

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:
TELL US A STORY:
A STORY OF INSANE REJECTION



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Matthew 22:1-14 "Come To The
Lord's Wedding Banquet"

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**

October 14th & 15th, 2023

SERIES THEME TELL US A STORY

Much of what Jesus has to say to you and me is contained within his parables. Parables are simple little stories that contain profound truths about life and eternity. For the believer, a parable takes a challenging spiritual fact and makes it clear. However, since the parable conveys spiritual truth, for someone without faith, the story remains only that—a story. Therefore, our prayer for this worship series is that Christ would send us his Holy Spirit, so that we might receive the peace and power Jesus offers us in his parables. Tell us a story, Jesus!

THEME OF THE DAY A STORY OF INSANE REJECTION

There are invitations we might be tempted to reject: an invitation to an event you are not interested in, an invitation to a party that takes place at the same time as something else you want to do. There are other invitations which people would say you've lost your mind to reject: an invitation to go on a free tropical vacation, an invitation to go backstage and meet your favorite musical group, an invitation to the Super Bowl. We get so many invitations. Some we accept; others we reject. Where does God's invitation to participate in his heavenly banquet rank? Scripture often pictures eternal life as a joyful party, full of friends and family, laughter, and the finest foods. Through a story Jesus teaches us how insane it would be to reject God's gracious invitation to that eternal celebration. More, Jesus tells us what we need to get into that best of all banquets.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two, Hymnal Pages 172-182, 171

HYMNS: 902, 573, 930 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 84 "How Lovely"

SERMON: Matthew 22:1-14 "Come To The Lord's Wedding Banquet"

OPENING HYMN: 902 "Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word"

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal page 172 (also on the screen)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

(The prophet Isaiah describes the heavenly banquet, where death and tears will be no more. How does one get in? Through faith in God and his salvation.)

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that

covers all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

PSALM: Psalm 84 “How Lovely”

SECOND READING: Romans 1:16-17

(We are saved through faith alone. May we never reject this gospel truth.)

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6

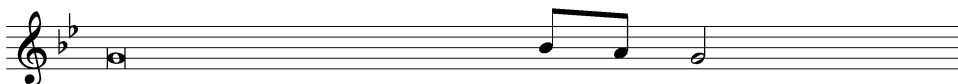


Refrain



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Tone



On this mountain the LORD Almighty will pre - pare



a feast of rich food for all peo - ples.

Refrain

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GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1–14 (Sermon Text)

(Jesus tells a story of those who insanely rejected a king’s gracious invitation.)

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who

have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. ¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

HYMN OF THE DAY: 573 "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

SERMON: Matthew 22:1-14 "Come To The Lord's Wedding Banquet"

APOSTLES CREED: Hymnal Page 162/Screen

PRAYER OF PRAISE TO GOD FOR BRINGING ME TO FAITH, FOR GATHERING THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH FROM ALL NATIONS & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING AND PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: 930 "Go My Children With My Blessing"

The students at Christ Alone Lutheran Academy (CALA) learn and memorize hymns as part of their curriculum. In today's service we will sing one of the newly learned hymns, Hymn 930, Go My Children With My Blessing. Listen carefully for the voices of our young worshipers and be reminded that we are training up the next generation of Christians who will be leaders in our churches and serve our Savior with their worship and praise!

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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), 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, Darlene Phillips (Ken Elmer's mother), Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Eloise Schultz, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Annette St. Onge, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, Dominick Thoman (the father of Janessa Roberts, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Betty, James, & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon (added this week: Annette St. Onge)
- For those affected by the terrorist attacks in Israel
- For Maverick Mark Emond the son of Isaac Emond and Shaelyn who will be baptized at St. John's after the 10/15 10am worship service

MEDITATIONS Daily Devotional This Week

Jesus again teaches in a parable - an "earthly story with a heavenly meaning." It's the classic picture of the Great Banquet. You are invited too. You don't want to be a no show. You really don't.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, October 25th: Trunk or Treat at St. John's

Thursday, October 26th & Friday, October 27th: Teachers' Conference
NO SCHOOL

Sunday, October 22nd 9:00AM: Emmanuel Council Meeting

Sunday, November 5th 9:00AM: Emmanuel Congregational Meeting

The Ladies Aid is going to be cleaning the refrigerators and freezers in the St. John's Lower Level. PLEASE, if you have anything in them, label them with a date, or remove them by today, Sunday, October 15th.
Thank You.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: October 15-21, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost TELL US A STORY: A STORY INSANE REJECTION

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday		Pastors' Conference at Elkhart Lake, WI
	6:30 p.m.	SJ Council Meeting
Wednesday		Pastors' Conference at Elkhart Lake, WI
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study SJ
	3:45 p.m.	Public-School Catechism SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Barnhart/Glaeske Wedding Rehearsal SJ
Saturday		LWMS Fall Rally in Beaver Dam
	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Study Club SJ
	1:00 p.m.	Barnhart/Glaeske Wedding
	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion

