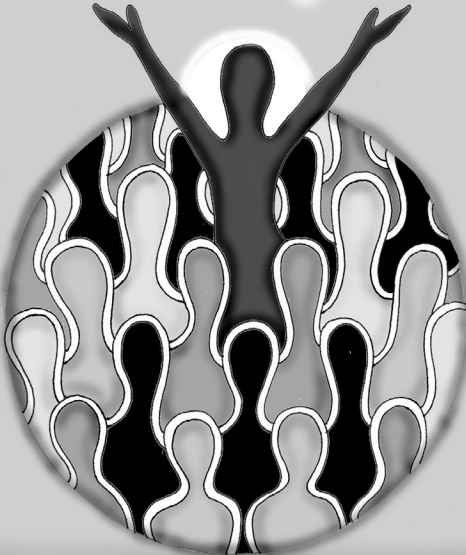


Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed
by the renewing of your minds...

Romans 12:2



**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
THE TIME IN BETWEEN:
A TIME FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE**

Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Romans 12:1-8
"You Can Have a New Attitude"

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**

November 18th & 19th, 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 FAITHFUL SERVICE

As we wait for Christ to return, we are not to be sedentary. The reason Christ has not yet returned is that there is still work to be done. And Christ carries out his good work through us, his Church. So, until Christ comes again and says, "Stop!" believers will be busy with faithful service. Christ has given every believer gifts and talents. And when Christ entrusts us with those gifts and talents, he calls us to use them all for his glory. In the time between Christ's first and second coming, we use everything the master has given us to live according to his will and to carry out his mission.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Three, Hymnal pages 188-198, 171

HYMNS: 735, 751, 743 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 118 "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" (Screen)

SERMON: Romans 12:1-8 "You Can Have a New Attitude"

OPENING HYMN: 735 "Before You I Kneel"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:10-18

(How did Israel respond to all of God's gifts? With grudging service, which is not faithful service. How does God respond to Israel? By promising to make them as pure as newly fallen snow.)

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹"The multitude of your sacrifices—what are they to me?" says the LORD. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. ¹²When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? ¹³Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths

and convocations—I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. ¹⁴Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! ¹⁶Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. ¹⁷Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. ¹⁸“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

PSALM: Psalm 118 “This Is The Day The Lord Has Made”

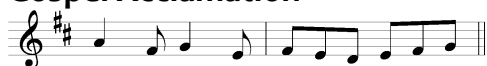
SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8 (Sermon Text)

(When we keep God’s mercy in view, we understand and appreciate the gifts he gives us in Christ, and we use those gifts faithfully.)

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Gospel Acclamation

Revelation 2:10



Refrain



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GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

(Through a parable Jesus calls his followers to faithful service in grateful response to the gifts that the master has given and in joyful anticipation of the master's impending return.)

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ ²¹“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’ ²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted

me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' ²³"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' ²⁴"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸" 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

HYMN OF THE DAY: 751 "O God, Your Hand the Heaven's Made"

SERMON: Romans 12:1-8 "You Can Have a New Attitude"

APOSTLE'S CREED: Hymnal Page 197/Screen

PRAYER FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING & PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: 743 "I Hear the Savior Calling"

Following Worship-The Time in Between Series Video

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Church Boetcher, Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Edith Duesterhoeft, 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 & Jean Henke, Drake Hunter, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Gemma Lewis (Maureen Hillmer's granddaughter), 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), James & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon (added this week: Kim Hanko, Gemma Lewis)
- For Rev. Joel Vogel called by the Lord at our 11/12 Voters meeting to serve as Lead Pastor
- For Mrs. Kelly Radke called by the Lord as our 11/12 Voters meeting to serve as our Little Lambs Director/Teacher
- For missions, missionaries, and Christians in other lands

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, November 21st 6:30PM: St. John's Council Meeting.

Book Fair: November 17-21 at St. John's.

November 22-24: Thanksgiving Break, No School

December 16: Little Lambs Christmas Service at St. John's.

