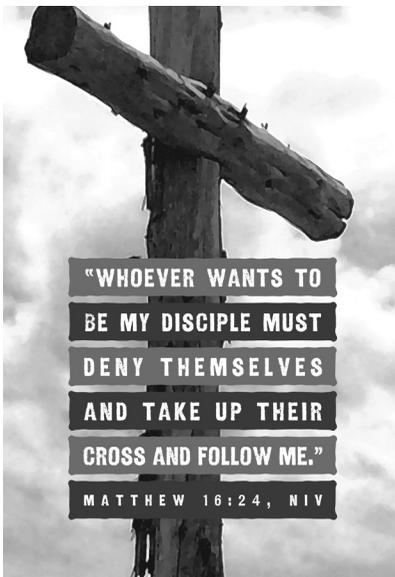


Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
**THE CHURCH GOD WANTS:
A CHURCH THAT TAKES UP ITS CROSSES**

**We Welcome Our Guest Worship Leader:
Retired Pastor John Dolan**



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.

**ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCHES**

September 3rd, 2023

SERIES THEME: THE CHURCH GOD WANTS

"I want a church that..." How would you complete that statement? Would you focus on size—big or small? Would you think more about style—formal versus laid back? Is it certain desired church programs that come to mind? What exactly do you want in a church? In this worship series, we see that that is not the right question. Scripture says Jesus bought the Church with his blood. So, the right question then becomes: what does God want in a church? You might find a church that runs all the youth programs you want or has a vibe that you enjoy or is in your ideal location. But if that church is not doing what Christ wants it do, then it really is not a spiritually healthy place to be. So, let us think about the church God wants. What does it look like? What are its priorities? What does it all do?

THEME OF THE DAY: A CHURCH THAT TAKES UP ITS CROSSES

Some churches teach that if one follows God, God responds by granting prosperity and peace. Today Jesus teaches that is nonsense. The Son of God tells us that if we are his disciple, if we are part of his Church, we will have to bear crosses. Believers will suffer in this world, oftentimes for no other reason than they are believers. It is painful to struggle against the temptations and priorities of this world. It can be agonizing to face the same scorn and ridicule Jesus faced. Why bother? We carry our crosses in gratitude for Jesus carrying his cross, one too heavy for us to bear because it was weighted down with our sin. We carry our crosses because we know that in those moments of struggle, we are forced to turn to Christ and rely on his strength. The church takes up its crosses, because this is the Christian path, the one Jesus himself walked: first the cross, then the crown.

Pastor Dolan's Sermon Theme: Jeremiah 15:15-21 - "Let's Be Different Together."

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

HYMNS: 601, 831, 816 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 31 "In You, O LORD, I Have Taken Refuge" (read)

SERMON: Jeremiah 15:15-21 - "Let's Be Different Together."

OPENING HYMN: 601 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (Sermon Text)

(When the prophet Jeremiah grew tired of carrying his cross and complained, the LORD called on him to repent and promised salvation.)

¹⁵LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. ¹⁹Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹"I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

PSALM 31 "In You, O LORD, I Have Taken Refuge" (Read)

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18–25

(St. Paul teaches God's Church that no cross can compare with the crown of glory that is waiting.)

¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Gospel Acclamation

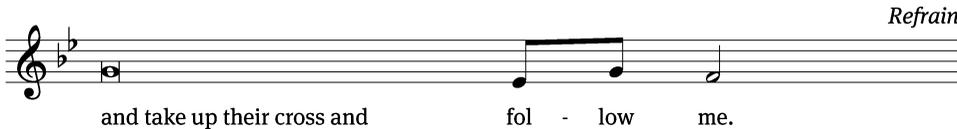
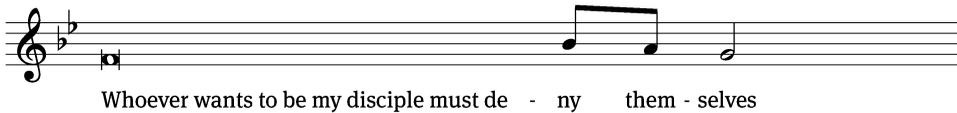
Mark 8:34



Refrain



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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21–26

(Jesus calls his Church to walk in his path: first comes the cross, then comes the crown.)

²¹From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?"

HYMN OF THE DAY: 831 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

SERMON: Jeremiah 15:15-21 - "Let's Be Different Together."

