

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY



**LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FROM THE RIVER  
TO THE MOUNTAIN:  
A GLIMPSE OF  
HIS TRUE GLORY**

**Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:**

**Mark 9:2-9**

**"Up and Down the Mountain  
With Jesus"**

## **TRANSFIGURATION** *of the Lord*

### **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**

**February 10 & 11, 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: A GLIMPSE OF HIS TRUE GLORY**

We began this worship series in the Jordan River. At his baptism, Jesus heard his Father's glorious voice: "You are my Son, whom I love" (Mark 1:11). From that day, in word and deed, Jesus began to reveal more about himself. He demonstrated the extent of his authority and power and love. Along the way, we had an epiphany. Jesus has to be the very Son of God! Yet, Jesus looked so normal, like an ordinary carpenter or your average rabbi or just another prophet. Until today. We have traveled from the river to the mountain. Today, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus gives us a glimpse of his true glory. As we see him in his dazzling brilliance, the Father speaks again, this time to us: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" This final epiphany prepares us for the journey of Lent where we will witness the most glorious work that Jesus would do when he came down from this mountain.

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

**HYMNS:** 389, 388, 662, 713 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 2 "You Are My Son" (Hymnal/Screen)

**SERMON:** Mark 9:2-9 "Up and Down the Mountain With Jesus!"

\*Sunday at Emmanuel & St. John's: Choir sings "This Is My Beloved Son" before opening hymn.\*

**OPENING HYMN:** 389 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

**FIRST READING:** 1 Kings 2:1-12a

(The prophet Elijah never tasted death but instead was taken directly to heaven. On the Mount of Transfiguration Elijah appeared with the glorious Son of God who would taste death.)

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "so be quiet." <sup>4</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet." <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. <sup>10</sup>"You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup>Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!"

**PSALM:** Psalm 2 "You Are My Son" \*Sunday at St. John's, Sunday School sings: "Come & Praise the Lord our King" in place of Psalm 2\*

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

(We cannot yet physically see what those disciples saw on the Mount of Transfiguration. But St. Paul teaches we can still see the glory of Christ's light in the gospel.)

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the

gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

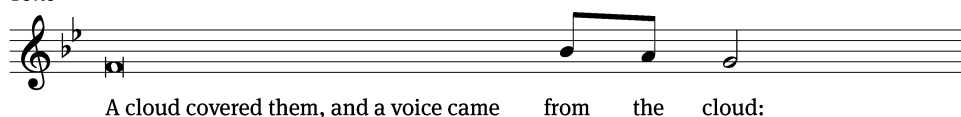
Mark 9:7



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## GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9 (Sermon Text)

(Jesus gives Peter, James, and John a glimpse of his true glory.)

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 388 "Down from the Mount of Glory"

**SERMON:** Mark 9:2-9 "Up and Down the Mountain With Jesus!"

**NICENE CREED:** Hymnal Page 162/Screen

## **PRAYER FOR JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION 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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** 662 "Draw Near"

**CLOSING HYMN:** 713 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

### **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA RITE:**

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord." Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

**Alleluia, Song of Triumph** (Sung to the tune of *Angels From The Realms of Glory*)

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| 1 Alleluia, song of triumph,<br>sound of joy that cannot die;<br>alleluia is the anthem<br>ever dear to choirs on high;<br>saints adorned in robes of glory<br>join the great angelic cry.   | 2 Alleluia we are singing,<br>voicing hymns in pure accord,<br>with Christ's holy Church united,<br>justified, redeemed, restored,<br>and with all his faithful people<br>raise our songs to praise the Lord. |
| 3 Alleluia cannot always<br>be our song while here below;<br>alleluia our transgressions<br>make us for a while forgo.<br>For the solemn time is coming<br>when our tears for sin must flow. | 4 May our hymns be filled with longing—<br>hear us, Holy Trinity—<br>as we look to your blest Easter,<br>here, and then eternally,<br>when we shall once more be singing<br>alleluia joyfully!                |

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## WELS Promo Video for Lent after announcements

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### THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

First Sunday in Lent (Christian Education Sunday)

Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Trials, Tests, and Temptations

St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Saturday, February 10 Sunday, February 11 Wednesday, February 14	Sunday, February 18 Wednesday, Feb. 21
Paul Van Treeck Matt Borzick Ken Borzick James Henke Haiden Van Treeck Nolan Van Treeck Brody Henke Milo Henke	Jerre Duerr Joe Zauner Gordon Krause Kevin Kaul Corey Kaul

## 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), Laura Heibler (Marjorie Fabian's granddaughter), Del & Jean Henke, Maureen Hillmer, 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, 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: \_\_)
- For Pastor Jared Natsis called at our 1/28 E/SJ Voters meeting to serve as lead pastor
- For Mrs. Alisa Natsis called at our 2/4 SJ Voters meeting to serve as Little Lambs Pre-K Director/Teacher



### Lead Pastor Call Information

At our January 28 joint call meeting the voters present voted unanimously to extend a call to: Pastor Jared W Natsis, to be our next lead pastor.

Following is his contact information.

104 Elissa Dr

Hendersonville TN 37075-5306

Phone: 615-865-2228 (work) 734-678-0990

Email: [natsisjw@gmail.com](mailto:natsisjw@gmail.com)

He is 31 and married to Alisa (nee Retberg). She has a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Martin Luther College. They have 2 children ages 7 and 4. He is presently serving at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Madison TN. Please pray for him, his family and all three congregations as he deliberates his calls. Also, please reach out to him with cards, texts and emails as an encouragement as he seeks the Lord's guidance as to where he can best use his gifts.

