



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

Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:  
Romans 3:19-28  
"The Christian's Career Change"

### 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](http://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

REFORMATION DAY  
October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **SERIES THEME: THE TIME IN BETWEEN**

In the great timeline of human history, there are only two ultimately significant points: the first time Christ came to our world to win salvation by his life, death, and resurrection; and the second time Christ will come to consummate his everlasting kingdom. We live in the time in between those two points. It is a time of tension. We know that peace and perfection are ours already because of what Jesus did the first time he came. Yet we do not enjoy a peaceful and perfect existence now already. We will not know such a life until Christ comes again. And so we wait and watch, living in the time in between. As the church year draws to a close, Scripture points us toward the end of time when Christ will come again. Until then Christ teaches us how to live in the time in between.

### **THEME OF THE DAY A TIME FOR STEADFAST FAITH**

Jesus told his followers, “You will be hated by everyone because of me” (Matthew 10:22). Satan and the world hate Christ and anyone who confesses faith in Christ. So, the time in between Christ’s first and second coming is going to be perilous for believers. A good example—Martin Luther. All that priest wanted was to share the pure gospel with the world. For trying to do that, both political and religious leaders attempted to end his life. The Festival of the Reformation emphasizes the true Church’s unflinching reliance on the Word of God and unflinching testimony to that Word even in the face of harsh persecution. Today we pray that the Lord would keep us steadfast in the faith and give us the peace of knowing that our lives are safe in his hands.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** A Version of Luther's German Mass (1526) (Bulletin/Screen)

**SPECIAL MUSIC (Sunday Only):** Choir Sings “Redeemer, Rock and Refuge” at St. John’s and Emmanuel—Sunday School sings “Here I Stand/The Holy Book”

**HYMNS:** 864, 861, 810, 862, 943, 856 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 46E “If God Is For Us” (Bulletin/Screen)

**SERMON:** Romans 3:19-28 “The Christian's Career Change”

(Sunday Only) Choir Sings “Redeemer, Rock and Refuge” before Opening Hymn at Emmanuel & St. John’s

**OPENING HYMN:** 864 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*Please Stand.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Confession**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Please, be seated.*

**HYMN:** 861 "Lord Jesus Christ The Church's Head"

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**HYMN:** 810 "The First Song of Isaiah"

**FIRST READING:** Daniel 6:10–12, 16–23

(Even though it potentially meant death by lion, Daniel got on his knees and prayed to the Lord as he always had, demonstrating steadfast faith.)

<sup>10</sup>Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got

down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.  
<sup>11</sup>Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.  
<sup>12</sup>So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?" The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."  
<sup>16</sup>So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"  
<sup>17</sup>A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed.  
<sup>18</sup>Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.  
<sup>19</sup>At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den.  
<sup>20</sup>When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"  
<sup>21</sup>Daniel answered, "May the king live forever!  
<sup>22</sup>My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."  
<sup>23</sup>The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 46E If God Is for Us—CHOIR LEADS**

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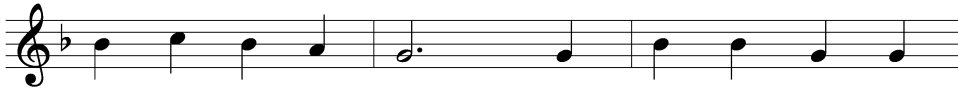
If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?

God is our sal - va - tion, al - ways by our side.

Verses



1 God is our ref - uge and our strength, an  
2 A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the  
3 Be - hold the won - drous deeds of God, who



ev - er pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the  
cit - y of our God, the ho - ly dwell - ing  
caus - es wars to cease, the weap - ons of the



earth be moved, we will not be a - fraid; though  
of the LORD, the place of God's a - bode. Since  
strong de - stroyed, God brings a - bid - ing peace. "Be



hills in - to the seas be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,  
God is in the midst of it, our safe - ty is se - cure;  
still and know that I am God, ex - alt - ed ev - er - more;"



the LORD of hosts is by our side, a  
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**SECOND READING:** Romans 3:19–28 (Sermon Text)

(God justifies those who have been given the gift of steadfast faith in Jesus Christ.)

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. <sup>21</sup>But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—<sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Luke 12:32



*Refrain*



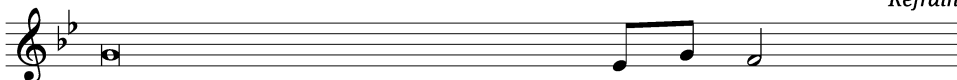
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*Tone*



Do not be afraid, lit - tle flock,

*Refrain*



for your Father has been pleased to give you the king - dom.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 10:16–23

(Our trust in Jesus doesn't mean absence of persecution, but faithfulness despite it.)

