



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: GODLY GOVERNMENT

Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Romans 13:1-7

"A Christian Response to Government"



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 21st & 22nd, 2023

THEME OF THE DAY: GODLY GOVERNMENT

"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established" (Romans 13:1). Note the absolute language: no authority. None. Stated positively, every government and all government authority figures have power only because God gave it to them. Therefore, as citizens of the United States, we don't support the government because those we voted for were elected or because we approve of the current tax policy or even because freedom of religion is enshrined in the First Amendment. We support our government simply because it was instituted by God. Jesus himself taught that we owe respect and obedience to our government, even when it doesn't align with our political preferences. Christians sometimes struggle with this. We see that government and rulers can be evil. Certainly, if government asks us to sin, "we must obey God rather than human beings" (Acts 5:29). But the existence of corrupt government and evil rulers does not negate what Scripture says to be true. "There is no authority except that which God has established." Therefore, when we talk about "godly government" we are not saying that the only legitimate governments are those who do what is perfectly godly. We are confessing our belief that the King of kings is in perfect control of all the governments of this world, and that he works in all things—including tyrants and dictators—for the eternal good of his dear children.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two, with Communion, Hymnal Pages 172-187

HYMNS: 775, 619, 671, 774 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 96 "Let the Heavens Rejoice"

SERMON: Romans 13:1-7 "A Christian Response to Government"

OPENING HYMN: 775 "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

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

FIRST READING: Daniel 1:3-21

(Daniel and his friends faithfully served the government that God had placed over them—even though this was the government that had conquered their city and carried them off into exile.)

³Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—⁴young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. ⁵The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three

years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. ⁶Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. ⁷The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego. ⁸But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. ⁹Now God had caused the official to show favor and compassion to Daniel, ¹⁰but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you." ¹¹Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, ¹²"Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." ¹⁴So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. ¹⁵At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. ¹⁶So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead. ¹⁷To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds. ¹⁸At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. ²⁰In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom. ²¹And Daniel remained there until the first year of King Cyrus.

PSALM: Psalm 96 "Let the Heavens Rejoice"

SECOND READING: Romans 13:1-7 (Sermon Text)

(St. Paul leaves no loopholes. Everyone is to submit to the governing authorities precisely because they have been established by God.)

¹Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

²Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴For the

one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 2:10



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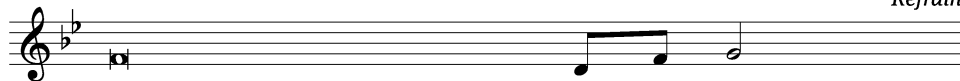
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Tone



In Christ you have been brought to full - ness.

Refrain



He is the head over every power and au - thor - i - ty.

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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15–22

(Jesus teaches we are to give the government what belongs to the government. But we are not to give to the government what belongs only to God.)

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?” ²¹“Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 619 "Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him"

SERMON: Romans 13:1-7 "A Christian Response to Government"

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PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING AND PRAYER

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DISTRIBUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION We respectfully ask that only those who are members of this congregation or members of our sister WELS and ELS congregations come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. By this close (or closed) communion practice, we do not mean to imply that our visitors are not true Christians. Since we view coming to the Lord's Supper as a confession of complete agreement with all the teachings of our church, we would like the opportunity to discuss these teachings with you. Please speak with pastor or indicate on the Friendship Register that you would like to discuss our communion teaching and practice. Thank you for your understanding. Personal Preparation for Holy Communion questions and answers are printed on page 295 in the front of the hymnal. Psalm 32, 51 and Hymns 650-677 may also help in your communion preparation.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 671 "Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior"

CLOSING HYMN: 774 "God Bless Our Native Land"

MEDITATIONS *Daily Devotional* This Week

We are Christian citizens. That's the thought of the week. There's a lot of confusion these days in our country about what that means. We belong to two kingdoms really, and we have an obligation to both.

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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 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, 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:___)
- For the family of Mary Beahm called home on 10/12 at the age of 85
- For Reid Barnhart & Rachel Glaeske who were united in Christian marriage Saturday (10/21) at St. John's
- For Debra Martin who celebrated her 73rd birthday on Saturday (10/21)

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 4th 9:00-11:00AM: Surviving the Holidays Griefshare at St. John's PRINCETON.

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

Sunday, November 12th 11:30AM: Call Meeting at St. John's.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: October 22-28, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost: GODLY GOVERNMENT

Today	9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Council Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting SJ
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Meeting SJ
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study SJ
	3:45 p.m.	Public-School Catechism SJ
	4:00 p.m.	Trunk-or-Treat SJ
Thursday		No School Teachers' Conference
	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ
Friday		No School Teachers' Conference
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship

Next Sunday: October 29, 2023

REFORMATION DAY-- THE TIME IN BETWEEN
THE TIME FOR A STEADFAST FAITH

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	St. John's Sunday School
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship

SINGING SCHEDULE:

10/29/23 Adult Choir Emmanuel & SJ Montello
 Sun. School SJ Montello

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
10/14/23	-	8
10/15/23	43	75

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 10/21/23 & Sunday 10/22/23	Saturday 10/28/23 & Sunday 10/29/23
James Wachholz, Zeb Zuehls, Thomas Wojtalewicz, Kenny Wojtalewicz, Chuck Boetcher, Jesse Schable	Paul Van Treeck, Matt Borzick, Ken Borzick, James Henke, Haiden Van Treeck, Nolan Van Treeck, Brody Henke, Milo Henke

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



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.

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.



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**

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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