Next Sunday: October 22, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: GODLY GOVERNMENT

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with Communion
8:30 a.m.	St. John's Sunday School
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Council Meeting Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship with Communion
11:00 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting St. John's

SINGING SCHEDULE:

10/29/23 Adult Choir Emmanuel & SJ Montello

10/29/23 Sun. School SJ Montello

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
10/8/23	-	15
10/9/23	50	67

ACH Deposits*	Plate Offerings	Total Sept. Offerings	Budget Needs	September Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$5704.22	\$16938.26	\$22642.48	\$33939.58	\$24524.53	\$72048.29	\$70909.05

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

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7***

ST. JOHN'S USHER'S SCHEDULE

Saturday 10/14/23 & Sunday 10/15/23	Saturday 10/21/23 & Sunday 10/22/23
Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley Matt Kath	James Wachholz, Zeb Zuehls, Thomas Wojtalewicz, Kenny Wojtalewicz, Chuck Boetcher, Jesse Schable



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEF SHARE

(2-hour supportive event)

Saturday, November 4, 2023/9-11 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Princeton, WI/ 226 S. Clinton Street

For people who've lost loved a loved one, the Thanksgiving and Christmas season can be bleak. This event offers coping tools and support for grieving congregation members and the community.

I want to ensure I have enough materials so please call if you plan to attend. Mark Emond Sr. at (608) 697-1600. Please leave a message if I don't answer; I will return your call.

Save the date!

All things fun and fall-like are coming once again for you at
St. John's Lutheran annual

**Trunk or Treat Festival on Wednesday, October 25, starting
at 4:00 pm.**

We would love to have you join us as we celebrate fall with our theme:
Jesus Walks with Me!

What can you expect at this event?

- A fun, safe way to trick or treat at our trunks!
 - Costume contest
 - Pumpkin Decorating and Carving
- Indoor activities such as a FREE MEAL and pumpkin pounding
 - Fun for all ages!!!

Rain or Shine, Come Join Us!

For more information contact St. John's Office @ 608-297-
2866

The Evangelism Team is asking for donations of apples and apple sauce pouches for the upcoming Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 25th. Please drop them off at Church between the dates of October 14-24. Thank You! Any questions contact Matt at the office scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org or 608-297-2899/608-494-0167.

Just as September is LWMS Befriend A Mission month, when we are reminded to pray for our missionaries, so October has been designated national Clergy Appreciation month. This is a reminder that our pastor needs our prayers and support, not just in October, but year-round.

Here's a prayer you can use:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the blessing of pastors to shepherd us. Grant that Pastor Zietlow and Pastor Dolan remain faithful in prayer and study of the Scriptures and continue preaching your Word in its truth and purity. Give us grace to support them in prayer and enable us to encourage them that their service may be filled with joy and their ministry yield much fruit. And, Lord, give this congregation receptiveness to their ministry so that we will be strengthened and renewed in our faith. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT FOR EAST FORK LUTHERAN SCHOOL in White River, Arizona, is a monetary collection to aid the school with the purchase of tech and athletic needs. Your LWMS sisters invite all our members to share a gift. East Fork Lutheran School is currently the world mission befriended by our Beaver Dam Circuit. A collection container is located at St. John's in the church entrance *today only*. Thank you for loving and supporting missions!

LWMS FALL RALLY at Good Shepherd, Beaver Dam, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21. *Have you ever wondered what we do at an LWMS mission rally? CHEER! That's right! LWMS women are the cheerleaders for WELS missions! Our entire rally focuses on missionaries and our WELS home & world missions and how we can help with our prayers, encouragement, & gifts! Featured speaker Professor John Brug will update us on our sister synod in Ukraine by exploring the history leading to the present crisis and sharing its impact on the church. PLAN TO ATTEND! Register at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy morning refreshments, mission displays, and "lend us your hand" to create an encouragement poster for our Befriended mission, East Fork Lutheran School, Whiteriver, Arizona. Service Project: Bring monetary gifts to the rally to help East Fork purchase needed technology & physical education items. Bible study 10:25 a.m. Business Meeting 11:10 a.m. Lunch 12:00 noon. Devotion/Speaker 12:55 p.m. Come for the whole day or just part of it! Anyone with a heart for missions—women, men, even kids—all are invited! Car pool signup in the Information Room or contact your LWMS reporter: Helen Stelter 608-297-7116 or Linda Wachholz 608-369-2635.*