December 17: CALA K-8 Christmas Service in Princeton

ST. JOHN'S USHER'S SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, 11/18/23 & Sunday, 11/19/23 & Thanksgiving 11/22/23 | NO SATURDAY SERVICE Sunday 11/26/23 Wednesday 11/29/23 |
| Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley Matt Kath | James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable |



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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: November 19-25, 2023

Veterans Day: THE TIME IN BETWEEN: A TIME FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE

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| Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Adult Choir SJ |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Adult Bible Study SJ |
| Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. | SJ Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | | NO SCHOOL |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Adult Bible Study SJ |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Thanksgiving Eve Worship EM |
| Thursday | | NO SCHOOL |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Thanksgiving Worship SJ |
| Friday | | NO SCHOOL |
| Saturday | | NO SJ WORSHIP |

Next Sunday: November 26, 2023

Last Sunday of the Church Year

THE TIME IN BETWEEN: A TIME TO YEARN FOR THE END

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| 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. | Adult Bible Study Emmanuel |
| 10:00 a.m. | St. John's Worship with Communion |

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, November 22 6:30pm at Emmanuel

Thursday, November 23 9:00am at St. John's

SINGING SCHEDULE:

11/19/23 LL, CALKA K-8,
Chimes, Claves,
Shakers St. John's PRINCETON

Attendance

| Date | EM | SJ |
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| 11/4/23 | - | 9 |
| 11/5/23 | 48 | 172 |
| 11/11/23 | - | 9 |
| 11/12/12 | 52 | 79 |

| ACH Deposits* | Plate Offerings | Total Oct. Offerings | Budget Needs | October Expenses | Year to Date Offerings | Year to Date Expenses |
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*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***

BRING YOUR KIDS TO CHURCH!!!!

EVEN IF You feel they are noisy.

EVEN WHEN they yell out or cry during the sermon.

EVEN IF your pew suddenly looks like a tornado blew through it.

EVEN IF you have to walk out and take a breather in the linkway or lower level.

EVEN IF you have to stand and sway back and forth with your tiny baby in the back of church.

EVEN IF it takes 589 Goldfish crackers and 2 bags of fruit snacks to keep them quiet.

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.

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?





Advent by Candlelight: Sign up now for this important event! Emmanuel will be holding an Advent by Candlelight for all women of the Emmanuel and St. John's congregations, and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, on Sunday, December 3 at 4:00 pm at the Emmanuel Parish Hall. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon/evening of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing! Sign-up sheets are located in Emmanuel's Parish Hall and St. John's Information Room. Seating is limited, so please sign up early! If you have any questions, please text/call Kathy Ninneman at 920-896-3681.

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.

GriefShare Potluck!

There will be a GriefShare potluck and inspirational movie on Saturday, December 16 at 10:00am at St. John's Lutheran Church in **Princeton**. Bring a friend or relative! Call or Text Mark Emond at 608-697-1600 if you have any questions or if you plan to attend, so he knows how many will be coming. See you there!

Join the Choir for caroling!!

The choir welcomes all to join us for caroling to our shut-in members and the Montello Care Center on Saturday, December 9. We will start after the Saturday 4:30pm Worship Service, and afterwards meet at Sellnows' for refreshments and fellowship. Please contact Lynn at lynnsellnow@christalonelutheranacademy.net for information.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, Emmanuel and St. John's called Pastor Joel T. Vogel to serve as our next lead Pastor. Also, St. John's called Kelly L Radke to serve as our Little Lambs director/teacher. Please, pray for them as they deliberate their two calls. Reach out to them with wishes for prayers, cards, letters, emails, welcoming thoughts and words of encouragement.

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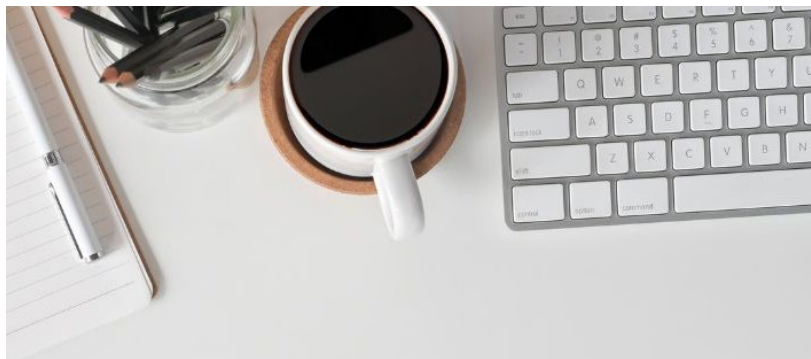
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St. John's is hiring a Part-Time Secretary
to work 3-4 days per week.

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**MEN'S BREAKFAST & STUDY CLUB
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 8AM
ST. JOHN'S LOWER LEVEL
MEN OF ALL AGES WELCOME TO COME!!**

**TOPIC:
"THERE IS YOUR DAGGER"
SERMON BY PASTOR NATHAN NASS
ST. PAUL (WELS) GREEN BAY**

**MENU: CORNED BEEF HASH, BACON, EGGS,
BREAKFAST CASSEROLE, BLUEBERRY DUNKERS,
COFFEE, OJ, MILK**

**PLEASE TEXT MATT KATH AT 608-494-0167
IF YOU PLAN TO COME, SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH
FOOD TO MAKE**

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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