

Advent Three

Come, Lord Jesus- AS MESSIAH



ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

December 11th, 2022

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 lower level, out the church entry way and to the right. You may also find a **nursery changing station** in the lower level of St. John's.

Those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away."

Isaiah 35:10



TODAY'S THEME: Advent 3- Come, Lord Jesus-AS MESSIAH!

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting One, with communion pp. 154-170

HYMNS: 307, 324, 671, 519

PSALM: Psalm 146A: "I Will Praise the LORD All My Life"

SERMON: Isaiah 35:4-7 "God Never Forgets"

Humanity wants a made-to-order Messiah. We want the Savior we want. The Jews wanted a political Messiah who would remove Roman oppression and reestablish the kingdom of Israel. The generic Christian of today wants a Messiah who is a good teacher and an inspiration for brotherly love. Even faithful Christians face the temptation of a made-to-order Messiah. We want a Messiah who isn't bothered by the sin that keeps cropping up in our life, who doesn't call for total dedication but is fine if we only want a relaxed association with him. We want a Messiah who dispenses blessings liberally, to ensure that our life is blessed, as we would like to define it. That is not the Messiah who came. Jesus defies the expectations of Israel, the world, and us. Jesus reminds us that "blessed" is a term that he defines, and it begins with not rejecting the Messiah because he fails to meet our expectations. One proof that Jesus is the Messiah is that he fulfilled every prophecy. Therefore, blessed people respond to adverse circumstances with patient waiting and confidence that, at just the right time, their Messiah will fix all that is broken in their lives.

LESSONS

Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. ³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

James 5:7-11

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. ⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:10



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



I will send my messenger a - head of you,



who will prepare your way be - fore you.

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Matthew 3:1-12

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" ⁴ Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." ⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written: "'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'" ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- - For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Darlene Burrough (Judy Fandrey's niece), Gene Crook, Florence Dahlke, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Reinold Eckelberg, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, Judy Freitag, Dan Finger, Donna Gatzke, Kelleen Grucza (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Hunter Habersat (Judy Fandrey's grandson), Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), John Kelm, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Bob Klapper, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Robert Lederer (Jackie & Jeanne Buchholz' father), Thomas Marcelain (Dawn's son), Ciara Neuhauser, Steve Parrish, Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Wanda Sellnow (Principal Larry Sellnow's mother), Carol & Tom Stempniak, Jennifer Strauss, Irvin "Toby" Stuckey, Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon - (added this week:)

- For Mr. Joel Putz, currently serving at Immanuel--Manitowoc, called by the Lord at the 12/6 CALA meeting to serve as our middle grades teacher -For Lydia Grace Wachholz, the infant daughter of Aaron & Victoria Wachholz, baptized Sunday (12/11) at St. John's

-For Christians suffering persecution

THE DISTRIBUTION We respectfully ask that only those who are members of this congregation or members of our sister WELS and ELS congregations come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. By this close (or closed) communion practice, we do not mean to imply that our visitors are not true Christians. Since we view coming to the

Lord's Supper as a confession of complete agreement with all the teachings of our church, we would like the opportunity to discuss these teachings with you. Please speak with pastor or indicate on the Friendship Register that you would like to discuss our communion teaching and practice. Thank you for your understanding. Personal Preparation for Holy Communion questions and answers are printed on page 156 in the front of the hymnal. Psalm 32, 51 and Hymns 302–318 may also help in your communion preparation.

Announcements

This Week: December 11-17, 2022

Advent 3

Come Lord Jesus-As Messiah

Sunday	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Piano Recital
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting St. John's
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Book of Job" at St. John's
	2:15 p.m.	Public School Confirmation at St. John's
	3:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at Emmanuel
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at St. John's
Thursday	6:00p.m.	Griefshare at St. John's
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Sunday School Rehearsal at St. John's
	11:00 a.m.	Little Lambs Christmas Service St. John's
	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship
	5:30 p.m.	Shut-in Caroling and Fellowship

Next Sunday: December 18, 2022

Theme: ADVENT 4 "Come, Lord Jesus!-As Immanuel"

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "In Season & Out of Season" and Sunday School at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study at Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Christmas Service St. John's
11:00 a.m.	Happy Birthday Jesus Social LL St. John's
4:00 p.m.	CALA Christmas Service St. John's

