

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:

DEFINE CHRISTIAN: THE CHRISTIAN IS PLANTED IN THE WORD

Please Welcome our Guest Worship Leader:
Pastor John Dolan

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

July 16th, 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.

Planting seed by hand can seem magical. In your hand the seed looks insignificant and lifeless. Yet you put the seed into the soil, and the natural process of life begins. All by itself, the seed germinates and sprouts and reaches to the sun. Except when it doesn't! Plant multiple seeds and often only some, perhaps just a small amount, will sprout. As these few sprouts grow, birds and pests and weeds and weather attack. The reality is that once the seed leaves your hand, you are at the mercy of forces beyond your control. Today, God uses that experience from nature to explain the supernatural process by which God calls humans to faith through the gospel. The Christian is planted by the Word. The Christian can plant the seed of the gospel into the soil of another's heart. What happens after that is completely beyond our

control. Yet God promises us that his Word always accomplishes his good purposes. God's Word is powerful, all on its own, without our help.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting One, Hymnal Pages 154-164, 171

HYMNS: 919, 644, 704 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 65B "Every Heart Its Tribute Pays"

SERMON: Isaiah 55:6-11 "The Word Does Work"

OPENING HYMN: 919 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-11 (Sermon Text)

(God's Word always works—a seed that produces the fruit that God earnestly desires.)

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

PSALM: Psalm 65B "Every Heart Its Tribute Pays"



1 Ev - 'ry heart its trib - ute pays, ev - 'ry tongue its
2 Ev - er while his deeds en - dure our sal - va - tion
3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with



song of praise; sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to
stands se - cure; he whose fin - gers spun the earth, gave the
bless - ing crowned, where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren



him who an - swers prayer; there by grace may hu - man - kind
 seas and moun - tains birth, tamed the o - cean, formed the land,
 earth gives life a - gain; sun - lit val - leys burn with gold,



full and free for - give - ness find; called and cho - sen,
 spread the skies with might - y hand: far - off shores re -
 na - ture smiles on field and fold, gifts of God in



loved and blest, in his pres - ence be at rest.
 vere his name, day and night his pow'r pro - claim.
 plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!

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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:5-11

(We sow the seed of God’s Word, but only God can make that seed grow.)

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building. ¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

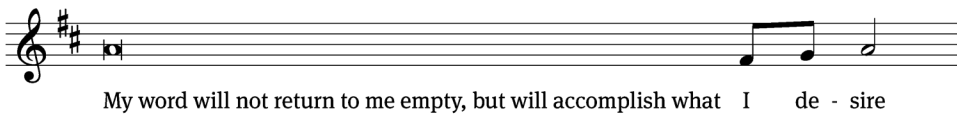
Isaiah 55:11



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

(Jesus pictures ministry as a sower scattering seed to all with no regard for where it might land.)

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear." ¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives

it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

HYMN OF THE DAY: 644 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

SERMON: Isaiah 55:6-11 "The Word Does Work"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Hymnal page 164) **AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**
(See bulletin p. 6)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: 704 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

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GREETERS

Anyone who would like to volunteer to be a greeter at St. John's, there is a sign-up sheet in the linkway. Families with children are encouraged. Also, ushers may have their families (including grandchildren!) serve as greeters on the days they usher. This is an excellent way to serve Our Lord by greeting people as they come to 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), 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 Grucza (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: __)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: July 16-22, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:

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Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	SJ Elders Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	SJ Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship with communion

Next Sunday: July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

DEFINE CHRISTIAN: THE CHRISTIAN LIVES AS WHEAT AMONG WEEDS

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

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
7/8/23	-	26
7/9/23	54	86

SAVE THE DATE

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

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

Sunday, July 30th 9:00AM: Emmanuel Council Meeting

Sunday, August 6th 9:00AM: Emmanuel Congregational Meeting.

Thursday, August 3rd 4:30PM: Board of Education Meeting at St. John's.

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

DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL

Christ Alone Lutheran Academy (formerly St. John's School) and St. John's Little Lambs would like to warmly thank all those who have donated time, money, and gifts to the school and 3K/4K program. Going forward, for accounting purposes, all checks given to the school need to be made out to Christ Alone Lutheran Academy (CALA) or St. John's Little Lambs. The bank may not allow us to accept checks into our accounts if written to "St. John's School". Thank you for your generous gifts, and for your help in ensuring funds go where they are intended.

VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

On Sunday, July 1st, the quarterly voters' meeting was held after worship. There were very few people in attendance. The items of the biggest concern that were discussed were the CALA budget, annual church budget, and the calling of a 2nd Pastor and/or the calling of a mission pastor for CALA. The budget was discussed heavily, and was voted for as presented (one dissenting vote). Our budget is (\$130,472.92) out of balance and our income needs to improve. There was discussion on the need for good stewardship in the congregation. Members need to be encouraged to use the time, talent and treasures they have been blessed with to further the Gospel and Kingdom of God. There was discussion on the calling of a 2nd pastor and/or a CALA mission pastor. There was some clarification that CALA doesn't have the ability to call a mission Pastor, as was thought at the meeting with Pastor Ullhorn from the District Mission Board. Presently we are unable to fund both a CALA mission Pastor and a second Pastor. There will be St. John's council meetings and the joint Council meeting with Emmanuel taking place in the next few months, so it was decided to table the topic and gather more information and assess how best to proceed. Our next voters' meeting is scheduled for October 1st. There are extra information packets still available from the meeting.

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

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
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Saturday 8/5/23 & Sunday 8/6/23:

Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath, Michael Kempley

Saturday 8/12/23 & Sunday 8/13/23:

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



ST JOHN'S SOCCER CAMP

- ✔ Devotion
- ✔ Skills & ball techniques
- ✔ Footwork drills
- ✔ Fun games
- ✔ Free Dinner



JULY 24-JULY 26

WHAT TO BRING

- 1) Shoes that can be worn inside and outside (NO CLEATS)
- 2) Water bottle

Free shirt and socks will be provided.
Free dinner starts at 5pm.

<p>KINDERGARTEN -1ST GRADE 5pm- 7pm</p>	<p>2ND GRADE-6TH GRADE 5pm -7:30 pm Family invited to watch the scrimmage at 7pm.</p>
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ST JOHN'S PRINCETON CALA GYM
227 Harvard St Princeton, WI 54968
Enter in the Clinton Street Gym Doors

<p>Registration Link https://www.sjlprinceton.com</p>	<p>More Information 920-295-4400</p>
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WELS Wind Ensemble



Invites you to its Summer Concert!



Celebrate America!

*Songs that celebrate America's
HISTORY & CULTURE*

★ TWO DATES!

★ TWO LOCATIONS!

Sunday, August 6 - 2:00 PM

At The Osthoff Resort near Elkhart Lake

Beautiful location - Free admission

Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets

(bad weather: moved inside)



Sunday, August 13 - 3:00 PM

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fellowship hall - Beaver Dam

Air Conditioned - Easy access - Ample parking

Traditional Hot Dog Supper!



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.



Welcome to our visitors!

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