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH Hymnal Page 164/Screen

OFFERING AND PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: 816 "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

WELS Connection video after announcements on Sunday

BEFRIEND A MISSION PRAYER--EAST FORK LUTHERAN SCHOOL--WHITERIVER,
AZ (read by pastor)

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 Gruzca (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, Dominick Thoman (the father of Janessa Roberts, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Betty, James, & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon (added this week: __)
- For the family of Lucille Bartel, our St. John's member Sally Elmer's mother, who was called home on 8/27 at the age of 90
- For Labor Day

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: September 3-9, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

THE CHURCH GOD WANTS: A CHURCH THAT TAKES UP ITS CROSSES

Today	11:00 a.m.	Brief Evangelism Meeting
Monday	NO SCHOOL	Labor Day
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Joint Elders' Meeting
	3:30 p.m.	Hands in Prayer Meeting
Thursday	Noon	Ladies' Aid Dessert and Meeting (Collecting LWMS Fall Mission Offerings)
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Concert on the Ball Diamond featuring music by UNWORTHY
Saturday		NO St. John's Worship

Next Sunday: September 10, 2023

Special Service-AMAZING GRACE 250TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with Communion
8:30 a.m.	St. John's Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship at Montello City Park (NO Communion)
11:00 a.m.	Food, games, fun and fellowship at Montello City park following Worship

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
8/19/23	-	14
8/20/23	48	48
8/26/23	-	11
8/27/23	57	82

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 9th 6:00PM: Concert on the Ball Diamond

Sunday, September 10th: **EMMANUEL:** Regular 8:00AM Worship with Communion **ST. JOHN'S:** Worship at the City Park 10:00AM.
ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL begins at 8:30 a.m. in the school. Ages 3-Grade 6., members & non-members. Public & day-school, all welcome! We will release a bit early to allow families to get to the morning worship service at the park!

Monday, September 11th 6:30PM: Adult Choir regular practice schedule begins.

7:30PM: Adult Bible Study begins.

Wednesday, September 13th 10:30AM: Adult Bible Study begins.

3:45PM: Teen Confirmation Class begins.

Thursday, September 14th 6:00PM: GriefShare begins.

Saturday, September 16th 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast & Study Club at St. John's begins.

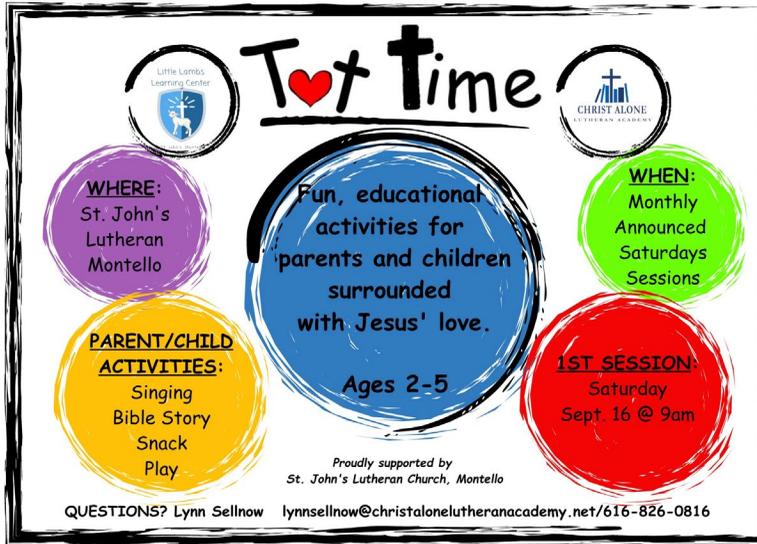
Sunday, September 17th 8:30AM: St. John's Sunday Morning Bible Study begins.

Tuesday, September 19th 6:30PM: Joint Council Meeting at Emmanuel.

Tuesday, September 26th 6:30PM: Worship Meeting

Sunday, October 1st 11:00AM: St. John's Voter's Meeting.

Looking to spend some much-needed quality time with your smaller children?! Check out our new TOT TIME sessions starting next month!



The graphic is a hand-drawn style poster for 'Tot Time' sessions. At the top center, the words 'Tot Time' are written in a large, black, hand-drawn font, with a red heart replacing the letter 'o'. To the left of the title is a circular logo for 'Little Lambs Learning Center' featuring a blue background with a white lamb and a tree. To the right is a circular logo for 'CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN ACADEMY' featuring a white cross on a blue background. Below the title, there are four large, hand-drawn circles in different colors: purple, blue, green, and red. The purple circle contains the text 'WHERE: St. John's Lutheran Montello'. The blue circle contains the text 'Fun, educational activities for parents and children surrounded with Jesus' love. Ages 2-5'. The green circle contains the text 'WHEN: Monthly Announced Saturdays Sessions'. The red circle contains the text '1ST SESSION: Saturday Sept. 16 @ 9am'. Below these circles, there is a yellow circle containing the text 'PARENT/CHILD ACTIVITIES: Singing Bible Story Snack Play'. At the bottom of the graphic, it says 'Proudly supported by St. John's Lutheran Church, Montello' and 'QUESTIONS? Lynn Sellnow lynn.sellnow@christalonelutheranacademy.net/616-826-0816'.

Griefshare

Griefshare will begin again at St. John's on Thursday, September 14th, at 6:00pm. It will be led by Mark Emond, and be in the lower level. Please text Mark at 608-697-1600. If you plan to attend, please text or Call Mark and let him know so he can make sure he has enough materials. Thank you.



