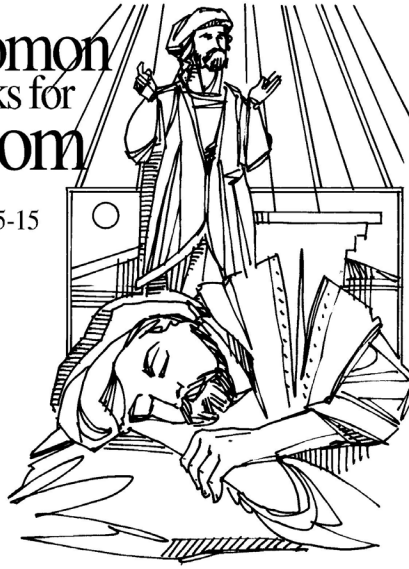


Solomon Asks for Wisdom

1 Kings 3:5-15



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: DEFINE CHRISTIAN: THE CHRISTIAN SEEKS SPIRITUAL WEALTH

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

July 30th, 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.

SERIES THEME: DEFINE CHRISTIAN

Ask ten different people to define Christian and you may get ten different answers. One might say, "A Christian is someone who believes in Jesus." Okay. But the demons believe that Jesus exists and is the Son of God. So is that definition adequate? Another person might have a more negative view. He says, "A Christian is someone who believes he is better than others." Is that completely false? And if you aren't humble, does that mean you aren't Christian? In our next worship series Christ himself defines the term Christian and describes what Christians do. We will be struck by how often we do not do all those things. There likely are times when people could look at our behavior and assume we were unbelievers. Yet throughout this series Jesus will demonstrate that ultimately a Christian is one who runs to Christ for forgiveness precisely because he has failed to live like what he is—a Christian. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to better fit Christ's beautiful definition, doing all the things Jesus says that Christians do.

THEME FOR THIS WEEK: THE CHRISTIAN SEEKS SPIRITUAL WEALTH

What do you consider your life's priorities? If you made a list, what would be near the top? Faith, family, and friends would probably head the lists of many. Financial security and health would be right up there. Reputation and recreation would likely make the cut. But perhaps a more interesting question than "What do you consider your life's priorities?" is "Which of the items on that list would you be willing to sacrifice to save your top priority?" What if you had to give up the whole list—family, friends, finances, health, reputation, recreation—to save just one priority: faith? This week we are given an honest assessment of what really matters in life. The kingdom is worth everything. Worldly wealth can buy the things of this world, the type of things that rust and decay, things that will not last. True wealth is spiritual wealth. It can be found only in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ. The Christian seeks first spiritual wealth and will sacrifice anything to obtain it.

Pastor Zietlow's Sermon Theme: 1 Kings 3:5-12 "Lord, Give Me Wisdom!"

Saturday at St. John's: Baptism

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

HYMNS: 620, 859, 827 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 89 "Forever I Will Sing"

SERMON: 1 Kings 3:5-12 "Lord, Give Me Wisdom!"

OPENING HYMN: 620 "O Worship the King"

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

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12 (Sermon Text)

(The Lord offered to give Solomon anything he wanted. Solomon requested the spiritual wealth of a believing heart that could discern right from wrong.)

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷"Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties.

⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

PSALM: Psalm 89 "Forever I Will Sing"

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:17-21

(Paul warns against the two pet sins of those who have worldly wealth: arrogance and false hope.)

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. ²⁰Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith. Grace be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

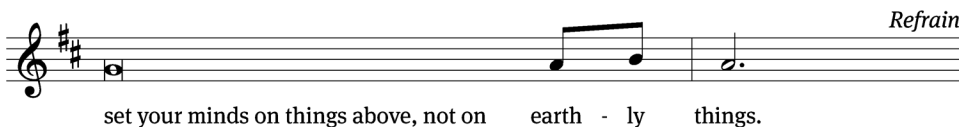
Colossians 3:1,2



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52

(Through a series of parables Jesus teaches the value of spiritual wealth.)

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ⁴⁷"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹"Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. ⁵²He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

HYMN OF THE DAY: 859 "Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure"

SERMON: 1 Kings 3:5-12 "Lord, Give Me Wisdom!"