TENTATIVE BEAVER DAM CIRCUIT BUS TRIP TO LWMS CONVENTION IN SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, June 26-30, 2024 INTERESTED? A preliminary quote from Son Shine Travelers in Beaver Dam includes: **1)** Motor Coach transportation; pickup points to be determined. **2)** 4 nights lodging with breakfast at the hotel each morning; DEPART: Wednesday, June 26, (Leaving on Wednesday allows you to participate in the convention tours or mission journey opportunities on Thursday morning.) RETURN: Sunday, June 30. **3)** Transportation to and from the hotel and convention center each day. **4)** Cost *per person* (based on a 26- person minimum): \$750 for Single hotel occupancy; \$460 per person for Double hotel occupancy; \$365 per person for Triple hotel occupancy; \$315 per person for Quad hotel occupancy. If interested, please sign up on the sheet located at St. John's linkway display or in the fellowship hall at Emmanuel or contact Reporter Helen Stelter 608-297-7116 or Linda Wachholz 608-369-2635, lwmsreporter@stjohnsmontello.org If you sign, you will be kept informed.

Never been to a convention? The Beaver Dam Circuit of LWMS will help you get there by assisting you with expenses! SOS applications are available in the Information Room at St. John's, or from your church's LWMS reporter. **Who can apply for SOS funds?"** Any confirmed woman or teen at St. John's or Emmanuel is eligible to apply for SOS funds due to our congregational memberships in the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. All who apply will receive *some* financial assistance. **Application deadline: Monday, January 15, 2024**

News from St. John's Voter's Meeting on 10/1/23

Membership Changes:

- 1. Transfers Out:** Joe & Melissa Zauner and children Joseph, Nathan, & Mya to Redeemer-Fond du Lac.
- 2. Transfer In:** Rachel Glaeske from Our Redeemer-Madison.
- 3. Release:** Christopher Smith to Immanuel-Westfield.
- 4. Removed:** after long discussion, and with heavy hearts, some members released because of their neglect and disregard for the Means of Grace and Worship. Our hope is that they will return, and we will welcome them back with open arms; as Pastor said, not to "cut out the dead wood", but in tough love do what is necessary, to hopefully and prayerfully wake them up to the seriousness of their neglect. The list was in the voter's meeting packet. Contact Pastor or your elders if you want to know more.

By-Laws: The updated by-laws were accepted as presented.

Second Pastor Call: It was voted to continue the call process now, and, if a pastor should accept, he becomes lead pastor upon his installation and Pastor Zietlow serves as second pastor until his retirement.

CALA Mission Pastor: It was voted to support the continued process of seeking a CALA mission outreach pastor.

Church Sign Upgrade: Electrician installed new wiring to the sign; project completed.

School Sign: Montello campus sign in progress.

Summer Repairs: Thanks to Jake Jaster & volunteers for their time, talents, and treasures in completing many projects, there are many projects yet to do.



Tuesday thru Friday 9 AM – 6 PM
Monday and Saturday 9 AM – 3 PM

DONATION ACCEPTED TIMES

Monday 10 AM – 3 PM
Tuesday thru Friday 10 AM – 4 PM
Saturday 10 AM – 3 PM

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!!!

Second Impressions continues to grow, and we need more volunteers to help keep up with our growth! From cleaners, to workers in the Toy and Clothing Departments, receiving, cashiers, and more! We can always use more helping hands! Join our team and enjoy Christian fellowship and comradery while making a difference in our community! Stop in, call the store at (920) 907-9900, or send us an email at

secondimpressionsfdl@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We will be having a 50% OFF Sale. All items excluding furniture, on Thursday, October 19th, from 9 am to 6 pm. Don't Miss It!

New Items Arrive Daily...Come Over And Check Them Out!

Donations: Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to our store! We can always use any type of donation. Higher priority items this month include: Tools, towels, boys and girls winter clothing size infant thru size 6 X; all sizes of men's jeans, pots and pans; small appliances, and 100 to 500 piece puzzles. If donating clothing, please donate **in-SEASON** clothing (fall/ winter). Please note that if you are donating items that have manuals (i.e. small appliances, etc), it is very helpful if you could include the manual whenever possible. Thank you!

Call or stop by the store to volunteer, donate, or do some shopping!

325 Winnebago Drive, Fond du Lac

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SCHOOL TUTORS NEEDED!

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PRINCETON & MONTELLO CAMPUSES!

- ✓ Likes Working With Children
- ✓ Flexible On Schedule
- ✓ Over 18 Years Old



If this interests you, please give the school office a call: 920-481-9002. We would like to start ASAP.

A Volunteer Application and background check will need to be completed. Stop by the office to grab a copy or find it on our website: www.christalonelutheranacademy.net



MENS' BREAKFAST & STUDY CLUB

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST 8AM
LOWER LEVEL ST. JOHN'S**

TOPIC:

**“Help! We’re Running Out Of
Germans” by Pastor Mark
Jaske**

**If you plan to attend, please contact Matt Kath at
scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org or text 608-494-0167
so that we know how much food to prepare.**

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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