

# Our Worship; Why we do what we do: Confession & Absolution Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: DEFINE CHRISTIAN: THE CHRISTIAN TRUSTS GOD TO PROVIDE

# ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

August 6th, 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 <u>www.stjohnsmontello.org</u> 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: 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.

#### THEME FOR THIS WEEK: CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

This week we will examine why we have confession and absolution in our worship, why it is one of the first things we do in our worship, and why it is such a vital part of our worship.

PASTOR ZIETLOW'S SERMON: Psalm 32:1-11 "Forgiveness is Everything"

**This week's order of worship** will be in this bulletin. The Scripture Readings will continue with the theme **Define Christian**. This week is the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost; Define Christian: The Christian Trusts God to Provide.

#### THE CHRISTIAN TRUSTS GOD TO PROVIDE.

The hardest times to trust in God are the times we need him most. It's easy to trust God when your job is great, your health is fine, your relationships are strong, your family is well. It's easy to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when your life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days? When tragedy or conflict affect us, we may wonder if God continues to care and provide for us. At those times the Christian focuses on certain foundational facts. The Christian was chosen, predestined, and adopted as God's dear child. God has provided the Christian with innumerable spiritual blessings and promises the Christian an eternity of glory, peace, and joy. If we look at those spiritual blessing God provides to us, how could we doubt that he will, at the right time, give us everything we truly need? The Christian trusts God to provide.

#### Opening Hymn 916 "Today, Your Mercy Calls Us"



**<u>Reader:</u>** Worship begins with **the word and sign of baptism**. The word of baptism is "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." These were the words spoken to us as we were baptized with water. The sign is the cross which we received at our baptism: "Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified." We come before God in worship as people who have been covered by the righteous robes of Christ and members of the family of God. What joy and confidence we have as we worship! We say, "Amen"—truly, we agree!

<u>Pastor</u>: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen**  Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

#### Congregation: Make haste to help me, O LORD.

Pastor: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

<u>Congregation</u>: A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

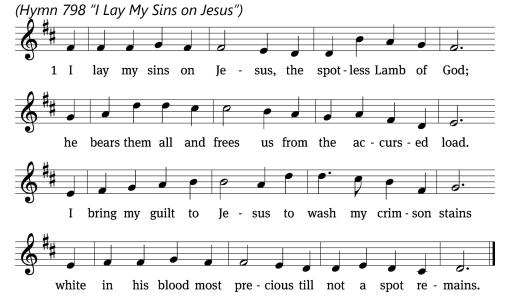
**Reader:** We remember our baptism in **Confession** as we drown our sinful nature and gain the life-renewing work of the Spirit. We confess to God and one another that we were born in sin and that we sin every day. With our brothers and sisters in faith we plead for forgiveness for the sake of Jesus. The words we speak become so familiar that we can repeat them from memory when we wake up and when we get ready for sleep. In these words we also proclaim to one another what we believe about sin and grace.

#### Confession

<u>Pastor:</u> I now as you before God, who searches the heart: Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

## **Congregation:** I do confess.

<u>Pastor:</u> Truly, you should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us"



<u>Pastor</u>: Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

### Congregation: I do repent.

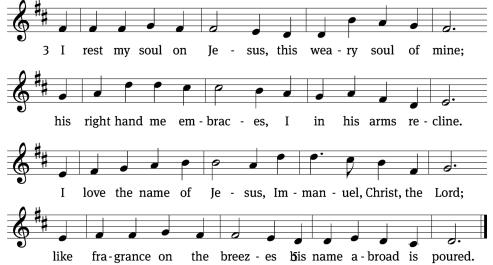
<u>Pastor</u>: Truly, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the prodigal son; and others.



<u>Pastor:</u> Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

#### Congregation: I do believe.

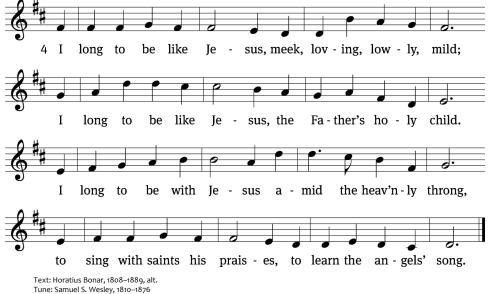
<u>Pastor:</u> Truly, you should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."



<u>Pastor</u>: Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will now amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.

### Congregation: I do promise.

<u>Pastor</u>: Truly, you should promise, for Christ, the Lord says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."