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(See bulletin p. 6)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: 827 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"

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: __)
- For Kinzley Rose Zacharias, the infant daughter of Kolton Zacharias & Abbie Swanke, who was baptized at St. John's on 7/29
- For God's gift of marriage
- For our mission of sharing the Good News of Jesus
- For DuWayne and Pat Sommerfeld, who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 4th.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: July30-August 5, 2023

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

DEFINE CHRISTIAN: THE CHRISTIAN SEEKS SPIRITUAL WEALTH

Today	9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Council Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Joint Elders Meeting at SJ
	6:30 p.m.	CALA Board Meeting at PRINCETON
Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Board of Education Meeting SJ
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship

Next Sunday: August 6, 2023

OUR WORSHIP: "WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO" PART ONE: CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

DEFINE CHRISTIAN: THE CHRISTIAN TRUSTS GOD TO PROVIDE

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Congregational Meeting
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
7/22/23	-	11
7/23/23	43	69

HOUSE DEMOLITION PROJECT INFORMATION

House removal cost \$17,342.00

Donations to date \$17675.07 (from July dedicated funds report)

FUNDS FROM OFFERINGS TO THE DEDICATED FUND HAVE PAID THE PROJECT IN FULL.

THE DEMOLITION PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

Praise Almighty God for His Grace, Salvation, and Providential Care!!!

Many thanks to those who generously gave money to the project.

Many thanks to Jacob Jaster for all of his time and effort on this project.

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of your crops. Proverbs 3:9

SAVE THE DATE

Mondays, August 14th&21st 6:30PM: Adult Choir Practice at St. John's.

Tuesday, August 15th 6:30PM: St. John's Council Meeting

Sunday, August 27th 4:00PM: Beth Barenz installation and welcome fellowship meal at St. John's PRINCETON.

Monday, August 27th: First Day of School.

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.

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.

Do you like to sing? Would you enjoy praising our Savior with others from our congregations throughout a portion of our church year? If so, we would love to have you sing with our Joint Emmanuel/St.John's choir! Students in high school and all adults are welcome to join! We will sing for the opening service of Christ Alone Lutheran Academy this year which is also the installation service of Miss Beth Barenz, our new teacher in grades 3-5.

The choir meets on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm throughout the school year. Since the opening service of our school is Sunday, August 28, we will have 2 practices in August. We will meet on 8/14 and 8/21, both at 6:30 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Sellnow.

Email lynnsellnow@stjohnsmontello.org or Phone 616-826-0816. We hope to sing praises with you! Thank you!

Installation and Welcome Supper for Beth Barenz

The installation service for our new CALA teacher Beth Barenz will be at Princeton on Sunday, August 27 at 4:00pm, with a Welcome supper to follow. If anyone would like to help with the welcome supper, there are sign up sheets on the table in the linkway.

MISS BETH BARENZ INSTALLATION BASKETS

Baskets will be set out at all 3 churches (Emmanuel, Montello and Princeton) for Miss Barenz's welcome. You may gift her whatever you'd like (cards, cash, gift cards, gas cards, etc.) All items in the baskets will then be presented to her on her installation day in August. Let's welcome our new CALA teacher!

THRIVENT ACTION

Christ Alone Lutheran Academy and Little Lambs is always looking for Thrivent action teams to use for various school related things (supplies, events, etc). If you think you can help out, please reach out to the school office 920-481-9002. Have questions on how to apply for an action team? Contact your Thrivent advisor. Thank you!

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

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

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

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

Saturday 8/19/23 & Sunday 8/20/23:

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

Saturday 8/26/23 & Sunday 8/27/23:

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

SERIES THEME: OUR WORSHIP; WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Through the month of August, we will take a step back and look at "why we do what we do" in our worship services. We will be covering four areas of our worship: Confession and Absolution, The reading of The Word, Prayer, and The Sacraments. These are vital elements to our worship of our God, Savior, and King. It is fitting that we pause and reflect on each of these elements of our worship.

**WHAT'S
HAPPENING
THIS**
SUMMER | **20
23**

**AUG
10, 13**

PARENT INFO MTG
MONTELLO @ 6PM

**PRINCETON FLEA MARKET
CONCESSIONS**
6AM - 1PM

**AUG
19**

**AUG
24**

**FILL YOUR DESK
NIGHT** MONTELLO &
PRINCETON 4:30 - 6PM

**MS. BARENZ INSTALLATION
& OPENING SERVICE**
PRINCETON @ 4 PM

**AUG
27**

**AUG
28**

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL
8 AM



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