



Fifth Sunday in Lent: Our Greatest Needs: LIFE FOR THE DEAD

ST. JOHN'S & EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCHES

March 26th, 2023

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.

TODAY'S THEME: *Our Greatest Need: A Gift for the World*

What do you really need right now? To answer that question, one must first define what a “need” is. We understand that a “need” is greater than a “want.” If you lack something you want, life goes on just fine. If you lack something you need, that presents a problem. Thus, to correctly answer that question, “What do you really need right now,” ultimately one must understand their greatest problems. Mankind’s greatest problems are universal. We all live under the curse of sin. That sin makes us utterly helpless in our natural state. Natural man is confused, unable to make sense of life. Left in sin, man is doomed to death, and not just physical death. After one’s heart stops comes another type of death that is infinitely worse, an eternal nightmare. Lent is the season of the Church Year where we wrestle with our greatest needs. Lent also demonstrates that in Christ, all our greatest needs are met. Here is what the Spirit makes clear this season. If you lack Christ, you have nothing. If you have Christ, you have everything you truly need.

LIFE FOR THE DEAD The author and poet George Eliot once wrote, “Our dead are never dead to us, until we have forgotten them.” The Roman philosopher Cicero said much the same. He wrote, “The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living.” What second rate comfort! But that is the best the unbelieving world can offer—the sappy sentiment that our dead loved ones somehow “live on” in our memories. It is a sad way to attempt to cope as you walk through the cemetery. Jesus provides a better solution to death. He promises life. One day Jesus will give your faithful dead back to you—to love and to laugh and to hug and to dance. Body and soul, living and walking in the new heaven and the new earth. How do we know Jesus can and will keep that promise? Because the Son of God descended into the darkness of death himself and emerged on Easter Sunday as the first fruit of the resurrection of all God’s people. In the creed we confess, “I believe in the resurrection of the body.” Yet again, Jesus satisfies our greatest needs.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Two with Communion, pp. 172-187

HYMNS: 846, 804, 836, 502 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 130 “Out of the Depths” (hymnal/screen)

SERMON: 2 Kings 4:8-7 “The Boy Who Sneezed Seven Times”

OPENING HYMN: 846 "I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name"
(Sunday at Emmanuel & St. John's Adult Choir sings "The Only Road to Easter Morning in place of hymn 846)

ORDER OF SERVICE: Hymnal page 172, confession on p.173 (also on the screen)

Note: Glory to God in the Highest omitted during Lent

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:8-37 (Sermon Text)

(God wants us to know that whoever believes in him will live, even though he dies. He enables the prophet Elisha to prove that to a grieving mother.)

⁸One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. ⁹She said to her husband, "I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God. ¹⁰Let's make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us."

¹¹One day when Elisha came, he went up to his room and lay down there. ¹²He said to his servant Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite." So he called her, and she stood before him. ¹³Elisha said to him, "Tell her, 'You have gone to all this trouble for us. Now what can be done for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?' " She replied, "I have a home among my own people."

¹⁴"What can be done for her?" Elisha asked. Gehazi said, "She has no son, and her husband is old." ¹⁵Then Elisha said, "Call her." So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. ¹⁶"About this time next year," Elisha said, "you will hold a son in your arms." "No, my lord!" she objected. "Please, man of God, don't mislead your servant!"

¹⁷But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her. ¹⁸The

child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹He said to his father, "My head! My head!" His father told a servant, "Carry him to his mother." ²⁰After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. ²¹She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out. ²²She called her husband and said, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return." ²³"Why go to him today?" he asked. "It's not the New Moon or the Sabbath." "That's all right," she said. ²⁴She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead on; don't slow down for me unless I tell you." ²⁵So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite! ²⁶Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?' " "Everything is all right," she said. ²⁷When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why." ²⁸"Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes?'" ²⁹Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. Don't greet anyone you meet, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face." ³⁰But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her. ³¹Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened." ³²When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. ³³He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy's body grew warm. ³⁵Elisha

turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. ³⁶Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." ³⁷She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

(Hymnal Page 178/screen)

PSALM: Psalm 130 "Out of the Depths" (hymnal/screen)

SECOND READING: Romans 8:11-19

(The Father promises to raise his children from the dead and make them heirs of everlasting glory.)

¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you. ¹²Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. ¹⁸I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25



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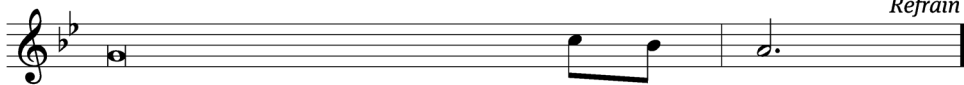


Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, king of end - less glo - ry.

Tone



I am the resurrection and the life.



Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.

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GOSPEL: John 11:17-27, 38-45

(A corpse responds to the empowering command of Christ. This greatest miracle of his ministry proves that Jesus is the Lord of life.)

¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will

rise again." ²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." ³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." ⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

(Hymnal page 180/screen)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 804 "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

SERMON: 2 Kings 4:8-37 "The Boy Who Sneezed Seven Times"

(Nicene Creed Hymnal page 180/screen)

LENTEN SEASON PRAYER & INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

(See bulletin p. 9)

(Hymnal page183/ screen)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 836 "I Walk in Danger All the Way"

(Hymnal page 187/screen)

CLOSING HYMN: 502 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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 295 in the front of the hymnal. Psalm 32, 51 and Hymns 650-677 may also help in your communion preparation.

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Michael Cox (Marjorie Fabian's brother), Edna Mae Cragin, Gene Crook, Florence Dahlke, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Gloria Duerr, Reinold Eckelberg, Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Freitag, Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gromowski (Josh's father, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Kelleen Gruzca (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, John Kelm, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Bob Klapper, Dale Kozlowski, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Earl "Pete" Laun, Thomas Marcelain (Dawn's son), Kay Nelson, Rosie Nindorf, Ben Olson, Steve Parrish, Melissa Prater, Karen Radke, Wayne Riemer, Eloise Schultz, Tom Stempniak, Dominick Thoman (the father of Janessa Roberts, Harvey Rudolph's neighbor), Michael Turner (Melanie Zuehls' relative), Betty & James Weber, Stacy Weisensel, Paul Weldon

-For Children Without Christ

-For Called Workers, including today's call meeting for a 2nd pastor.

GRIEFSHARE

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

Green Lake on Mondays

Princeton on Tuesdays

Montello on Thursdays

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: March 26-April 1, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Our Greatest Needs:
 "SIGHT FOR THE BLIND"

Today	11:15 a.m.	Second Pastor Call Meeting at St. John's
	11:30 a.m.	Evangelism Committee Meeting SJ
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Group at Princeton
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal at SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study "Modern Moral Dilemmas"
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study "Modern Moral Dilemmas"
	2:15 p.m.	Public-School Confirmation at SJ
	3:30 p.m.	Lent Worship at EM
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper at SJ-Hosted by CALA Hot Lunch
	6:30 p.m.	Lent Worship at SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Griefshare at SJ
Saturday	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Easter Family Festival At St. John's
	4:30 p.m.	St. John's Worship

Next Sunday: April 2, 2023

Theme: Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday: "OUR GREATEST NEEDS: A GREATER TYPE OF KING"

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	"19-minute Bible Studies: Very Important Chapters" at St. John's
9:00 a.m.	"One by One" Bible Study at Emmanuel
Grand Opening	God's Grounds Café at St. John's
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship
11:00 a.m.	Voter's Meeting St. John's

Attendance

	St. John's	Emmanuel
3/18/23	18	-
3/19/23	85	65

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, April 3rd: Hands In Prayer Meeting 3:30pm

Tuesday April 4th: Elder's Meeting at St. John's 9:00am

Thursday, April 6th: Ladies Aid Dessert & Meeting at St. John's, noon in Lower Level

Saturday, April 22nd: LWMS Rally at St. John's Markesan

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Sunday, April 2nd, Palm Sunday: Emmanuel 8am, St. John's 10am
CALA Sings at St. John's