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<u>Pastor:</u> Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

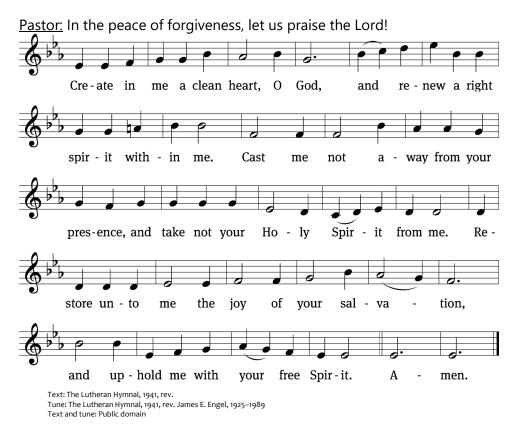
## Congregation: I do believe.

Pastor: As you believe, may it be done to you.

**Reader:** The minister then absolves us—he forgives our sins. The **Absolution** is one of the simplest forms of gospel proclamation in our worship. The minister forgives us not on his own, but as a called servant of Christ whom we and the Spirit have called to speak the words of God to us. We can hear these words with confidence, for Jesus said to his apostles on the evening of his resurrection: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven." Again we say: "Amen."

<u>Pastor:</u> Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Congregation: Amen.



### **Prayer of the Day**

<u>Pastor:</u> Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Congregation: Amen.

#### **Reading from the Catechism**

Pastor: What is confession?

<u>Congregation</u>: Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins; the other, that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.

Pastor: What sins should we confess?

<u>Congregation</u>: Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer. But before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Pastor: How can we recognize these sins?

<u>Congregation</u>: Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son daughter, employer, or employee? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you hurt anyone by word or deed? Have you been dishonest, careless, wasteful, or done other wrong?

Pastor: How will the pastor assure a penitent sinner of forgiveness?

<u>Congregation:</u> He will say, "By the authority of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the "Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

#### The Word

#### Reader:

#### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:1-6

(Elijah told a wicked king God would send years of drought and famine. In those dark times, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet.)

<sup>1</sup>Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word." <sup>2</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: <sup>3</sup>"Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there." <sup>5</sup>So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.



And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain* 

You are my / hiding place; you will protect me from / trouble. Many are the woes of the / wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain Text: Michael Guimont Tune: Michel Guimont Setting: Michel Guimont

### Reader:

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3–10

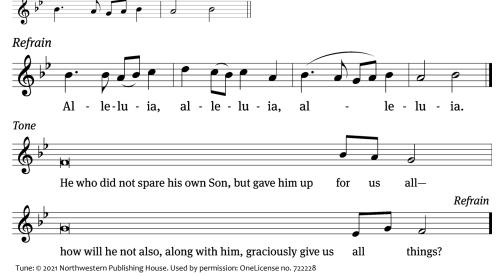
(Before the world was formed, God chose us to be his beloved children. This is why we can trust God to provide.)

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

<u>Reader:</u> The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Romans 8:32



### Reader:

### GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:13–21

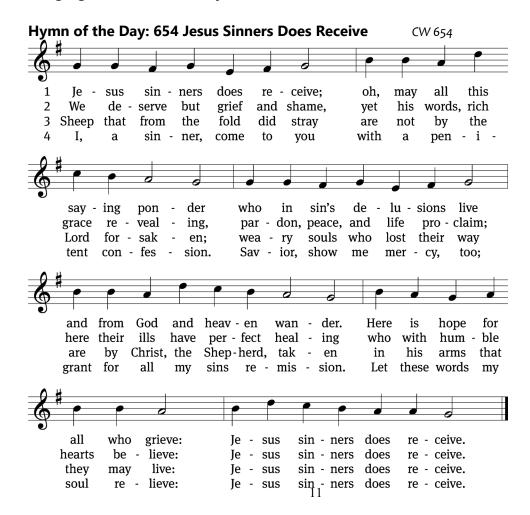
(Jesus graciously and abundantly provides for the needs of a great multitude.)

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus

landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." <sup>16</sup>Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. <sup>18</sup>"Bring them here to me," he said. <sup>19</sup>And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup>They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>21</sup>The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

#### **Congregation:** Praise be to you, O Christ!



- 5 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scarlet my transgression, it shall be as white as snow by your blood and bitter passion, for these words I do believe: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 6 Now my conscience is at peace, from the law I stand acquitted. Christ has purchased my release and my ev'ry sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.
- 7 Jesus sinners does receive, even I have been forgiven. And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to him I cleave: Jesus sinners does receive. Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr. Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699 Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon Psalm 32:1-11 "Forgiveness is Everything"

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. <sup>6</sup> Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. <sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. <sup>9</sup> Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you. <sup>10</sup> Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. <sup>11</sup> Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

CONFESSION OF FAITH ACCORDING TO THE APOSTLE'S CREED: <u>All</u>: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Prayer for Complete Forgiveness and Intercessory Prayers Offering and Prayer

<u>Pastor:</u> Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Congregation: Amen.

