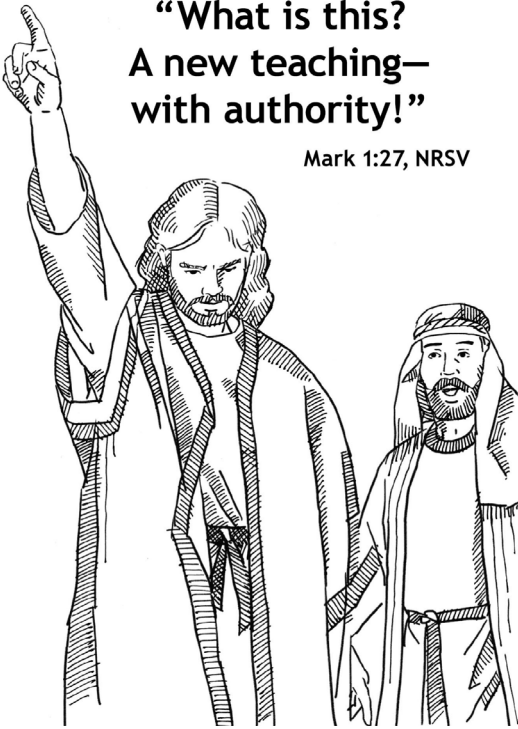


**“What is this?
A new teaching—
with authority!”**

Mark 1:27, NRSV

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN:
ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY**



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Mark 1:21-28
“Get a Grip on Authority”

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**

January 27 & 28, 2024

FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN

"Epiphany" comes from a Greek word that means "reveal." Today, if someone says, "I had an epiphany," he means he had some extremely important, life-changing revelation. Within the Church Year, that is the purpose of the season of Epiphany—to reveal important truths about Jesus Christ, truths that will indeed change your life. For most of his adult life, Jesus was known simply as Mary's son. He followed his adoptive father, Joseph, into the carpentry business. People in his hometown of Nazareth probably thought of Jesus as a very nice man—hardworking, honest, a role model for others. (That is still how many think of Jesus today.) But around the age of thirty, the fuller truth about Jesus began to be revealed: his person, his power, his purpose. It started with Jesus standing in a river with John the Baptist. The biggest epiphany took place at a mountain, where select followers saw Jesus shining brighter than the sun. All these epiphanies—all these revelations about Jesus—changed the lives of everyone around him. In this season of Epiphany, as we follow Jesus from the river to the mountain, may they change us too.

THEME OF THE DAY: ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY

Authority is the power to determine what happens, the ability to give direction or even commands. Authority is limited. Authority is limited in duration. Parents have authority over their children until they grow up and move out. Authority is limited in scope. A governor has authority over the people of his state only, not the neighboring state. Authority is limited by levels. A manager has authority over employees unless the company owner—a higher authority—demotes him. Authority is limited in duration and scope. It is limited by higher levels of authority. This week we see that there is one man—only one!—who has absolute authority. There is no one, not even the demons, who is outside his authority. As the Son of God there is no higher authority than Jesus. And his authority is everlasting. But here is the best part of this epiphany: Jesus graciously uses his absolute authority for our benefit and blessing.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting One with communion; Hymnal Pages 154-170

HYMNS: 919, 721, 927 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 29 "Ascribe to the LORD" (Hymnal/Screen)

SERMON: Mark 1:21-28 "Get a Grip on Authority"

OPENING HYMN: 919 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

(Moses prophesies that the LORD would raise up another prophet who would speak with all the authority of God himself.)

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. ¹⁶For this is what you asked of the LORD

your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." ¹⁷The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. ¹⁹I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. ²⁰But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

PSALM: Psalm 29 "Ascribe to the LORD"

SECOND READING: Hebrews 3:1-6

(As great as Moses was, Jesus is worthy of infinitely greater honor. For only Jesus has absolute authority.)

¹Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵"Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house," bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:22

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The people were amazed at his teaching,
because he taught them as one who had authority.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20 (Sermon Text)

(Jesus demonstrates absolute authority. Even his enemies, the demons, have to obey him.)

²¹They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²²The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. ²³Just then a man

in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, ²⁴“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” ²⁵“Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” ²⁶The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. ²⁷The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” ²⁸News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 721 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

SERMON: Mark 1:21-28 “Get a Grip on Authority”

NICENE CREED: Hymnal Page 162/Screen

PRAYER OF THANKS FOR GOD’S WORD OF AUTHORITY AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING & PRAYER

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.

(There will be music, but no hymn during the distribution.)

CLOSING HYMN: 927 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany-

From The River to The Mountain: The Devil’s Work Undone

****Pastor Call Meeting Sunday at St. John’s at 11:15am****

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Chuck 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), Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Darlene Phillips (Ken Elmer's mother), Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Pat Sommerfeld, Annette St. Onge, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, Dominick Thoman (the father of Janessa Roberts, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Paul Weldon, Tama Zuehls (added this week: Pat Sommerfeld)
- For Rebecca Graumann called at our 1/7 SJ Voter's meeting to serve as Little Lambs director/teacher
- For today's (1/28) Emmanuel/St. John's Lead Pastor Joint Call Meeting

Dear members of St. John's,

At our January 7th Call Meeting the voter's assembly present cast a unanimous ballot to extend a Divine Call for our next Preschool Director/Teacher to:

Mrs. Rebecca Graumann

W5620 Buena Vista Rd.

