



YOUR ADVERSARY
THE DEVIL
PROWLs AROUND LIKE A
ROARING LION,
SEEKING SOMEONE TO
DEVOUR.

1 PETER 5:8, ESV

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FROM THE RIVER TO THE MOUNTAIN:
THE DEVIL'S WORK UNDONE**

Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:

1 Peter 5:8-11

"Beware! There's a Lion on the Loose!"

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**

February 3 & 4, 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: THE DEVIL'S WORK UNDONE

Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plenteous, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

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

HYMNS: 836, 850, 679(Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 103 "The LORD IS King and Merciful" (Hymnal/Screen)

SERMON: 1 Peter 5:8-11 "Beware! There's a Lion on the Loose!"

OPENING HYMN: 836 "I Walk In Danger All The Way"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:27-31

(When the devil's temptations make us tired and accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to renew our strength.)

²⁷Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. ²⁹He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. ³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; ³¹but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will

soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

PSALM: Psalm 103 "The LORD IS King and Merciful"

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 5:6-11 (Sermon Text Underlined)

(Our enemy the devil may stalk us like a hungry lion hunting prey, but the God of all grace cares for us and promises deliverance.)

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸Be alert and of sober mind.

Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 40:31



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GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

(The devil loves to see God's children suffer. Jesus undoes the devil's work.)

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. ³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³²That evening after sunset the people

brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. ³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 850 "It Is Well with My Soul"

SERMON: 1 Peter 5:8-11 "Beware! There's a Lion on the Loose!"

APOSTLE'S CREED: Hymnal Page 163/Screen

Sunday at Emmanuel: Installation of newly elected officers.

PRAYER FOR THOSE UNDER SPIRITUAL ATTACK AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING & PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: 927 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (School Hymn)

WELS Connection Video after announcements

*Sunday at St. John's Following Worship there will be a call meeting for the Little Lambs
Teacher/Director*

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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Last Sunday after Epiphany-Transfiguration of Our Lord
From The River to The Mountain: A Glimpse of His True Glory

Thank you! In Memorial of Bernice Wegner, a \$500 gift was given to Emmanuel. Thank you for your gift!

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.

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 Joint meeting to serve as lead pastor
- For today's (2/4) Little Lambs Pre-K Director/Teacher Call meeting

Newly elected officers of Emmanuel

Gary Wegner - President of Emmanuel congregation, and Cemetery Committee

Lucas Stelter - Secretary

Brian Ninneman - Treasurer

Don Stelter - Trustee

Wayne Stelter - Trustee

Special thanks to the outgoing officers Tom Kuehn and Wayne Stelter for their service

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: February 4-10, 2024

Today	11:15 a.m.	LL Director/Teacher Call Meeting 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	9:00 a.m.	Joint Elders Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	CALA 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	& FRIDAY	NO SCHOOL TEACHER'S CONFERENCE
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Study Club SJ
	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship with Communion

Next Sunday: February 10, 2024

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

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
1/27/24	-	18
1/28/24	34	61

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

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, February 3 Sunday, February 4	Saturday, February 10 Sunday, February 11 Wednesday, Feb 14
James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable	Paul Van Treeck Matt Borzick Ken Borzick James Henke Haiden Van Treeck Nolan Van Treeck Brody Henke Milo Henke



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!



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 or calling St. Johns at 608-297-2866.

**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)

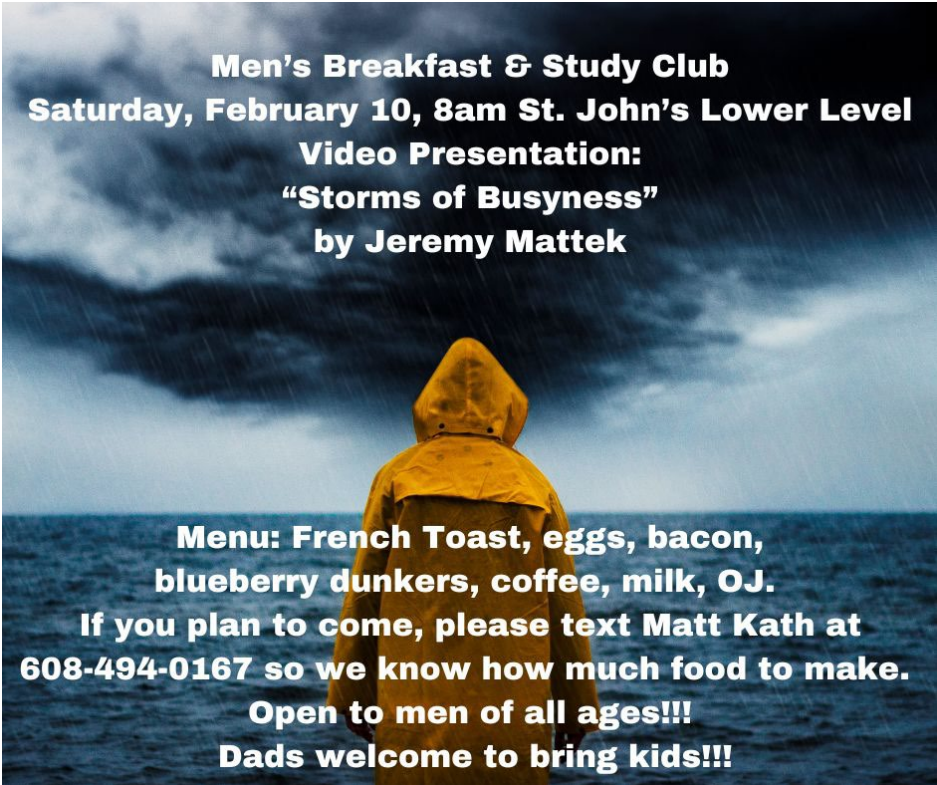
EMMANUEL: 8:00 AM---St. JOHN'S: 10:00 AM

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!!!**

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 this Wednesday, 1/31 and next Wednesday, 2/7 for the practical application of our study revolving around God's gift of time. Even if you haven't attended yet, we would love for you to join in on the discussion and work through the study with those who have been able to come. We begin at 6:30 and end before 8:00. Snacks are available! Questions can be directed to Christa VanTreeck or Lynn Sellnow.



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.



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