### Little Lambs Director/Teacher Call Information

At our February 4th Call meeting the voters' assembly present cast a unanimous ballot to extend a Divine Call for our next preschool director/teacher to:

Alisa Natsis

104 Elissa Dr.

Hendersonville TN 37075-5306

Phone: 989-239-9891

email: [natsisamr@gmail.com](mailto:natsisamr@gmail.com)

She is the wife of Pastor Jared Natsis whom we called last Sunday to be our next lead pastor. She is a graduate of MLC with a Major in Early Childhood Education. Please reach out to her with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls. Please pray for her and her husband and family (2 children ages 7 and 4) as they deliberate where they can best use their gifts to promote the saving Gospel. Please keep both congregations and all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work together to carry out our Gospel ministries.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: February 11-17, 2024

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Study Club Trinity Redgranite
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	3:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship EM
	4:15 p.m.	Lenten Supper SJ (Hosted by St. John's Sunday School)
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship SJ
Thursday	5:00 p.m.	Board of Education Mtg SJ
	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Saturday		Men of His Word Conference Oshkosh
		NO SJ Worship

## Next Sunday: February 18, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
	LWMS Pie Sale St. John's
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
4:00 p.m.	Lent By Candlelight St. John's

## Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
2/3/24	-	9
2/4/24	51	79

## Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule

2/18/24	LL-8 & Chimes at SJ Montello
2/25/24	LL-8 & Chimes at SJ <b>Princeton</b>

Total January Offerings	Budget Needs	December Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$23524.78	\$33939.58	\$33053.57	\$156493.44	\$128517.71

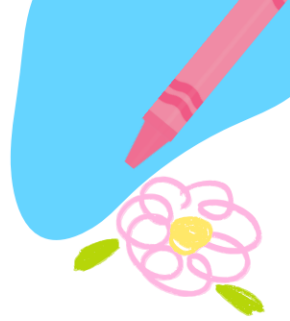
*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7***



Little Lambs  
Learning Center




St John's, Montello



# Open House

Tour the school ask questions  
and register for the 24-25  
school year.



Sunday February 18th  
11am Little Lambs sing in church  
12-2pm Montello open house  
313 E Montello St.  
Montello, WI 53949

Sunday February 25th  
9am Little Lambs Sing in church  
226 South Clinton St  
Princeton, WI 54968  
Tours schedule and questions answered  
after church.

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Get ready for the next school year by coming to the open house to register. Mrs. Barb Stelter, teacher and director, will lead tours and answer any questions. Registration opens at the Open House. Flexible schedules available. Spots fill quickly.

### Little Lambs Learning Center



St John's, Montello



### Location :

313 East Montello Street  
Montello, WI 53949



St. John's Montello

(608) 297-2866

Christ Alone Lutheran Academy

K-8 office

(920) 481-9002

**LWMS**

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

**Mission**



**Buy a homemade pie!**

**ONLY \$10.00**

**NEXT Sunday, February 18,  
in the gymnasium**

**Sales Before & After the  
10 a.m. service**

**Proceeds will be used for St. John's  
LWMS mission projects.  
MISSIONS ARE THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH!**


**EMMANUEL & ST. JOHN'S LENT & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**  
**WED 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**

### **Lent by Candlelight Women's Event**

Ladies, you won't want to miss the annual Lent by Candlelight on Sunday, February 18 at 4:00 PM at St. John's Lutheran Church, Montello, WI. Please plan to join us for an evening of visiting, beautiful music, scrumptious snacks, and reflection on our Savior's journey to the cross.

All women throughout the community are invited and are encouraged to invite their friends to prepare their hearts for Lent.

There is no charge for this event. Seating is limited, so RSVP by emailing [christavantreeck@gmail.com](mailto:christavantreeck@gmail.com) or calling St. Johns at 608-297-2866.

A top-down view of a desk setup. On the left is a spiral-bound notebook with a silver pen resting on it. Next to the notebook is a glass jar containing several pens and pencils. In the center is a white coffee cup filled with black coffee, sitting on a wooden coaster. To the right is a portion of a white computer keyboard. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

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](mailto:Jerre.asc@gmail.com)

Last day to purchase tickets for Art For Dinner is Monday, February 12. If you still need tickets, please contact a CALA family, or reach out to Ciara at the school office. We are still accepting donations for our basket raffle and silent auction; items can be dropped off at either campus.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Jaster 608-369-3456

**CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN ACADEMY**  
**SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

**CHILDREN'S ART AUCTION**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**BASKET RAFFLE**

**CATERED DINNER**

**Art For Dinner**  
"Fearfully & wonderfully made"

**FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

Where: CALA Princeton Campus	<i>We are raising funds for a new playground!</i>
Silent Auction Preview: 3:30-5:30pm	To Buy Tickets:
Basket Preview: 3:30-5:30pm	<a href="mailto:secretary@christalonelutheranacademy.net">secretary@christalonelutheranacademy.net</a>
Dinner: 5:00pm	920-481-9002
	Stop by the Princeton school office
<b>TICKETS REQUIRED UPON ENTRY!</b>	
FREE Spaghetti Meal for children (13 & under)!	Coordinator: Megan Jaster 608-369-3456

## ***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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