 1/2 hour before worship and again 1/2 hour following worship. The sale is located in the linkway & school hallway and will be open each Sunday morning through Sunday, May 14, to further support this year's school mission project. Please visit the display. There are beautiful handmade items for the Easter, confirmation, and Mother's Day seasons & much more! Thank you! You are helping our school children support Gospel outreach via vocational training & ministry in Thailand. Thai Village is an extension of our WELS mission in Thailand. For more information about TV, visit <https://thaivillage.org/>

For those who couldn't make it to the Men's Breakfast & Study Club, below is the webpage where you can watch the video. Our next one will be on Saturday, May 20th, 8:00 am in the Lower Level of St. John's. We will watch "War over the male mind" presented by Luke Thompson.

<https://www.menofhisword.org/15-happiness-is.html>

God's Grounds coffee bar is now open in the linkway on Sunday's before and after church. Enjoy some fellowship and coffee with our St. John's family while munching on some delicious baked goods.

How can you help??

Do you like to bake? We are looking for people to help provide baked goods or fruit. "Baked goods" doesn't have to be homemade, store bought is fine! There is a sign-up sheet in the linkway by the food table; just fill in your name & what you're bringing on the appropriate date. You can sign up as a family, individuals, or as a group.

Hosting—We also need individuals, families, or groups to host a Sunday. Basically, that would involve setting out the food & juice, getting (& keeping) the coffee going, & clean-up afterwards. We are also looking for people to "fill-in" as needed on the Sunday's we can't be there. You can sign up for that in the linkway also. The plan is to have the coffee bar open as many Sundays as possible, but it will take a team effort and we will need volunteers to help provide baked goods & to also host it. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Have small children??

Eventually there will be a kid-friendly area located downstairs by the tv. Here you can take your small children to enjoy their beverages & food on kid-size tables. If parents want more time to enjoy fellowship with each other, there will be books & toys to keep the little ones busy. We can even pop in a veggie tales show too!

For more information or to help in any area, you may contact Mark & Patty Emond at 608-697-3327.

In Memory of Wilma Jaster, donations were made from friends and family to Christ Alone Lutheran Academy for \$160, and to St. John's for \$140.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SINGS FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT MEDLEY

During this past year, the Sunday School Kids have had special lessons on each of the nine fruits of the Spirit recorded in Galatians 5:22-23: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."* They've learned that each fruit is the work of the Holy Spirit in them and as we exercise these positive and Godly traits, that fruit matures in us and becomes more and more evident to those around us. Fruits of the Spirit mark us as God's children! The medley includes: Galatians 5:22-23; Love, Love, Love; Show A Bit of Love & Kindness; Gentle Like Jesus; I'm Walking With My Savior.

ST. JOHN'S LADIES, PLEASE VOTE!

All confirmed women are eligible to vote for officers on the International Board of Directors of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) and for mission projects for 2023-2024. A voting station is located in the linkway. Voting ends on Sunday, May 21. Results of this voting will be announced at the LWMS Convention, June 22-25, in LaCrosse. If you have questions, please contact Reporter Linda Wachholz. Your vote is very much appreciated!

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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