

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:
DEFINE CHRISTIAN:
THE CHRISTIAN LOVES GOD ABOVE ALL**

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

July 2nd, 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.

Not all love is good. It is self-destructive to love bad things. However, it is just as harmful to love good things in a bad order. For example, it would seem to be a good thing that a man loves his dog. But if he loves his dog more than he loves his wife, his "love" for both is disordered. That is not in the best interests of the man, his wife, or even his dog. For love to be healthy, it needs to be properly ordered. The Christian loves God above all things. For the Christian understands that everything in this present world is transitory. Relationships fail. Empires fall. Accomplishments are quickly forgotten. But nothing about God is transitory. God's love is eternal. He promises the Christian everlasting life. And so the Christian struggles not simply to avoid loving bad things. The Christian struggles to love God above all other good things too. Because the Christian understands that God is of ultimate value.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Three, Hymnal Pages 188-198, 171

HYMNS: 549, 702, 704 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 27 "The LORD Is My Light"

SERMON: Matthew 10:34-42 "A Realistic Look At a Disciple's Life"

OPENING HYMN: 549 "Across the Lands"

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:15-29

(Aaron's feeble excuses for why the Israelites fell into idolatry remind us of our own shallow rationalizations for failing to love God above all things.)

¹⁵Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp." ¹⁸Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear." ¹⁹When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it. ²¹He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" ²²"Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' ²⁴So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" ²⁵Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him. ²⁷Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.' " ²⁸The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

PSALM: Psalm 27 "The LORD Is My Light"

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

(St. Paul describes the man of God in action, struggling to love God above all things.)

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

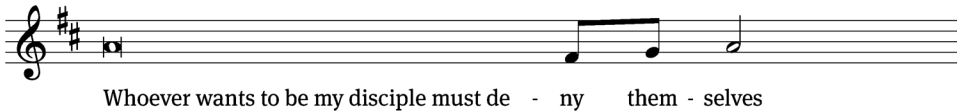
Mark 8:34



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL: Matthew 10:34-42 (Sermon Text)

(Jesus calls us to love him above all—more than family or friends, more than personal safety or even life itself.)

³⁴“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn “ ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— ³⁶a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ ³⁷“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 702“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

SERMON: Matthew 10:34-42 “A Realistic Look At a Disciple’s Life”

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS (See bulletin p. 5)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: 704 “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

On Sunday: Solo “Oh Beautiful For Spacious Skies”

Sunday: WELS Connection Video following announcements

Sunday 7/2 At St. John’s there is a Voters’ Meeting following worship.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Terry Coyle Jr. (Sue Brown's nephew), Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Gloria Duerr, Edith Duesterhoeft, Reinold Eckelberg, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), 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, Drake Hunter, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Bob Klapper, Dale Kozlowski, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Debbie & Steve Parrish, Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Annette St. Onge, Tom Stempniak, DuWayne Sommerfeld, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor, Dominick Thoman (the father of Janessa Roberts, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Betty & James Weber, Paul Weldon (added this week:___)

- For the success of the gospel
- For our country

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, July 11th 9:00AM: Elders' Meeting St. John's

Tuesday, July 11th 6:30PM: CALA meeting at St. John's.

Wednesday, July 12th 6:30PM: Evangelism Meeting at St. John's

Monday, July 24th thru Wednesday, July 26th: Soccer camp at Princeton.

Tuesday, July 25th 6:30PM: Worship meeting at St. John's

Tuesday, August 8th 6:30PM: St. John's Council Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: July 2-8, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

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Today	11:00 a.m.	SJ Voter's Meeting
Tuesday		Independence Day
Thursday thru Sunday		Marquette County Fair with booth for Church & CALA. (Volunteers still needed! See page 9)
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship with communion

Next Sunday: July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

DEFINE CHRISTIAN: THE CHRISTIAN FINDS REST IN JESUS

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with communion
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship with communion

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
6/24/23	-	14
6/25/23	-	-

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

Saturday 7/1/23 & Sunday 7/2/23:

Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath, Michael Kempley

Saturday 7/8/23 & Sunday 7/9/23:

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

Saturday 7/15/23 & Sunday 7/16/23:

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

Saturday 7/22/23 & Sunday 7/23/23:

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

Saturday 7/29/23 & Sunday 7/30/23:

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

This past Monday, June 26, members of St. John's Montello, Emmanuel and St. John's Princeton met in Princeton with Dan Kemnitz and Pastor Wayne Ullhorn to discuss the options for calling a CALA mission pastor. Pastor John Stelter opened with a devotion that encouraged focusing on spreading the Gospel and leading people to faith in Christ rather than focusing on "what's in it for us"; and led us in prayer.

A lot of good questions and discussion followed. Dan and Pastor Ullhorn laid out what's needed to be done to call a mission pastor and to obtain funding help for a 3 year period. It was also made clear that calling a second pastor to help Pastor Zietlow is still something that can be pursued by Emmanuel and St John's, and won't affect the calling of a CALA mission pastor. To make a few things clear, the mission pastor would be called by the CALA board, not by the churches. What duties the CALA pastor would have (concerning what he would do for the churches as well as the school) would have to be clearly spelled out. Also, there would need to be shown that there is a rich mission field in our area; such as the unchurched of our communities, and the very small number of quality Christian schools in the area.

Pursuing this option for our school and churches is something that requires a lot of work by more than just a handful of people, a lot of discussion, and a lot of prayer.

May God's glory, and the spreading of his Gospel of the Salvation of souls be our utmost goal and motivation.

Marquette County Fair.

Thursday, July 7th through Sunday July 9th.

Volunteers are being sought to man the St. John's & Emmanuel Fair booth. Young or old, any length of time on any of the 4 fair days will be appreciated. Greeters can sit or stand. It's an opportunity to greet people, spread the Gospel of Our Lord and Savior and represent our churches. It will provide information to visitors about our Christ Alone Lutheran Academy and Little Lambs opportunities for their children.

To volunteer or get more information please contact Matt Kath at 608-297-2866---608-494-0167 or Gary Wegner at 920-295-3456.

Thank you!



Thank you to all Veterans!
Remember those who gave all to protect our freedoms.
All Donations in the Ammo Can go to
Lutheran Military Support Group

School Blurbs

AUGUST 5

This year, at the Green Lake County Fair, we have some wonderful volunteers who are running the food stand for the demo derby! All proceeds will go to CALA. If there are food leftovers, our volunteers would be willing to serve lunch following the 10:00a St. John's Montello service. Stay tuned for more updates as the date sooner approaches. Thank you volunteers!

AUGUST 19

At the Princeton Flea Market, CALA will be putting on concessions in the early morning starting at 6:00a to 1:00p. Come enjoy some food and local shopping all while supporting our school!

School families: please keep your eye on your email for a sign-up coming soon!

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Attention K-8: Enroll today for the 2023-24 school year on brightwheel! Please find the link to enroll on our CALA website: www.christalonelutheranacademy.org or call the Princeton office: 920-481-9002

ICE BOWL FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Total raised at our June 18th CALA Ice Bowl fundraiser: \$3,317.00

WOW! Thank you SO MUCH for all the volunteers who made this event possible!

SOCCER COACH NEEDED!

CALA is currently searching for a soccer coach to start this fall season, typically the first week of school at the end of August. If you or someone you know is interested, please call Ciara at the Princeton office 920-481-9002. Thank you!

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.

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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