

So Abraham called that place  
"The Lord will provide";  
as it is said to this day, "On the mount  
of the Lord it shall be provided."

Genesis 22:14, NRSV



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
RETHINKING RELIGION:  
RETHINKING TRIALS, TESTS,  
AND TEMPTATIONS

Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:

Genesis 22:1-18

"The LORD Will Provide:

1 Agonizing Burdens

2 Abundant Blessings"

### 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 18, 2024

## **RETHINKING RELIGION**

Everyone has assumptions about God. Likewise, everyone has assumptions about religion. Increasingly, those assumptions are negative. Americans are walking away from Christianity in breathtaking numbers. It raises the question. How do those people know if their assumptions about religion are correct? Do they really understand Christianity at all? Do we? Do we truly understand this religion? In the season of Lent, as much as any other, Jesus teaches things that turns the world's assumptions about religion completely upside down. We call it "Christianity." So, in this holy season, let us go straight to Christ and let him replace assumptions with truth. Jesus, help us to rethink religion!

### **THEME OF THE DAY: RETHINKING TRIALS, TESTS, AND TEMPATIONS**

"If God loves us, why doesn't he remove all the trials and tests and temptations that we face?" That question demonstrates the religious assumption that those things are bad. They aren't. In the hands of a loving God, they are tools by which he refines our faith. He uses tests as a way to compel us to be less self-reliant, and instead trust in his strength. He uses trials to teach us that this broken world is not our true home. God even takes Satan's temptations and uses them for our good. Trials, tests, and temptations are not exceptions to God's love. That's a false assumption! These are examples of God's love. Proof is that God allowed his beloved Son Jesus to face trials and temptations, so that he might be our perfect savior and substitute.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Setting One; Hymnal Pages 154-164, 171

**HYMNS:** 404, 652, 864, 833 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 25 "To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul" (Hymnal/Screen)

**SERMON:** Genesis 22:1-18 "The LORD Will Provide: 1 Agonizing Burdens 2 Abundant Blessings

**OPENING HYMN:** 404 "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing"

**CONFESSIONAL HYMN:** 652 v. 1-2 "Lord, Have Mercy"

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Sunday at St. John's: Little Lambs sing "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

**FIRST READING:** Genesis 22:1-18 (Sermon Text)

(God gives Abraham a test which will demonstrate who Abraham loves and trusts most.)

<sup>1</sup>Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>2</sup>Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." <sup>3</sup>Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham

looked up and saw the place in the distance. <sup>5</sup>He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." <sup>6</sup>Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, <sup>7</sup>Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" <sup>8</sup>Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. <sup>9</sup>When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. <sup>12</sup>"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." <sup>13</sup>Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided." <sup>15</sup>The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time <sup>16</sup>and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

**PSALM:** Psalm 25 "To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul"

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Sunday at St. John's: LL-8 sing "May The Peoples Praise You O God" (School Theme Song) in place of the Psalm.

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:31-39

(The proof of God's love is not that he removes all our trouble. The proof of God's love is that he gave us his Son. If he did that, nothing can separate us from God's love.)

<sup>31</sup>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at

the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup>neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR LENT:** Hymnal Page 161

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:12-15

(Sometimes we fail to stand firm in trial or temptation. But by grace the kingdom of God is still ours because Jesus, as our substitute, perfectly overcame all of Satan's temptations.)

<sup>12</sup>At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup>and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. <sup>14</sup>After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup>"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 388 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

**SERMON:** Genesis 22:1-18 "The LORD Will Provide: 1 Agonizing Burdens 2 Abundant Blessings

**APOSTLES CREED:** Hymnal Page 163/Screen

**PRAYER FOR BEARING THE CROSS AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Sunday at St. John's: CALA Hand Chimes play "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

**OFFERING & PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** 833 "I Run To Christ"

**THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Second Sunday in Lent

Rethinking Religion: Rethinking Suffering Under The Cross

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Chuck Boetcher, Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother) Michael Brown, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Edith Duesterhoeft, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Bob Ferber, 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), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, 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 (Zeb's mother), Todd Zuehls (Dennis' brother, friend of Pat Sommerfeld) (added this week: Milo Petrick, Michael Brown)
- For the family of Alice Wollschlager, Dustin's grandmother, called home on Monday (2/12)
- For Pastor Jared & Alisa Natsis who returned their respective calls on Thursday (2/15) to serve as our Lead Pastor and Little Lambs Pre-K Director/Teacher
- For Christian Education

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: February 18-24, 2024

Today	4:00 p.m.	Lent By Candlelight SJ
Monday	2:30 p.m.	Hands in Prayer SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	SJ Council Meeting
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	3:30 p.m.	Lent Worship EM
	4:15 p.m.	Lenten Supper SJ (Hosted by Hands in Prayer)
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Lent Worship SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Saturday	3:30 p.m.	Art For Dinner PRINCETON
		NO SJ Worship

## Next Sunday: February 25, 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
11:00 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting St. John's

## Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
2/10/24	-	19
2/11/24	50	110
2/14/24	36	48

## Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule

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

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

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee. **CW 750 v.1***

LWMS PIE SALE TODAY!! \$10.00 for a delicious home-made pie!! Sales in the gym before and after the 10 a.m. service. Proceeds for St. John's LWMS mission projects. MISSIONS ARE THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH!



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

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

**WEDNESDAY LENT DEVOTIONS:**

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

**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**

<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Usher's Schedule</b>
Sunday, February 18 Wednesday, Feb. 21	Sunday, February 25 Wednesday, Feb. 28
Jerre Duerr Joe Zauner Gordon Krause Kevin Kaul Corey Kaul	Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond



This Wednesday's Lenten Supper at St. John's will be hosted by Hands in Prayer. The menu will be: Brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips, salads.



# 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](mailto:secretary@christalonelutheranacademy.net)

920-481-9002

Stop by the Princeton school office

Coordinator: Megan Jaster

608-369-3456

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

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Christ Alone Lutheran Academy

K-8 office

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