

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
TELL US A STORY:
A STORY OF RECKLESS PATIENCE**

Welcome our Guest Worship Leader:
Pastor Rodney Dietsche (Retired)

Pastor Dietsche's Sermon:
Matthew 21:33-43
"God Gives The Gospel
and Can Take It Away"

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 9th & 10th, 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 RECKLESS PATIENCE

Patience is a virtue. But can too much patience be a vice? If you are too patient, waiting to see if that pain in your stomach goes away with time, you might make a problem worse. If you are too patient with an incompetent employee, you will lose productivity before the inevitable—his firing—occurs anyway. Too much patience would seem not to be a virtue, but reckless behavior. Yet that is exactly what God demonstrates to a rebellious human race—reckless patience. Through a story Jesus teaches exactly what God's patience means for us. Note to the preacher: "Reckless" can have negative connotations. Common synonyms are: negligent, thoughtless, careless, imprudent. Those concepts may come to mind first. However, other synonyms for "reckless" are: bold, courageous, resolute, valiant. That is what is meant here. You see it in the owner of the vineyard. The tenants either abused or killed what seems to be seven or more servants. Who would respond to that by now sending his son? A father who is reckless with his patience. This provides the preacher an opportunity to contrast the parable with reality. In the parable, one could make the case that the father was reckless in the sense of imprudent. These tenants are pure evil. Why would he think they would treat his son any differently than his servants? But God the Father knew exactly what would happen when he sent his Son. He knew Jesus would be worse than stoned to death. For the Father to send the Son and for the Son to go: that demonstrated a recklessness in the sense of courageous or resolute. There was courage needed by both. And that courage was there, because both were perfectly resolute in their desire to save tenants like us.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting One With Communion, Hymnal Pages 154-170

HYMNS: 920, 862, 659, 932 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 138 "Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing"

SERMON: Matthew 21:33-43 "God Gives The Gospel and Can Take It Away"

SPECIAL MUSIC: Sunday at St. John's: Sunday School Choir sings "Jesus, Friend To Me" before Opening Hymn.

OPENING HYMN: 920 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: At Emmanuel Choir sings "Draw Near" before First Reading.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1–7

(The LORD Almighty pictures his patient love for Israel as an owner of a vineyard patiently waiting for a good crop of fruit.)

¹I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ²He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

⁶I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." ⁷The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

PSALM: Psalm 138 "Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing"

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:12–21

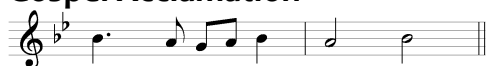
(Through Christ we have already attained the kingdom of heaven. God patiently waits for us to respond to his grace by living drastically different lives than the people of this world.)

¹²Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶Only let us live up to what we have already attained. ¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of

the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Gospel Acclamation

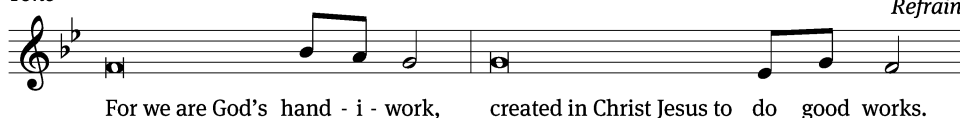
Ephesians 2:10



Refrain



Tone



GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33–43 (Sermon Text)

(Jesus tells us a story of God's reckless patience.)

³³“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

⁴³“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 862 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

SERMON: Matthew 21:33-43 “God Gives The Gospel and Can Take It Away”

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Hymnal Page 164/Screen

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING AND PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: At St. John’s Choir Sings “Draw Near” before the Communion Liturgy.

COMMUNION LITURGY: Hymnal Page 165/Screen

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: 659 “Jesus Christ, our Blessed Savior”

CLOSING HYMN: 932 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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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, Willie Wollschlager (Dustin's father) (added this week: __)

MEDITATIONS Daily Devotional This Week

We stay in chapter 21 of Matthew this week. That means another parable of the Lord. "Listen," Jesus says. Do that. What does it mean to be one of the tenants? What can you learn from this parable?

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, October 17th 6:30PM: St. John's Council Meeting

Saturday, October 21st 8:00AM: Men's Breakfast & Study Club at St. John's

Saturday, October 21st LWMS fall rally at Good Shepherd, Beaver Dam.

Sunday, October 22nd 11:00AM: Evangelism Meeting at St. John's

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

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

Sunday, October 29th 9:00AM: Emmanuel Council Meeting

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: October 8-14, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost TELL US A STORY: A STORY OF RECKLESS PATIENCE

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	NO Adult Bible Study 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
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Tot Time SJ
	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship

Next Sunday: October 15, 2023

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

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

ST. JOHN'S USHER'S SCHEDULE

Saturday 10/7/23 & Sunday 10/8/23	Saturday 10/14/23 & Sunday 10/15/23
Ben Jaster, Jacob Jaster, Matt Neuhauser, Jeff Reimer, Mark Emond	Glen Bubolz, Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley Matt Kath

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
9/30/23	-	10
10/1/23	-	113

ACH Deposits*	Plate Offerings	Total Offerings	Budget Needs	August Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$4891.71	\$14218.00	\$19109.71	\$33939.58	\$27696.22	\$53859.09	63154.62

*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***

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.

SCHOOL TUTORS NEEDED!

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- ✓ 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



SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL CUSTODIAN NEEDED!



For roughly 2 weeks in mid-late November and December, the Montello school campus is searching for a custodian willing to fill in for Jackie as she will be out of town temporarily. If you are interested or need more details on the job itself, please call the school office 920-481-9002 or email secretary@christalonelutheranacademy.net. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

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 Sunday, October 15th.** Thank You.

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.*

THANKS FOR LOVING MISSIONS! The fall mission offerings collected by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society totaled \$553.50. 75% of your gifts will benefit the Home Mission Project: Children's Ministry Outreach and the World Mission Project: New World Mission Fields. 25% will go to a home and world mission project that will be decided by ballot in May and presented at the LWMS Convention in June.

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, lwsreporter@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.

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.**

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.**

SINGING SCHEDULE:

10/8/23 Adult Choir Emmanuel
10/8/23 Sun. School SJ Montello
10/15/23 LL-2 SJ PRINCETON
10/29/23 Adult Choir Emmanuel & SJ Montello
Sun. School SJ Montello



Tot time



WHERE:
St. John's
Lutheran
Montello

Fun, educational
activities for
parents and children
surrounded
with Jesus' love.

WHEN:
Monthly
Announced
Saturdays
Sessions

**PARENT/CHILD
ACTIVITIES:**

Singing
Bible Story
Snack
Play

NEXT SESSION:

Saturday
Oct. 14 @ 9am

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QUESTIONS? Lynn Sellnow lynnsellnow@christalonelutheranacademy.net/616-826-0816

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