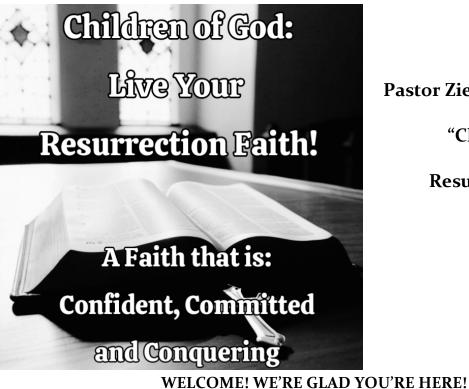
### MOTHERS' DAY/ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER RESURRECTION REALITY: WE WILL OVERCOME THIS BROKEN WORLD



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon: 1 John 5:1-6 "Children of God: Live Your Resurrection Faith"

### 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 <u>www.stjohnsmontello.org</u> 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

May 11 & 12, 2024 Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am St. John's: Sat. 4:30pm & Sun. 10:00am

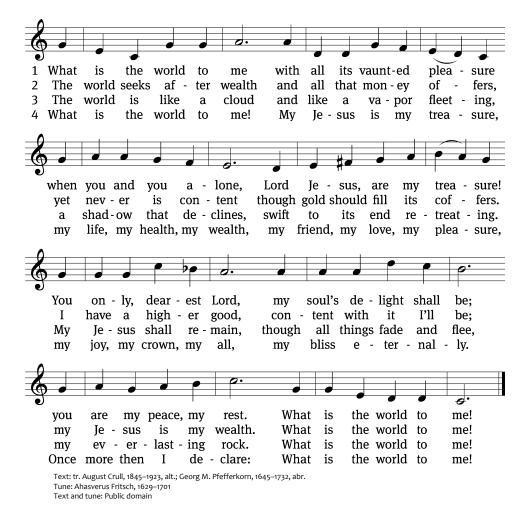
#### **RESURRECTION REALITY**

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 '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 WILL OVERCOME THIS BROKEN WORLD

This world is broken. Oh, certainly, we still see beauty in nature. By God's grace, we have plenty of happy moments. But that does not change the fact that this world does not function the way God designed it to. It is dangerous, especially for God's children. Jesus once promised that those who live for him will be hated (just as Christ was hated) by those who live for the world. The even greater danger: the priorities prompted by this broken world tempt the careless Christian to devalue that which truly matters. This world is very broken. For that reason, our gracious, living Lord promises that one day soon enough, he will take us to a better world. More, he promises that until that time, his Father will protect us, preserving our faith through the truth of his Word. This is the resurrection reality. By God's grace, we will overcome this broken world. **ORDER OF SERVICE:** Setting Three, with Communion, Hymnal Pages 188-203 **HYMNS:** 717, 471 v. 1-2, 446, 814, 839 (Hymns also posted on the screen) **PSALM:** Psalm 124 "Our Help Is in the Name of the LORD" (Hymnal/Screen) **SERMON:** 1 John 5:1-6 "Children of God: Live Your Resurrection Faith (a faith that is) 1. Confident 2. Committed 3. Conguering"

#### OPENING HYMN: 717 "What Is the World to Me"



In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Amen.

#### CONFESSION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

#### Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

#### Amen.



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



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#### THE WORD

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-9,7:2a,51-60

(Simply for proclaiming Christ, the Sanhedrin wanted to kill Stephen. Christ used their murderous intent to enable Stephen to overcome this broken world.)

<sup>1</sup>In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup>So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup>Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them <sup>4</sup>and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism. <sup>6</sup>They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now Stephen, a

man full of God's grace and power, performed great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called)—Jews of Cyrene and Alexandria as well as the provinces of Cilicia and Asia—who began to argue with Stephen. <sup>2</sup>To this he replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! <sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! <sup>52</sup>Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— <sup>53</sup>you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it." <sup>54</sup>When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup>dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.