Thursday, April 6th, Maundy Thursday: Emmanuel with Holy Communion
6:30pm

Friday, April 7th, Good Friday: St. John's with Holy Communion 1pm

Saturday, April 8th: NO WORSHIP SERVICES

Easter Sunday, April 9th: Emmanuel 8am with Holy Communion
St. John's 10am with Holy Communion

HOUSING OPTIONS NEEDED

We at CALA are currently searching for housing options for our new teacher, Beth Barenz, with a move in date of July 1. If you or anyone you know have rental options near the Princeton/Green Lake area, please contact Mr. Sellnow 920-481-9002 or principal@christalonelutheranacademy.net. Thank you!

Wednesdays' Lenten Supper 4:30pm at St. John's

March 29th: Hosted by CALA Hot Lunch, serving taco/nacho bar, desserts

Free-Will offering will be taken

Hiring for Little Lamb's and Eagle's Nest:

St. John's Montello would like to hire an aide for the Little Lambs classroom and Eagles Nest wrap around care! Hours needed to be covered are Monday through Friday 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (varies day to day, never past 6:00 p.m. and most days not that late). Hours and days are flexible. 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 (816-853-9029) or the school office (608-297-2866) to set up an interview. We look forward to our continued ministry with our Little Lambs!

CALA Mission Project Needs a Coordinator!

Our second semester mission project is Thai Village. We are looking for someone to coordinate a sale for Thai Village around Easter. They have products conducive for Easter, graduation, Mother's Day, etc. We can put you in touch with Sara Zondag, who is our coordinator for the mission. She can help you get set for the sale.

Please contact Larry Sellnow at principal@crystalonelutheranacademy.net or Ciara at secretary@crystalonelutheranacademy.net

Usher's schedule (St. John's):

Saturday 3/25/23, Sunday 3/26/23 & Wednesday 3/29/23:

James Wachholz, Zeb Zuehls, Thomas Wojtalewicz, Kenny Wojtalewicz, Chuck Boetcher, Jesse Schable

Saturday 4/1/23, Sunday 4/2/23 & Wednesday 4/7/23:

Paul Van Treek, Matt Borzick, Ken Borzick, James Henke, Haiden Van Treek, Nolan Van Treek, Brody Henke

Saturday 4/8/23 & Sunday 4/9/23:

Jerre Duerr, Joe Zauner, Sr., Joe Zauner, Jr., Gordon Drause, Kevin Kaul, Corey Kaul, Joey Zauner, Nathan Zauner

Saturday 4/15/23 & Sunday 4/16/23:

Ben Jaster, Jacob Jaster, Matt Neuhauser, Jeff Reimer, Mark Emond

EMMANUEL EASTER BREAKFAST

Sunday April 9th after the 8:00 AM Easter Service.

Everyone is welcome for food and fellowship. This event is supported by a Thrivent Action Project.

HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR SPRING MISSION OFFERING? They are being collected **through Sunday, April 2**, by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. A container is located in the entrance at both St. John's and Emmanuel--*Please give your gift at the church where you are a member.* Projects supported by these offerings are listed by the container. Gifts are welcome from all who love missions!

St. John's Mid-Week Lenten Worship Series:

"His Final Steps" 6:30 pm

March 29th: "His Final Steps Led To His Father's House"

Pastor Mike Sheppard; Mt. Zion, Ripon

**NOTHING
BUT THE
TRUTH**

Midweek Lenten Devotions 2023
Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Mecan, WI
Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 3:30pm

March 29, 2023 – *THE TRUTH IS...If One Dies, It Produces
Life for Many*



Easter Cards for sale

The Ladies Aid has Easter Cards for
sale in the Lower Level of St. John's

\$5.00/box



Meeting on the Third Saturday of the month,
Beginning on Saturday, April 15th.
We will meet in the Lower Level at St. John's, Montello.
8:00-10:00 AM
We will enjoy breakfast, fellowship and have a topical study on
hard-hitting subjects such as:



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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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