<sup>16</sup>"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup>On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup>for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup>You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please, be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 862 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

**SERMON** Romans 3:19–28 "The Christian's Career Change"

*Please Stand.*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

*Please, be seated.*

(Sunday at St. John's Only) Sunday School sings "Here I Stand/The Holy Book"

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

First, we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

**Your kingdom come.**

We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

**Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

**Give us today our daily bread.**

We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

We pray that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

**Lead us not into temptation.**

And finally, we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

**But deliver us from evil.**

All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**



**OFFERING & PRAYER**

**HYMN:** 942 "Create In Me A Clean Heart"

**BLESSING**

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.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** 856 "Built on the Rock"

**"Time In Between" promo video Sunday after announcements**

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**MEDITATIONS Daily Devotional This Week**

Forget about Halloween. It's Reformation week. What an interesting devotion topic we have, "The Reality of Persecution." That doesn't sound good, does it? Notice we are back in the Old Testament, Genesis, and the chapter after the fall into sin! Take note.

<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Ushers' Schedule</b>
Saturday 10/28/23 & Sunday 10/29/23	Saturday 11/4/23 & Sunday 11/5/23
Paul Van Treeck, Matt Borzick, Ken Borzick, James Henke, Haiden Van Treeck, Nolan Van Treeck, Brody Henke, Milo Henke	Jerre Duerr, Joe Zauner, Sr., Gordon Krause, Kevin Kaul, Corey Kaul

## 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, Ashley Schroeder, 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 Abrielle Hilke born on 10/20 to Steve & Ariel Hilke
- For first responders
- For peace among nations

### SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 3:30PM:** Hands In Prayer Meeting at St. John's.

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM:** Joint Elder's Meeting at St. John's.

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 11:30AM:** Call Meeting at St. John's. The Call Meeting is a Joint Meeting of Emmanuel & St. John's for the Divine Call of a Pastor. Following the Call Meeting, there will be a special St. John's voter's meeting looking for congregational input regarding the Divine Call for our next Little Lambs Director/Teacher. This is an informational meeting, but it may include extending a call. Options to prayerfully consider are, seeking a new fully qualified assignment candidate from MLC, calling from the field, or calling locally.

**Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30PM:** St. John's Council Meeting.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: October 29-November 4, 2023

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

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	3:45 p.m.	Public-School Catechism SJ
Thursday	Noon	Ladies Aid Dessert and Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ
Saturday	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Surviving the Holidays Griefshare At Princeton
	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship

## Next Sunday: November 5, 2023

All Saint's Day: THE TIME IN BETWEEN: A TIME TO FOCUS ON FUTURE GLORY

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

### SINGING SCHEDULE:

11/5/23 CALA K-8 SJ Montello

11/19/23 Little Lambs, CALA K-8, Chimes SJ Princeton

### Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
10/21/23	-	9
10/22/23	51	56

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***

# 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](http://www.christalonelutheranacademy.net)



**Men's Breakfast & Study Club  
Saturday, November 11th 8AM**

**Topic: "The Case For Creation"  
presentation by  
Dr. Kevin Peil**

**Gentlemen of all ages welcome!  
If you plan to attend, please text Matt Kath  
at 608-494-0167--so we know how much food to make.  
Menu: Biscuits & Gravy, breakfast casserole, blueberry  
dunkers, milk, oj, coffee.**

**GRIEF SHARE**

**Green Lake: Mondays 6:00pm**

**Princeton: Tuesdays 6:00pm**

**Montello: Thursdays 6:00pm**

**Please text Mark at 608-697-1600 for  
information and if you plan to attend.**

**WE'RE ON OUR WAY!! THE BEAVER DAM CIRCUIT LWMS BUS TRIP TO LWMS CONVENTION IN SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, June 26-30, 2024, IS A GO!**

There are still a few seats available. Contact Reporter Linda Wachholz (608-369-2635) if you'd like to join us. And if it would be your first time attending the convention, ask for a Send One Sister (SOS) application and the Circuit will help fund your first trip to convention. SOS deadline is January 15, 2024.



St. John's is hiring a Part-Time Secretary  
to work 3-4 days per week.

For more information contact:  
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## Bring your children to church.

- √ **Even if** you feel they are noisy.
- √ **Even when** they lie on the floor and roll around.
- √ **Even if** their crayons roll 6 pews ahead of you and they decide to crawl under the pews after them.
- √ **Even if** it takes 589 Goldfish crackers and 2 bags of fruit snacks to keep them quiet.
- √ **Even if** you have to walk out and take a breather in the nursery.
- √ **Even if** you have to stand and sway back and forth with your tiny baby in the back of church.
- √ **Even if** your pew suddenly looks like a tornado blew through.
- √ **Even when** they yell out or cry during the sermon.

Jesus loves those children and wants them in church! Church will not always be easy, but He provides you the patience and wisdom to parent in that hour of church.

Let them see you pray. Let them see you sing the hymns and liturgy. Let them see you worship your Savior. If they don't see and learn those things from you, who are they going to learn from?

ST. JOHN'S USHER'S SCHEDULE

## ***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!**

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