Attendance

	St. John's	Emmanuel
11-30	33	26
12-4	48	65
12-7	12	20



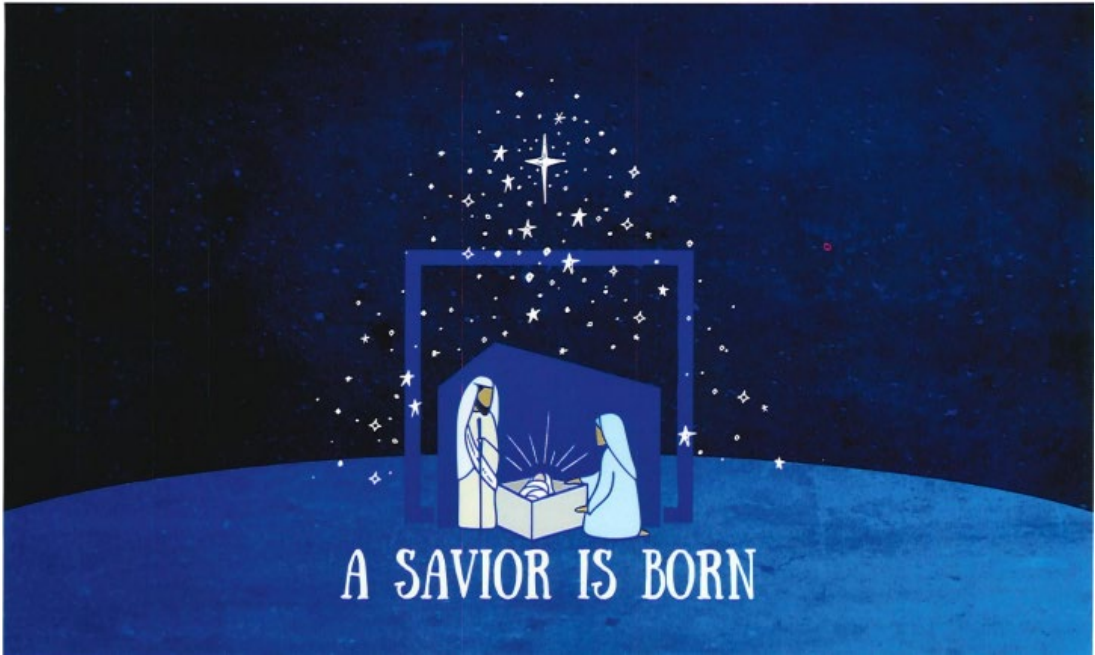
December

**December Issue of
Forward In Christ
Available**

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS after Emmanuel Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. Members and guests are all invited to join us in the Parish Hall. If you have extra cookies bring a plate to share.

St. Johns Montello is looking to hire an aide for the Little Lambs classroom and Eagles Nest wrap around care! Hours would be 12:00-6:00p.m. on a Monday thru Friday basis. The after-care hours may vary from day to day but would never go past 6:00 p.m. Duties would include managing nap time, playtime, snack time, cleanup, and doing activities with the children. This position does involve the ability to work from the floor. Base pay will be based upon qualifications. Please call Barb Stelter or the school office (608-297-2866) to setup an interview. We look forward to our continued ministry with our Little Lambs!

St. John's/Emmanuel Joint Choir is sponsoring a Christmas caroling event on Saturday, Dec. 17. All are invited-children included-to join in and sing carols with the choir. Caroling will begin at about 5:30 and will continue for 1 1/2 -2 hours. We will carol to nearby shut-ins homes and possibly the Montello Care Center. We will divide our group into 2 or 3 subgroups and use our cars to carpool to the homes. The evening will end with some snacks and fellowship at the Sellnow home. We hope you will join us as we share the joy of Christmas with those who cannot attend the joyful worship services this time of year! "O Come, Let Us Adore Him!"



Sunday: Emmanuel 8:00 a.m. and St. John's 10:00 a.m.

Saturday: St. John's 4:30 p.m.

See our special Christmas Service schedule below.

God bless you this Christmas season!



Come, Lord Jesus!

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Wed. 11/30	3:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at Emmanuel
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at St. John's
Wed. 12/7	3:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at Emmanuel
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at St. John's
Sun 12/11	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Piano Recital at St. John's
Wed. 12/14	3:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at Emmanuel
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Devotion at St. John's
Sat. 12/17	11 a.m.	Little Lambs Christmas Service at St. John's
Sun 12/18	10 :00 a.m.	Sunday School Christmas Service at St. John's
	4:00 p.m.	CALA Christmas Service at St. John's
Fri. 12/23	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Service at Emmanuel
Sat 12/24	4:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship Service at St. John's
Sun 12/25	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service at Emmanuel
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Worship Service at St. John's

FREE Christmas trees for anyone interested.

Call or text Mark Emond 608-697-1600

Leave a message and he will return your call.

GRIEFSHARE

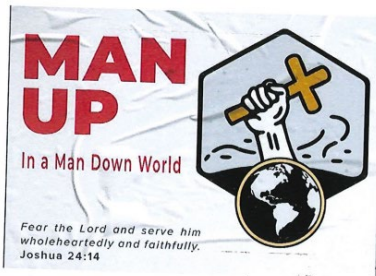
GriefShare sessions are being offered in Montello, Princeton, and Green Lake. All sessions will begin at 6:00pm.

Montello: Thursdays

Green Lake: Mondays

Special note: There will be Griefshare sessions at St. John's on Dec. 8 & 15, then will take a break until Jan. 12th. In Princeton, they will resume Wed. Jan 10th, and in Green Lake on Mon., Jan. 9th.

Any questions, please call or text **Mark Emond 608-697-1600**.



The Fourteenth Annual
Men of His Word Conference

Keynote: Pastor Dan Solofra

"MAN UP: in a man down world"

Worship Band: Koine'

16 Challenging Breakout Sessions

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Best Western Premier Waterfront

Convention Center – Oshkosh, WI

Register at: www.menofhisword.org

THE KIDS AT CALA NEED YOUR HELP

If you have any empty plastic coffee Containers or similar items, CALA can use

Them for the kids to make drums
For the "Little Drummer Boy" skit

For their Christmas Party.

Please drop them off at the office
In Montello or Princeton.



Happy Birthday,
Jesus!

YOU ARE INVITED TO JESUS' BIRTHDAY CAKE & ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP following the 10 a.m. St. John's Sunday School Christmas service on Sunday, December 18. The service theme is "Happy Birthday, Jesus," so help us continue the celebration in the lower level. Freewill offering will go to the Sunday School's Kids C.A.R.E. mission project, Mi Amigo Jesus--Hispanic Family Outreach.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY,
Jesus!

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.



Welcome to our visitors!

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