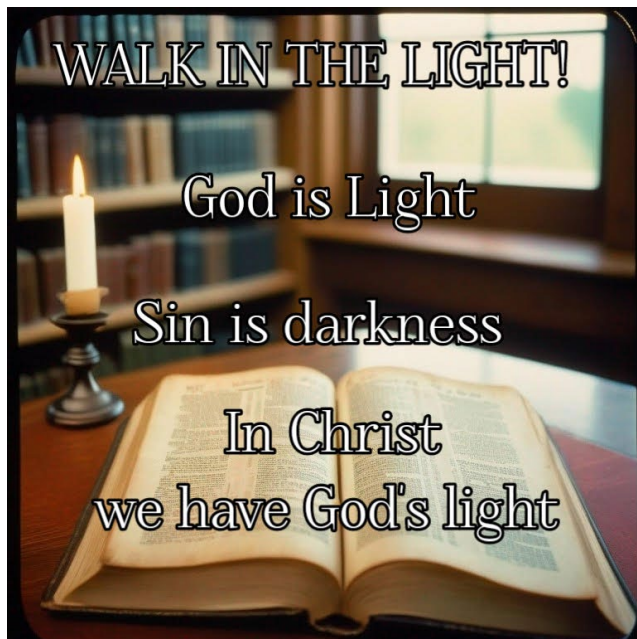


THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – TEEN CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
RESURRECTION REALITY:
WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE TO SHARE



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
1 John 1:5-2:2
"Walk In The Light!"

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

April 13 & 14, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

RESURRECTION REALITY

St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. Easter is history. On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. The greatest theologian of the early church, Augustine, called the season of Easter "a joyful week of weeks"—seven wonderful weeks, each seven glorious days long. In this glorious season, let us meditate upon the breath-taking implications of the resurrection reality.

THEME OF THE DAY: WE HAVE A MEANINGFUL MESSAGE TO SHARE

A platitude is a statement aimed at helping soothe some sort of emotional unease. "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." Or "Life is a mystery." Or "Good things come to those who wait." While platitudes may be well-intentioned, at best they come off as trite. And since platitudes provide no real help, they can actually make a situation worse. Tell the one whose heart is shattering, "Life is a mystery." They won't appreciate your platitude or you. The resurrection gives believers the ability to offer more than platitudes. We have a meaningful message to share—of repentance, of forgiveness, of peace, of power. The reality is we have something important to say to every single person that God brings into our sphere of influence. And our risen Savior gives us the courage and power to share that meaningful message.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two, with Communion; Hymnal Pages 172-187

HYMNS: 459, 471 v. 1-2, 713, 550 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 150 "Sing Praise to the LORD, You People of Grace"

SERMON: 1 John 1:5-2:2 "WALK IN THE LIGHT! 1. God is Light 2. Sin is darkness 3. In Christ we have God's light"

OPENING HYMN: 459 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Again"

EASTER SEASON HYMN OF PRAISE: 471 v.1,2 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11-20

(Peter healed a crippled beggar, drawing a large crowd. Peter used that opportunity to share a meaningful message about the one the people of Jerusalem asked Pilate to crucify.)

¹¹While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. ¹⁷"Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

PSALM: 150 "Sing Praise to the LORD, You People of Grace"

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:5-2:2 (Sermon Text)

(St. John summarizes the meaningful message we have heard and been called to declare: God is light.)

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. ⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. ¹My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the

Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 24:46,47

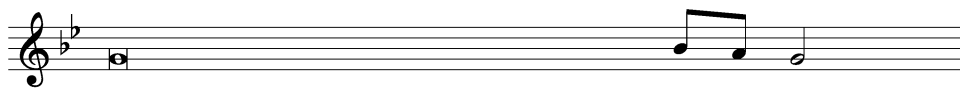


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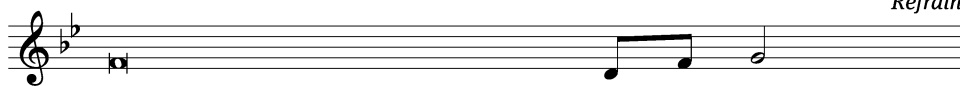


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Tone



The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,



and repentance for the forgiveness of sins
will be preached in his name to all na - tions.

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GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36-49

(The risen Savior gives us peace. He also gives us a mission. We are to share the message of repentance and forgiveness.)

³⁶While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." ⁴⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate it in their presence. ⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will

be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

HYMN OF THE DAY: 713 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

SERMON: 1 John 1:5-2:2 "WALK IN THE LIGHT! 1. God is Light 2. Sin is darkness 3. In Christ we have God's light"

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Teen Confirmation (Sunday at St. John's)

OUR TEEN CONFIRMANDS

- **Brody Wayne Henke** - Isaiah 41:10 - So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
- **Ethan James Metcalf** - Psalm 50:15 - Call upon me in the day of trouble I will deliver you and you will honor me.
- **Kaiden DuWayne Schumann** - Philippians 4:13 - I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

SPECIAL MUSIC: (Sunday at St. John's) Adult Choir sings: "The Potter's Hand"

PRAYER FOR EASTER SEASON & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING & PRAYER

COMMUNION LITURGY: Hymnal Page 183/Screen

*For information on our Communion Practice, see bulletin p. 7

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 550 "Lamb of God"

CLOSING HYMN: (I Know that My Redeemer Lives)

Cantor: (Spoken) "But now, this is what the Lord says—"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I have called you by name; you are mine."

