

Sixth Sunday of Easter:

MOTHER'S DAY

HE LIVES AND CALLS ME TO LIVE FOR HIM

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

May 14th, 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 and Calls Me to Live for Him*

“The LORD God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die’” (Genesis 2:16,17). In giving that command, God showed love to man by making it clear that it is lethal to live contrary to God’s will. In giving that command, God provided man with the ability to demonstrate love for God—through obedience. True love involves obedience. Jesus did not simply say he loved his heavenly Father. He proved it by obeying his Father, even when that obedience meant dying on a cross for our sake. Love for God who lives in us leads us to a life of obedience. The God who lives in us calls us to live for him. It is as simple as that. Love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two, Communion Hymnal pages 172-187 (Liturgy also on the screen)

HYMNS: 449, 521, 606, 461 (Hymns also on the screen)

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

SERMON: Acts 17:22-31 “The Risen Lord Really Rules”

OPENING HYMN: 449 “This Joyful Eastertide”

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

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31 (Sermon Text)

(To the people of Athens St. Paul proclaims that living as the offspring of the one true God means living a life of repentance and obedience.)

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. ²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps

reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' ²⁹"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

PSALM: Psalm 45 "A Noble Theme Inspires My Heart"

SECOND READING: 1Peter 3:13-22

(St. Peter teaches that love for God means obedience to his commands even if that obedience brings suffering into our lives.)

¹³Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. ¹⁹After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Gospel Acclamation *John 14:15,16*



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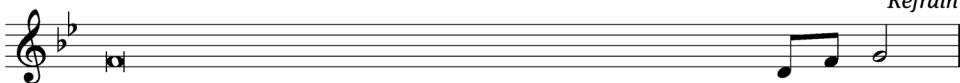


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Tone



If you love me, keep my com - mands.



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you.

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GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

(Jesus explains that those who love him will obey his teaching. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit who gives us the power to live for Christ.)

¹⁵"If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."

HYMN OF THE DAY: 521 "Christ the Eternal Lord"

SERMON: Acts 17:22-31 "The Risen Lord Really Rules"

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EASTER SEASON AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(See bulletin p. 6)

OFFERING AND PRAYERS

COMMUNION LITURGY: Hymnal Page 183/screen

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 606 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

CLOSING HYMN: 461 "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Florence Dahlke, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Gloria Duerr, Reinold Eckelberg, Diane Eisermann, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Judy Freitag, Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Dennis Gromowski (Josh's father, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Kelleen Gruzca (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, Roxanne Schmanke, 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: Diane Eisermann, Dennis Gray, Del Henke, Roxanne Schmanke)
- For Danielle Ollendorf welcomed as our new member at St. John's via adult confirmation on Saturday (5/13)
- For Mother's Day (5/14)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: May 14-20, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter:
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Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study "Modern Moral Dilemmas"
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	SJ Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Modern Moral Dilemmas"
	6:30 p.m.	Ascension Eve Worship at SJ
Thursday		Ascension Day
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Study Club at SJ
	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship

Next Sunday: May 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter "HE LIVESTO GIVE ME EAGER EXPECTATION OF GLORY"

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	Bible Study at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Bible Study at Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship
3:00 p.m.	Little Lambs Graduation at SJ Montello

Attendance

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5/6/23	-	7
5/7/23	49	96

SAVE THE DATE:

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 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 **UPDATE**

There is a temporary solution to the housing for our new teacher, Beth Barenz, as she will stay at the Vicarage in Princeton, but she is still searching for more permanent housing options. If you or anyone you know have rental options near the Princeton/Green Lake area, please contact Mr. Sellnow 920-481-9002 or principal@crystalonelutheranacademy.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!

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY of CALA's THAI VILLAGE SPRING CRAFT SALE so make your final purchases! How about having Mom or Grandma choose one of the beautiful handmade items for an extra Mothers' Day gift! Thai Village is the second semester mission project for our CALA students. All proceeds from the sale go to 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/>

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!

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.

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

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

Saturday 6/10/23 & Sunday 6/11/23:

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

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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