Fort Atkinson WI 53538

Phone: 920-563-0049 (Home); 920-728-2716 (Cell)

Email: bgraumann@stpaulsfort.org

She is presently serving St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fort Atkinson WI as Director of their Early Childhood Ministry, and is licensed for Early Childhood instruction. Please reach out to her with cards, texts, emails and pray for her as she deliberates where she can best use her gifts to promote the saving Gospel. Please keep both congregations and all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work to carry out our Gospel ministries.

Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule

2/11/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello
2/18/24	LL-8 & Chimes at SJ Montello
2/25/24	LL-8 & Chimes at SJ Princeton
3/26/24	CALA 3-8 at Emmanuel
3/10/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: January 28-February 3, 2024

Today	11:30 a.m.	Pastor Call Meeting SJ
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Conference in Markesan
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting SJ
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study SJ
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid Dessert and Meeting SJ
	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Daddy Daughter Dance SJ PRINCETON

Next Sunday: February 4, 2024

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

Thank you! In Memory of Bernice Wegner, a gift of \$555 was donated to the parking lot fund. Thank you for your gift!

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
1/20/24	-	15
1/21/24	50	69

St. John's Lenten Suppers: There is a sign-up sheet in the Linkway if your group wishes to host a Lenten Supper. There is still one date available. Thank You!

ACH Deposits*	Plate Offerings	Total Dec. Offerings	Budget Needs	December Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$5342.83	\$26758.83	\$32101.66	\$33939.58	\$24122.18	\$140791.92	\$119153.41

*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, January 27 Sunday, January 28	Saturday, February 3 Sunday, February 4
Matthew Kath Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley	James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable

REMINDER: PLEASE, NO PARKING ALONG SIDE OF THE BUILDING IN THE PARKING LOT (HANDICAPPED SPOTS) ON SCHOOL DAYS. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO WORSHIP SERVICES OR FUNERALS.



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

For more information contact:
Jerre Duerr
Jerre.asc@gmail.com



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.

Women's Bible Study – Time: It's a Gift

Time: It's a Gift is a 4-week women's Bible study providing a rich foundation of Scripture, both law and gospel, to guide us as we open up and look into using God's gift of time. The goal is to equip us in the midst of a "no limits" society to make wise decisions in scheduling each day; to live biblically in all the seasons of our lives. God speaks clearly saying "Live in peace and be content." We say, "How is that possible?" We'll look at those possibilities. We also note that nowhere does God say, "Now here's a great way to live a harried life!" Even in the midst of full schedules or time-on-our-hands schedules, may we say with the Psalmist David "My times are in your hands" (Psalm 31:15).

Join us Wednesday evenings for this 4 week study. We will meet at 6:30 at St. John's Montello, starting on January 17th. Questions can be directed to Christa VanTreeck or Lynn Sellnow.

**EMMANUEL & ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES 2024 LENT &
EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

WEDNESDAY LENT DEVOTIONS:

EMMANUEL: 3:30 PM---St. JOHN'S: 6:30 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY: 2/14

WEDNESDAY LENT WORSHIP: 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE (NO SATURDAY WORSHIP)

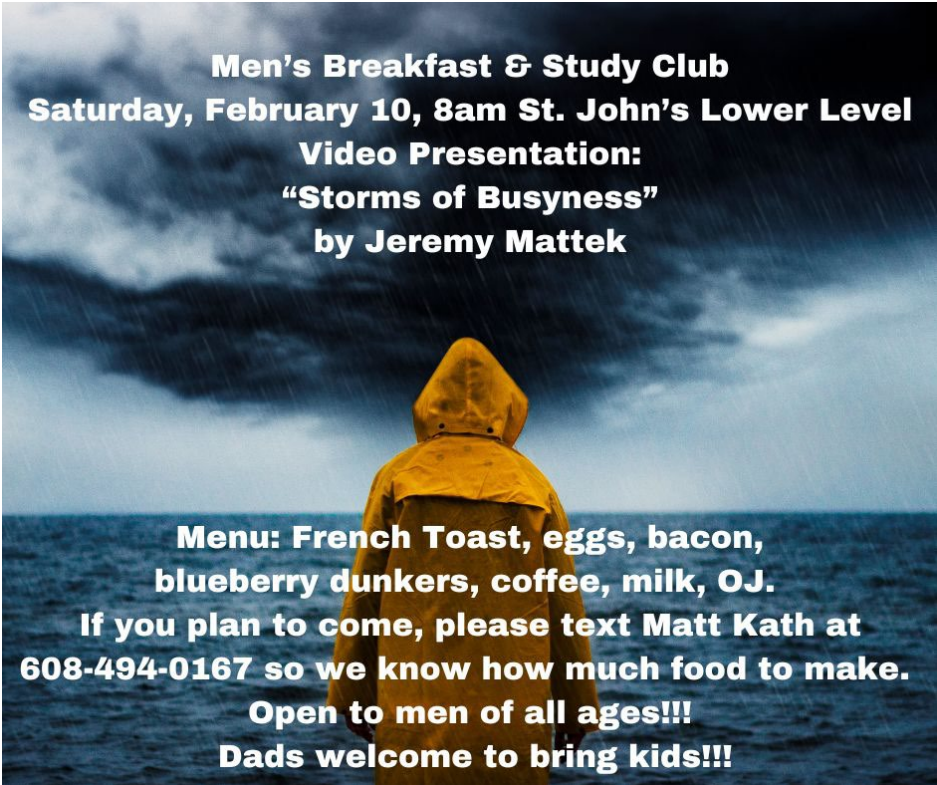
EMMANUEL: 8:00 AM---St. JOHN'S: 10:00 AM