Congregation:

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives.
He lives, he lives who once was dead,
He lives my ever-living Head!
2. When Satan's lies tempt me to sin,
Give me the strength to not give in.
Lord, keep me honest, faithful, pure, and true;
Giving my heart and praise to you.
3. Let me confess with all my breath,
I will be faithful until death.
Since you have given me the gift of faith,
I will receive the crown of life.

Cantor: (Spoken) "I have called you by name; you are mine."

Sunday at Emmanuel & St John's: WELS Connection Video after Announcements

THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday

RESURRECTION REALITY: THE RISEN SAVIOR PROVIDES GOOD SHEPHERDING

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St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Saturday, April 13 Sunday, April 14	Saturday, April 20 Sunday, April 21
James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable	Jerre Duerr Joe Zauner Gordon Krause Kevin Kaul Corey Kaul

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), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Prieue, Melissa Prater, Sharon Prieue, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon, Tom Zietlow (Pastor's brother), Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: __)

- For Pastor Jacob Hanneman called at our 3/10 E/SJ Joint Voter's meeting to serve as lead pastor
- For Mrs. Kathryn Noeldner called at our 4/10 SJ Call meeting to serve as Little Lambs director/teacher
- For today's (4/14) teen confirmands: Brody Henke, Ethan Metcalf & Kaiden Schumann

COMMUNION PRACTICE: Today our congregation will be receiving the Lord's Supper. Those who are members of Emmanuel, St. John's, another WELS church, or a church in full doctrinal agreement with the WELS, are invited to attend. Others are politely asked to refrain until communion fellowship is established. There are two Scriptural reasons we distribute the Lord's Supper this way. 1.) Receiving the Lord's Supper improperly results in harm, not blessing, to the recipient. (1 Cor. 11:27) Like a prescription it must be administered with care. 2.) Recipients of the Supper publicly proclaim their unity in the faith. (1Cor. 10:17) Members of other denominations have, by joining those church bodies, publicly declared their allegiance to the teaching of those churches. By also communing here at this altar it would send a confusing message regarding not only what the believe, but also what the Bible teaches and what this church and its members believe and confess. We'd love to speak to you about this more fully so that all are prepared and speak with one voice as we proclaim Christ to the world. For more information, and especially if you are interested in becoming a communicant member of this congregation, please speak to Pastor Zietlow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: April 14-20, 2024

Monday	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
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
	5:30 p.m.	Soup & Scripture Women's Bible Study SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Study Club SJ
	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship

Next Sunday: April 21, 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.	Emmanuel Council Meeting
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship
11:15 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting St. John's

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
4/6/24	-	11
4/7/24	55	63

Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule

4/21/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello
5/5/24	LL-CALA 8 at SJ Montello
5/19/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello
5/23/22	CALA at SJ Princeton

Thank you to my Church Family. I love all of you and want you to know how much I appreciate all of your prayers, thoughts, cards, and everything else you've done for me. God Bless you all. You are my Church Family, and I am Blessed and glad to be a part of it.

Judy Fandrey

Total March Offerings	Budget Needs	March Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$25,278.62	\$33939.58	\$21,661.22	\$275,654.71	\$234,986.66

*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***

At our Pastor call meeting March 10 the voters present voted unanimously to extend a call to Pastor Jacob R Hanneman, to be our next lead Pastor.

Following is his contact information.

627 Ensign St.

Fort Morgan CO 80701-2015

Phone: 406-852-6463 (cell) 970-867-5500 (home)

Email: pastor.hanneman@gmail.com

He is 40 years old, is married to Elizabeth (nee Greenlee) she is a graduate of MLC and they have a 1 year old child. He is presently serving at Shepherd of the Plains Lutheran Church, Fort Morgan CO. His father has a part time call serving St. John's Princeton. His sister Charisa (married to Josh Cheek) were members here and now are members of St. John's Princeton. His bio indicates that Pastor Hanneman is described as a man blessed with a sincere heart who seeks the welfare of others. He demonstrates good organizational skills and careful planning. He is a hard worker. 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.

Dear members of St. John's,

At our April 10 call meeting the voters present cast a unanimous vote to extend a call to Mrs. Kathryn Noeldner to be our next LL preschool Director/Teacher.

Following is her contact information.

Phone: 605-886-7785 (home); 605-520-3473 (cell)

Email: kathy.noeldner@stmartinschurch.com (work)

1006 18th St NE

Watertown SD 57201-6771

She is 62 years old, a graduate of MLC and is presently teaching 1st grade with a class size of 23. She is licensed in South Dakota. Her preference is indicated for pre-k - 3rd grade. She is married to Rodney who is employed as a metal finisher, nickel plating. She displays a love for the Lord and for serving God's people, has an unselfish attitude, and functions well as a member of a team. Please reach out to her with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls 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 together to carry out our Gospel ministries.

VOTERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS Membership Changes: Transfer Madeline & Miranda Krause to St. John's-Princeton. Lead Pastor & LL Director/Teacher Calls: Motions carried to ask Synod for a graduate if Pastor Jacob Hanneman declines the call and also a graduate if the teacher we call on April 10 declines. Elections: Trustees Jacob Jaster & Aaron Wachholz; CALA School Board Alex Truell; St. John's-Montello School Board Adam Malsack. Collection Plates & Friendship Registers: Motion carried to resume passing the collection plate and using friendship registers. Worship Conference: Lynn Sellnow, Lauren Zietlow, Matt Kath to attend. Pastors' Conference: St. John's-Montello hosting on Monday, April 8. TV in Linkway: Donation sought (call church office) or purchase to be made to put livestreaming in the linkway. Licensing of LLLC: Motion carried to allow St. John's School Board to hire a consultant to advise the licensing process. Close Captioning of Worship Service: possible changes referred to Worship Committee.

EMMANUEL MEMBERS: The next Emmanuel Council Meeting will be Sunday, April 21 after Worship. The next Emmanuel Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, April 28 after Worship.

PERIDOT MISSION SERVICE PROJECT Lutheran Women's Missionary Society LWMS asks you to consider a monetary donation for 2 current building projects of Our Savior's Lutheran School in Peridot. Arizona—a new school and teacher housing—in our Native American mission. **A collection container is in the church entrance through next Sunday, April 21 or you can give your gift directly to your church's reporter—Helen Stelter-Emmanuel or Linda Wachholz-St. John's.**

LWMS SPRING MISSION RALLY at ZION-KINGSTON on SATURDAY, APRIL 27 All are welcome to join us for a day centered on missions! Speaker Pastor Daniel Sims, Director WELS Christian Aid & Relief—“*Christ's Love Compels Us to Share with Others Spiritually and Physically!*” Service Project: monetary collection for Peridot school building projects (see separate announcement). 9:30 a.m. Registration; 10:15 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting with Election of officers and new mission projects; 11:45 a.m. Lunch; 12:50 p.m. Devotion & Speaker; 2:10 p.m. Officer Installation & Closing. Carpool signup in Information Room at St. John's or call your LWMS Reporter: Helen Stelter, Emmanuel, 608-297-7116; Linda Wachholz, St. John's, 608-369-2635.

SOUP & SCRIPTURE

5 WEEKS

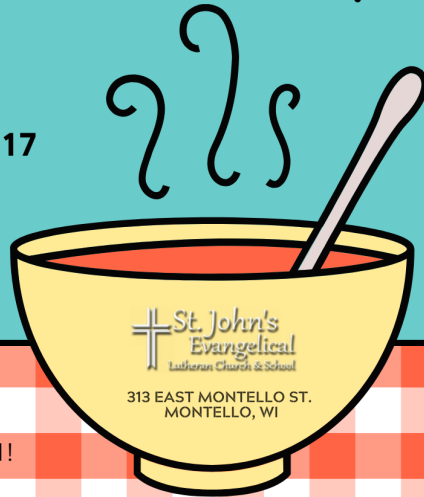
A BIBLE STUDY FOR **ALL** WOMEN!

ITS GOING TO BE SOUP-ER!

WEDNESDAYS- STARTING APRIL 17

5:30- SOUP & FELLOWSHIP

6:00- BIBLE STUDY



JOIN US AS WE STUDY THE BEATITUDES!

NOT SURE WHAT THOSE ARE? NO PROBLEM!



Tot Time

WHERE:
St. John's
Lutheran
Montello

What:
Parent/Child Activities
Age appropriate Play
Bible Story
Snack

WHEN:
Monthly
Announced
Saturdays
Sessions

Why:
I have no greater joy than
when I hear that my children
are walking in the truth.
3 John 1:4

Join us for
Bugs and Butterflies
Saturday, April 27
New Time 11:00 am
Ages 2-5

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QUESTIONS? Lynn Sellnow lynnsellnow@christalonelutheranacademy.net 616-626-0816

Kindergarten Round-Up

Wed., April 24th
8:00a - 11:30a



Future kindergartners, come experience a morning in kindergarten and get to know the teacher, Mrs. Sellnow! A snack will be provided.

Children who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2024 are welcome and encouraged to attend!

RSVP: Mrs. Lynn Sellnow

lynnsellnow@christalonelutheranacademy.net



Montello Campus
313 E Montello St.
Montello, WI





Councilmen's Conference

Grace Lutheran Waupun
113 County Park Road

May 14
Supper at 6pm
WLA Presentation to follow

(Each congregation RSVP number
attending to : ziebellski@yahoo.com)

**Men's Breakfast & Study Club
Saturday, April 20, 2024 8:00am
St. John's Lower Level**

**We will continue our study "Light in the Dark:
How God Preserved His Word Through The Ages"**

**Our menu will be: Biscuits & Gravy, eggs, bacon,
waffles, dunkers, coffee, milk and OJ.**

**Men of all ages welcome!
Dads welcome to bring kids!!!**



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