The graphic features the 'GRIEF SHARE' logo at the top, with a stylized flame or heart shape between the words. Below the logo, the schedule is listed for three locations: Green Lake (starts Sept. 11) Mondays 6:00pm, Princeton (starts Sept. 12) Tuesdays 6:00pm, and Montello (starts Sept. 14) Thursdays 6:00pm. At the bottom, it asks to text Mark at 608-697-1600 for information and if you plan to attend.

CHURCH NEWS!

1. Little Lamb enrollment is 21, CALA (K-8) enrollment is 51. Little Lambs and K-2 children go to the Montello Campus, 3-8 children go to the Princeton Campus.
2. On Saturday, September 9th at 6pm is the Concert on the Ball diamond, featuring Unworthy.
3. Sunday, September 10th is "Kick-Off Weekend". The 10am St. John's worship will be at the Montello City Park. There will be hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs.
4. At the joint council meeting at Emmanuel on September 19th it will be decided what is best regarding the calling of a second Pastor, and the calling of a mission pastor for CALA. The councils will bring a recommendation to the voters of both churches. The St. John's fall voters' meeting is Sunday, October 1st at 11am.
5. There is a Stewardship committee being formed, to help utilize the time, treasures and talents of our congregation. Martin Schmanke will be the chairman of the committee. Your prayers are requested for God's blessings for this vital committee.

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

Saturday 9/2/23 & Sunday 9/3/23:

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

Saturday 9/9/23 & Sunday 10/23: (No service on 9/9-worship at the city park on 9/10)

Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath, Michael Kempley

Saturday 9/23/23 & Sunday 9/24/23:

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

Saturday 9/30/23 & Sunday 10/1/23:

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

Saturday 10/7/23 & Sunday 10/8/23:

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

Saturday 10/14/23 & Sunday 10/15/23:

Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke, Matthew Kath, Michael Kempley

JOIN US... KICKOFF WEEKEND

Bring A Chair and Join Us For this
FREE Concert
On The Ball Diamond Located At
St. Johns Lutheran
313 E Montello Street, Montello

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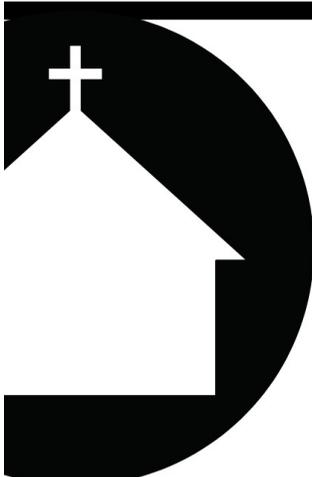
Saturday

September 9, 2023

6:00pm

Featuring...

UNWORTHY



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
JOIN US AS WE KICKOFF THE FALL SESSION

8:30 AM Youth & Adult

10:00 AM Worship @ City Park

11:00 AM Cookout lunch, bags tournament
& Fun

For more information
stjohnsmontello.org or 608-297-2866

 St. John's
Evangelical
Lutheran Church & School

WHAT IS BEFRIEND A MISSION MONTH? The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society supports WELS missions by prayer, encouragement, & giving. During our September BAM month at St. John's, we make a special effort to *shower our support* on our assigned missionaries by increasing our prayers, sending a few more notes & emails, & giving a little extra for missions. These joy-filled means of support have no age limitations! We can *ALL be a friend!* As LWMS shares awareness of WELS missions, we hope *YOU will join us by sending a note, signing a card, saying a prayer, or giving a little something extra to missions.* ***Our world mission assignment is East Fork Lutheran School in Whiteriver, Arizona.*** The new administrative staff and teachers would appreciate hearing from you! Share God's love and encouragement!

Send mail to:

Administrative Staff & Teachers
East Fork Lutheran School
4325 Ft. Apache Rd.
P.O. Box 489
Whiteriver, AZ 85941-0489



FALL MISSION OFFERINGS are being collected by LWMS during September at **both churches.** *Please use the collection container at the church where you are a member—in the church entrance both at Emmanuel and at St. John's.* WELS mission projects that will benefit from your gift are these Beaver Dam Circuit projects: Home Mission—Children's Ministry Outreach project (helps home missions start early childhood programs) and World Mission—New World Mission Fields project (London, Bangladesh, Senegal & others). Other projects will be decided at next summer's LWMS convention. **Your offerings are important to our supported missions and are welcome from everyone with a heart for missions!** *DEADLINE: Sunday, October 1st.*

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 8:30 A.M. Ages 3 through grade 6, member or not, all are invited to come! Teachers look forward to assisting parents by helping the children grow in Christ! Privileged to serve and Lord and you—Susan Brown, Linda Wachholz, James Wachholz. If you know an unchurched child, please share information with the SS staff so a personal invitation can be made. Parents & visitors are always welcome! Another good choice for SS parents would be attending adult Bible class while children attend SS! Since this is kickoff Sunday, we will still meet at school but will release a few minutes early to allow SS families to go to the city park for St. John's worship.

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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