<u>LORD'S PRAYER, All:</u> Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

#### Congregation: Amen.

### Closing Hymn: 814 Just as I Am, without One Plea CW 814

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6 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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## **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), Kim Hanko (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, & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon (added this week:\_\_\_)

- For those straying from the church

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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						
Today	9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Congregational Meeting				
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion				
Saturday 4:30 p.m.		St. John's Worship with communion				

### Next Sunday: August 13, 2023

OUR WORSHIP: "WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO" PART TWO: READING OF THE WORD **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** 

DEFINE CHRISTIAN: THE CHRISTIAN ANSWERS DOUBT WITH FAITH

8:00 a.m.

Emmanuel Worship with communion

10:00 a.m.

St. John's Worship with communion

### Attendance

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ACH Deposits*	Plate Offerings	Total Offerings	Budget Needs	July Expenses
\$6949.69	\$27749.69	\$34749.38	\$33939.58	\$35458.40

\*ACH Deposits are the offerings made online or via direct withdrawal.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>&21<sup>st</sup> 6:30PM: Adult Choir Practice at St. John's.

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

<u>Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM:</u> 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 signup 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.

# <u>Usher's schedule (St. John's):</u>

# <u>Saturday 8/5/23 & Sunday 8/6/23:</u>

Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath, Michael Kempley

# <u>Saturday 8/12/23 & Sunday 8/13/23:</u>

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

# <u>Saturday 8/19/23 & Sunday 8/20/23:</u>

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

# <u>Saturday 9/2/23 & Sunday 9/3/23:</u>

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

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 <u>lynnsellnow@stjohnsmontello.org</u> 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.

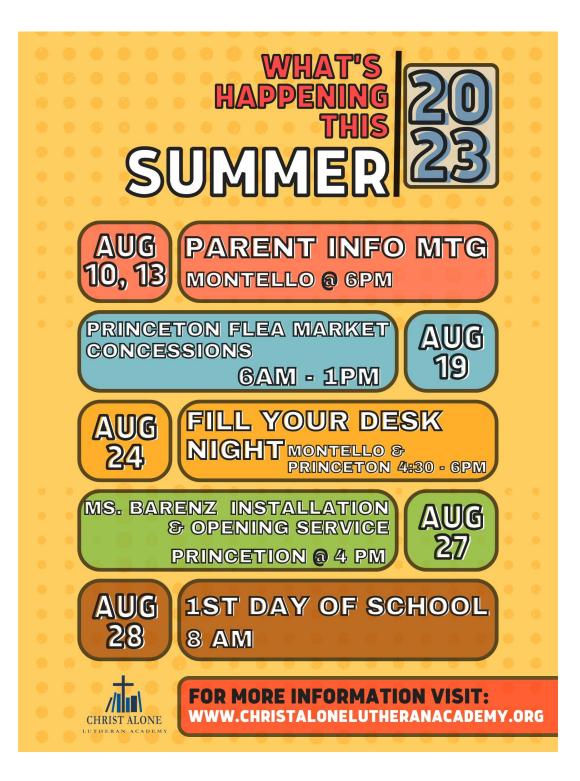
## **MISS BETH BARENZ INSTALLATION BASKETS**

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 a

**Thank you** to all those who helped plan for and man the church's Marquette County fair booth. Special thanks to Matt Kath, Tom and Donna Kuenn, Gordon and Linda Krause, Larry and Lynn Sellnow for their time and support. Thank you!



## 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! Find & Like us on Facebook Visit our website: www.stjohnsmontello.org Pastor Pete Zietlow: 608-408-7830, Email: zietlowPL6@hotmail.com Principal & 6-8 Grade Teacher: Larry Sellnow: 616-822-6689 Email: principal@christalonelutheranacademy.net 3-5 Grade Teacher: Beth Barenz 1-2 Grade Teacher: Shelley Myers: 920-285-7554 Kindergarten Teacher: Lynn Sellnow: 616-826-0816 Little Lambs Director: Barbara Stelter: 816-853-9029 CALA Secretary/Office: Ciara Neuhauser: 920-481-9002 Church Office: Matthew Kath 608-297-2866/608-494-0167 Church/School Address: 313 E Montello St. Montello, WI 53949 Church Email: scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org School Email: secretary@christalonelutheranacademy.net