



## **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 THE WORTH OF WORSHIP**

Person A never attends worship. He can't see the point. Person B attends every week out of a slavish sense of obligation. Her mind wanders during the services, for she views the activities of worship merely as tasks for her to complete. Who is worse off? Rather than debating the point, let us just admit neither understand the true worth of worship. And that is exactly what Satan wants. Many think worship is about what we do for God. It is the other way around. As we gather around Word and sacrament, the Spirit moves us to love and trust in God above all things. Moved by the cross of Christ, we bow down before our God. We commune with him. And that's exactly what God wants.

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

**HYMNS:** 912, 652, 558 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 19 "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" (Hymnal/Screen)

**SERMON:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 "The Cross Turns Things Around

1. Foolishness wiser than human wisdom 2. Weakness stronger than human strength"

**OPENING HYMN:** 912 "Open, Lovely Doors"

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

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 20:1-17

(The Ten Commandments teach us that God is to be worshiped above all. Why? He is the God who brought us out of slavery.)

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to

the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy <sup>12</sup>"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>"You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>"You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>"You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

**PSALM:** Psalm 19 "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (Sermon Text Underlined)

(Whatever it is you trust most, that is what you truly worship. Some worship intelligence. Others worship power. May we worship Christ for what he did on the cross.)

<sup>18</sup>For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." <sup>20</sup>Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

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

**GOSPEL:** John 2:13-22

(Jesus restores his Father's house to what it was supposed to be: a place of worship for all people.)

<sup>13</sup>When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup>So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." <sup>20</sup>They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** 558 v.1-5 "Salvation unto Us Has come"

**SERMON:** 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 "The Cross Turns Things Around

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** Hymnal Page 164/screen

**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING & PRAYER**

**CLOSING HYMN:** 558 v.6-10 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

WELS Connection Video after Announcements

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### **THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rethinking Religion: Rethinking The Solution To sin

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Bob & Christine Ferber, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Laura Heibler (Marjorie Fabian's granddaughter), Del & Jean Henke, 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, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Paul Weldon, Stacy Weisensel, Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother), Todd Zuehls (Dennis' brother, friend of Pat Sommerfeld) (added this week: Don Ebert, Stacy Weisensel)

### 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: 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**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: March 3-9, 2024

Monday	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 Montello
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	3:30 p.m.	Lent Worship EM
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
	5:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper SJ Hosted by the Evangelism Committee
	6:30 p.m.	Lent Worship SJ
Thursday	12:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid Dessert and Meeting SJ *Collecting LWMS Spring Mission offerings*
	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Friday		NO SCHOOL-LPS Basketball Tournament
Saturday	3:30 p.m.	NO SJ Worship

## Next Sunday: March 10, 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
11:15 a.m.	Pastor & LL Director/Teacher Call Meetings St. John's

### Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
2/25/24	35	74
2/28/24	39	23

### Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule

3/6/24	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*

<b>St. John's</b>	<b>Usher's Schedule</b>
Sunday, March 3 Wednesday, March 6	Sunday, March 10 Wednesday, March 13
Matthew Kath Glen Bubloz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley	James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable



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

For more information contact:  
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**THE RESULTS of this year's Art For Dinner Fundraiser are in!**

**!! !! \$13,245.00 !! !! WOW !! !!**

**A huge THANK YOU to everyone that attended and supported this year's event, who gave their efforts, time, talents, and helped in ANY sort of way...THANK YOU! Without YOU, our results would be impossible. Let us remember what a blessing it is to not only come together to support our children and school, but coming together as fellow Christians, growing in faith and fellowship, leading as God's representatives, and setting great examples for our young ones. To Him be the glory!**

**"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107:8-9**





# PLAYGROUND FOR PRINCETON

Christ Alone Lutheran Academy  
is raising funds to purchase a playground  
for the Princeton campus!



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or speak with any leaders of our school churches.*



# THE LIGHT IN THE DARK

HOW GOD PRESERVED HIS WORD THROUGH THE AGES

PASTOR LUKE GEORGE THOMPSON  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN, OTTAWA

**Men's Breakfast & Study Club Saturday, March 16 8am  
St. John's Lower Level**

**Topic: The Light in the Dark**

**How God Preserved His Word Through the Ages Part 1**

**Video Presentation by Pastor Luke Thompson**

**Menu: ham, eggs, hashbrowns, dunkers, coffee, milk, OJ**

**Men of all ages welcome!**

**Dads welcome to bring kids!!**

This Wednesday, The Evangelism committee is hosting the Lenten Supper. Donations will go to the Princeton, Montello and Green Lake Youth Group for those going to WELS International Youth Rally being held in Ft. Collins Colorado. We will be serving a taco bar.

**Emmanuel members.** The church council is looking for volunteers to assist with counting and recording Sunday offerings. The counting and recording takes about 15 minutes following the service and you will be joined by several others to accomplish the task. Volunteers as available would be asked to serve several Sundays during the year. If interested please contact Gary Wegner or any of the Trustees.

## ***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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