PSALM: 124 "Our Help Is in the Name of the LORD"



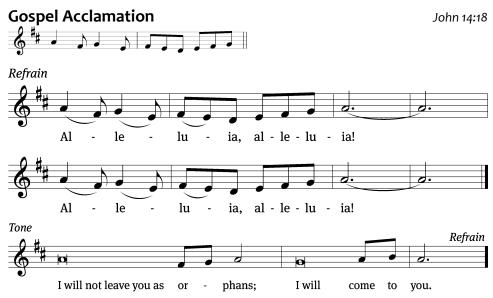
If the LORD had not been / on our side when people at- / tacked us, they would have swallowed / us alive when their anger flared a- / gainst us; the flood would have en- / gulfed us, the torrent would have swept / over us, the raging / waters would have swept / us away. Refrain Praise be / to the LORD, who has not let us be torn / by their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the / fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we / have escaped. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the Holy / Spirit, as it was in the be- / ginning, is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain Tune: Ronald Shilling Setting: Ronald Shilling

#### SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6 (Sermon Text)

(St. John explains that everyone born of God overcomes the world.)

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. <sup>2</sup>This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 



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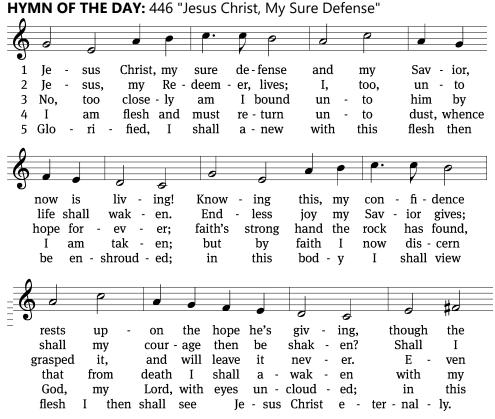
### GOSPEL READING: John 17:11b-19

(Jesus, our great high priest, prays that his Father would sanctify us with his truth and enable us to overcome the world.)

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. <sup>15</sup>My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### Praise be to you, O Christ!



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**SERMON**: 1 John 5:1-6 "Children of God: Live Your Resurrection Faith (a faith that is) 1. Confident 2. Committed 3. Conquering"

#### **NICENE CREED:**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **ASCENSION & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

### OFFERING, CARE CARDS, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS (St. John's) & ALTAR PRAYER

**COMMUNION LITURGY** (For our Closed Communion Practice, see bulletin p.16)

#### PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

#### And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

#### We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

#### It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



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#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this

Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

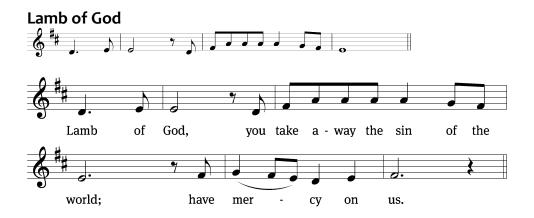
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

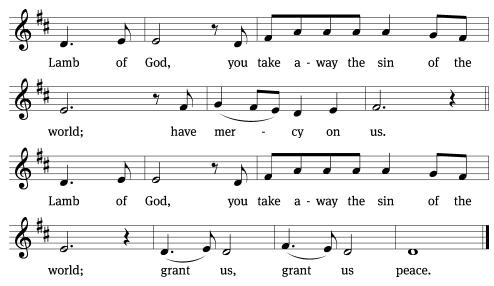
### Amen.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

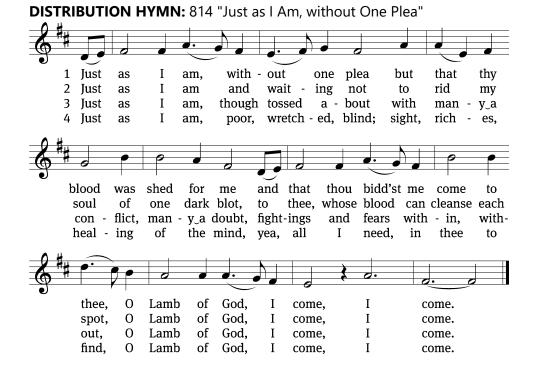
#### Amen.