HOLY THURSDAY-MARCH 28: EMMANUEL: 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY-MARCH 29: St. JOHN'S: 1:00PM

EASTER-MARCH 31:

EMMANUEL: 8:00 AM---St. JOHN'S: 10:00 AM



**Men's Breakfast & Study Club
Saturday, February 10, 8am St. John's Lower Level
Video Presentation:
"Storms of Busyness"
by Jeremy Mattek**

**Menu: French Toast, eggs, bacon,
blueberry dunkers, coffee, milk, OJ.
If you plan to come, please text Matt Kath at
608-494-0167 so we know how much food to make.
Open to men of all ages!!!
Dads welcome to bring kids!!!**



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE FEBRUARY 3RD 6-8 PM

Recommended ages for Girls is 3-12 years old
DJ, Photo Booth, Refreshments

ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN
227 HARVARD ST
PRINCETON, WI
ENTER ON CLINTON ST



FREE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

GIRLS MAY BE ESCORTED BY
DADS, GRANDPAS, UNCLES,
OR ANY OTHER PERSON THAT
FITS THAT ROLE.

How to Register
Follow QR Code:

Phone: 920-295-4400

Email: sjlcprinceton@gmail.com

Online:

<https://www.sjlprinceton.com>



Pre-registration is required

PIE SALE FOR MISSIONS COMING IN FEBRUARY! Plan to purchase a delicious homemade pie on Christian Education Sunday, February 18. The ladies of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will be baking pies for missions with proceeds going to their local mission working fund. \$10.00 per pie.

CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN ACADEMY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



FEBRUARY 24, 2024

Where: CALA Princeton Campus
Silent Auction Preview: 3:30-5:30pm
Basket Preview: 3:30-5:30pm
Dinner: 5:00pm

TICKETS REQUIRED UPON ENTRY!

FREE Spaghetti Meal
for children (13 & under)!

We are raising funds for a new playground!

To Buy Tickets:
secretary@christalonelutheranacademy.net
920-481-9002
Stop by the Princeton school office

Coordinator: Megan Jaster
608-369-3456

CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN ACADEMY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



Dear Friends in Christ,

Christ Alone Lutheran Academy and St. John's Little Lambs Learning Center is hosting their annual fundraiser, Art for Dinner. It will be held Saturday, February 24th at the CALA Princeton campus. Advanced admission (\$25 each) is required upon entry. This admission includes a catered meal will be buffet style and will feature 2 meat entrees, homemade macaroni & cheese, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and dessert. There will be a free kids spaghetti meal for kids 13 and under, provided separately. If children would like to eat the catered meal, they will need to sign up on the registration form sent home with this letter. Guests will be able to view a collection of children's art projects that will be sold at a silent auction and enjoy a catered dinner. Raffle tickets for the basket raffle will also be available for purchase

This year we are raising money for a playground set to be installed at the Princeton campus. Currently the school has an outdoor gaga ball pit, a couple of swings and other small outdoor toys, which were all graciously donated. The playground set that the school has picked out costs \$100,482.00. The kids have been working hard on other fundraisers and with the help of other donations we currently have raised \$16,294.00.

For registration, please contact Ciara Neuhauser at secretary@christalonelutheranacademy.net or 920-481-9002 by Friday, February 12th.

We are looking for donations of items for our basket raffle. If any families would be like to donate a basket already made up, any type of items, services, gift cards, or products, that would be greatly appreciated! If you know of any businesses that would be willing to donate, please ask them as well. Donation request letters are available if needed. Please have all donations turned into the Princeton or Montello office by Monday, February 19.

God has blessed us with many different talents! We are very excited to be hosting this fundraiser. With your help, we are hoping that it will be a great success! Please help spread the word to anyone you think would like to come and support our school!

Thank You,
Art for Dinner Committee

If you have any questions; Megan Jaster 608.369.3456 mj.jastersag@outlook.com

*"Sing to him a new song. Play skillfully and shout praises."
Psalm 33:3*

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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