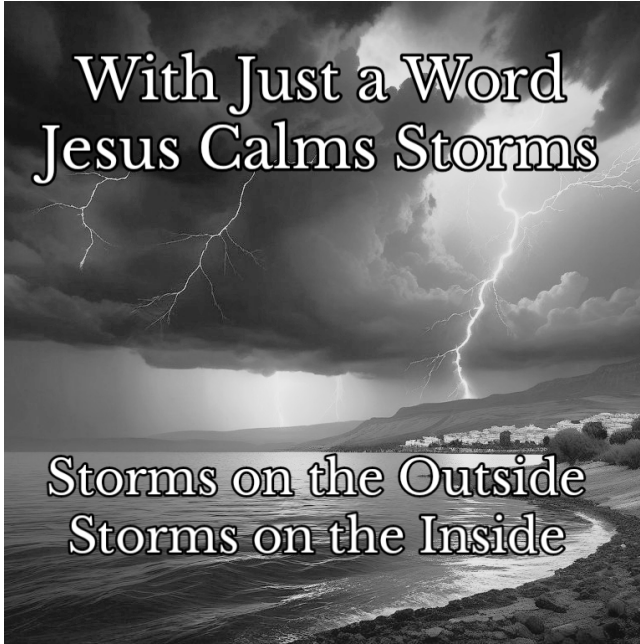


FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A TOP-DOWN FAITH: OUR GRACIOUS GOD IS WITH US: THROUGH
ALL THE STORMS OF LIFE



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Mark 4:35-41
"With Just a Word,
Jesus Calms Storms"

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-WELS

June 22 & 23, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

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

A TOP-DOWN FAITH

The phrase “from the top down” is often used to denote a hierarchical system of management or governance. The will and beliefs and directives of those “at the top” are imposed—sometimes aggressively, sometimes even oppressively—on those below. From the top town. We have entered the second half of the Church Year, the half that focuses on the teachings of the Christian faith. We will see that Christianity is very much a top-down faith. Christian teachings come “from the top down,” but not in the sense that those teachings are oppressively imposed on us. When we call Christianity a “top-down faith,” we mean that it tells us things about God that are so beautiful and good—teachings that couldn’t possibly have originated from human thinking. The Christian faith contains teachings that are so wonderful that we would never even believe them unless God himself revealed their truthfulness to us. So, God sent his Spirit from heaven to earth—from the top down—to empower his children to believe that which would otherwise be totally unbelievable

OUR GRACIOUS GOD IS WITH US: THROUGH ALL THE STORMS OF LIFE

A powerful tornado rolls through your neighborhood. A massive hurricane heads straight for your city. A bolt of lightning sends 300 million volts to earth. The raw power and unpredictability of storms can inspire both awe and terror. We cannot stop storms from coming. We can only hope to survive them. However, we know the Almighty God can stop storms. He can calm literal storms. He could remove metaphorical storms, other types of troubles and trials. So, if he can, why doesn’t he? Well, would you rather have a God who was distant from you but removed all the storms of life? Or would you rather have a God who allowed some storms to come but promised to be right there by your side within them, holding you close? May God give us the top-down faith that sees that the latter is by far the better option. God promises to be with us through all the storms of life. Sometimes he removes them. But when he doesn’t, it’s only because he has plans to use even storms for our eternal good.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting Three, with communion, pp. 188-203

HYMNS: 504, 501, 805, 874 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: 42 "As the Deer" (Hymnal/Screen)

SERMON: Mark 4:35-41 "With Just a Word, Jesus Calms Storms 1. Storms on the outside 2. Storms on the inside"

OPENING HYMN: 504 "We Sing the Almighty Power of God"



1 We sing th'al - might - y pow'r of God that
2 We sing the good - ness of the Lord that
3 There's not a plant or flow'r be - low but



made the moun - tains rise, that spread the flow - ing
filled the earth with food; he formed the crea - tures
makes your glo - ries known, and clouds a - rise and



seas a - broad and built the loft - y skies.
with his Word and then pro - nounced them good.
tem - pests blow by or - der from your throne;



We sing the wis - dom that or - dained the
Lord, how your won - ders are dis - played wher -
while all that bor - rows life from you is



sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at
e'er we turn our eyes, if we sur - vey the
ev - er in your care, and ev - 'ry - where that



his com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.
ground we tread or gaze up - on the skies.
we can be, you, God, are pres - ent there.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

CW 189

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.



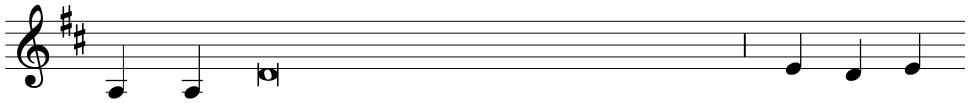
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



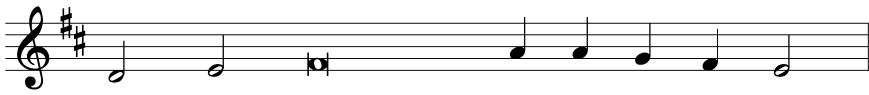
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men. A - men.

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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. It consists of ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a key signature change to F major (two flats) in the final two staves.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to
God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,
and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

(Job questioned why God had allowed trouble to befall him. Out of a storm the LORD spoke to Job, explaining that no mere man has the capacity to understand the wonderful ways God works.)