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- Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down; now to be thine, yea thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

### his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

### we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Amen.

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**  CLOSING HYMN: 839 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Θ A - ges, cleft for me, my - self in 1 Rock of let me hide thee: Not the la-bors of my hands ful - fill thy law's de-mands: 2 can Noth-ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply thy cross I 3 cling; to While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death, the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed, let no res-pite know, could my tears for - ev - er could my zeal flow. na-ked, come to thee for dress, help-less, look to thee for grace: when I soar to worlds un-known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne. of sin the dou-ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. be all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone. wash me, Sav - ior, or foul. I to the foun-tain fly; die. Ι Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee. Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778, alt.

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#### THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Day of Pentecost-RESURRECTION REALITY: CHRIST HAS NOT LEFT US ALONE Acknowledgments

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### **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, Orlene Johnson, Ruth Jones, 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 Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Holley Shultis and Peter Ruffalo III (Matt Kath's niece and great nephew), Eloise Schultz, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Pat Sommerfeld, 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: Holley Shultis and Peter Ruffalo III)

- For our St. John's member, Harvey Rudolph, who celebrated his 99th birthday yesterday (5/11)

- For Mother's Day today (5/12)

- For Martin Luther College graduation on Saturday (5/18), Call Day service & assignment of graduates (St. John's is requesting a graduate to serve as the director/teacher of Little Lambs Learning Center)

**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: May 12-18, 2024			
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ	
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ	
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	CALA STEM Event SJ Montello	
	6:00 p.m.	Council Conference Waupun	
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion	
	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	
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast & Study Club SJ	
	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship	

Next Sunday: May 19, 2024; Pentecost		
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	
Noon	Little Lambs Graduation St. John's	

Attendance				
Date	EM	SJ		
5/4/24	-	10		
5/5/24	38	146		
5/9/24	-	41		

Sunday School, Little Lambs & CALA Singing Schedule				
	5/19/24	Sunday School at SJ Montello		
	5/23/22	CALA at SJ Princeton		

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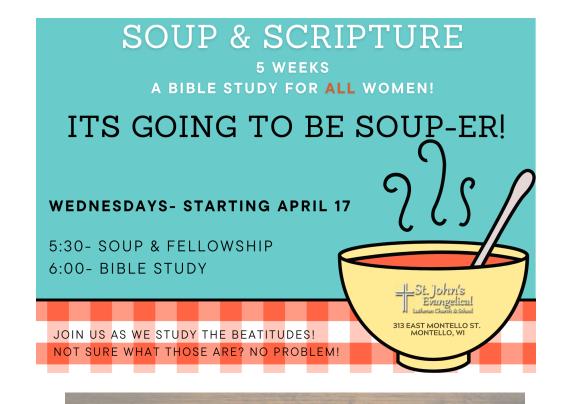
Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Corinthians 9:7** 

Dear Members of Emmanuel and St. John's Lutheran Churches: Please join us in recognizing Barbara Stelter, who has resigned her position as Little Lambs teacher and director. Barb has served our program for the past two years and is resigning to have more time for family, being a Pastor's wife, and volunteering in her home church in Princeton. We thank God for Barb's service and dedication to the program.

We will recognize Barb after the service in Montello on Sunday, May 19. Cards and well-wishes are welcome.

**ST. JOHN'S LADIES, PLEASE VOTE!** All confirmed women are eligible to vote for officers on the International Board of Directors of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) and for mission projects for 2024-2025. A voting station is located in the Information Room. <u>Voting ends on Sunday, May 19</u>. Results of this voting will be announced at the LWMS Convention, June 27-30, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. If you have questions, please contact Reporter Linda Wachholz. Your vote is very much appreciated!

St. John's	Usher's Schedule	
Saturday, May 11 Sunday, May 12	Saturday, May 18 Sunday, May 19	
Matthew Kath Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley	James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable	



Men's Breakfast & Study Club Saturday, May 18, 8:00am at St. John's Lower Level

We Will Continue our Study on "Light in the Dark" How God Preserved His Word through the Ages Presentation by Pastor Luke Thompson

> Menu: Breakfast Quesadillas, dunkers, coffee, OJ, Milk

Men of all ages Welcome! Dads welcomed to bring kiddos!!

\*This will be our last Study until September\*

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