¹Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ²“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— ⁷while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸“Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹when I said, ‘This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt’?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 42 "As the Deer"



1 As the deer pants — for the wa - ter, so my
2 You're my friend, and — you're my broth - er, e - ven
3 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly



soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my
though you are a King. I love you more than
you can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the

heart's de - sire — and I long to wor - ship you.
 an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.
 real joy giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a -
 lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
 heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

Text: Martin Nystrom

Tune: Martin Nystrom

SECOND READING: Acts 27:13-26

(St. Paul and others were on a boat in the middle of a hurricane. God did not calm the storm. Yet, he was with them in the storm, accomplishing his good and gracious work.)
¹³When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the Northeaster, swept down from the island. ¹⁵The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, ¹⁷so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. ¹⁸We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. ²¹After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: "Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and

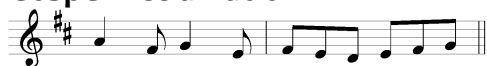
loss. ²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.' ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

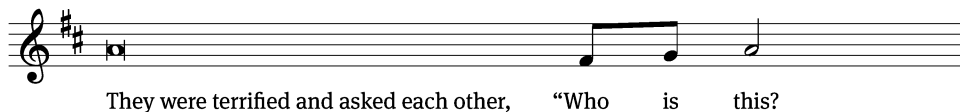
Mark 4:41



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:35-41 (Sermon Text)

(Even the winds and the waves must obey Jesus Christ.)

³⁵That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

³⁶Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

³⁸Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" ³⁹He got up,

rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it

was completely calm. ⁴⁰He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 501 "Evening and Morning"



1 Eve-ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing, wealth, peace, and
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, par-don and spare me; calm all my
3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me; though bil - lows
4 With joy - ful sing - ing let us be bring - ing to God in



glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness: these are the works of your
ter - rors, blot out my er - rors that by your eyes they may
tow - er, and winds gain pow - er, af - ter the storm the fair
heav - en all we've been giv - en, of - fered as gifts our Cre -



glo - ry di - vine. Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, di - rect all my
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing and peace nev - er
a - tor will prize. Our best pos - ses - sions are thank - ful ex -



slum - ber, your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre -
do - ings; guard me and guide me, stay close - ly be -
ceas - ing: these shall I trea - sure and share in full
pres - sions: hymns that a - dore him, our wor - ship be -



serves us, caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.
side me; all I com - mit to your fa - ther - ly hand.
mea - sure when in his man - sions God grants me a place.
fore him— all to his throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; (sts. 1–2): tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, sts. 1, 2, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Hermann H. M. Brueckner, 1866–1942, st. 3, alt.; (st. 4): tr. Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963, st. 4

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SERMON: Mark 4:35-41 "With Just a Word, Jesus Calms Storms 1. Storms on the outside 2. Storms on the inside"

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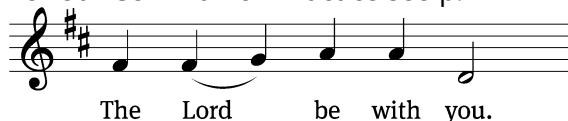
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. 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.

FEAR OF TOMORROW AND INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING, CARE CARDS, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS & ALTAR PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT LITURGY:

For our Communion Practice see p.*17



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.

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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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,

heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

Lamb of God

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us, grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 805 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
runs a - main, by moun - tain pass or val - ley low, wher -
fir - ma - ment, O Wind of heav - en, by thy might save
dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
guard - ing hand from ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
watch - ful care from ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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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 T give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 874 "Preserve Your Word, O Savior"

THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

A TOP-DOWN FAITH:

THE LIVING LORD COMPLETELY CHANGES OUR VIEW OF DEATH

NEXT SUNDAY AT St. JOHN'SQUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING AT 11:15AM***

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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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, Vicki Davis (Marilyn Riemer's sister), Agnes Dassow, 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, Ruth Jones, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Jim Kirschbaum, Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Kathy Ninneman, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Prieuwe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Prieuwe, Karen Radke, Marilyn Riemer, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, Pastor Josh Stibb (Evie Blada's grandson), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon, Tom Zietlow (Pastor's brother), Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: Agnes Dassow, Kathy Ninneman, Lynn Sellnow, DuWayne Sommerfeld)
- For Lynn Sellnow called by the Lord through his church at the 6/16 SJ Voter's meeting to serve as Little Lamb director/teacher
- For Milo and Barbara Petrick who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Thursday (6/27)
- For vacation time and success of the gospel

OUR KIDS GIVE TO MISSIONS 2023-2024 mission projects of our school and Sunday school children are complete! St. John's-Montello Little Lambs and the Montello & Princeton campuses of Christ Alone Christian Academy (CALA) worked together. *A first semester gift of \$766.99 was collected for Kids C.A.R.E. Missionary Kids Retreats* (to help kids raised on foreign mission fields to be reacclimated to life in the United States). *St. John's-Montello Sunday School also adopted this Kids C.A.R.E. project and gave \$235.30.* **The total gift to the Kids C.A.R.E. project is \$1,002.29.** It will be pooled with offerings of WELS kids throughout the U.S. and will be presented at the 61st LWMS Convention in Sioux Falls, SD, on June 27-30. Kids C.A.R.E. is a program of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS). **LL & CALA gave a second semester gift of \$879.05 to the Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA) capital campaign** (for the new campus construction). WLA is our area Lutheran high school, and Montello and Princeton are members of the WLA Association. Thank you to our kids for giving cheerfully, and thank you to parents for teaching mission giving by encouraging their children on these projects. To God be the glory!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: June 23-29, 2024

Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship

Next Sunday: June 30, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship
11:15 a.m.	St. John's Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
6/15/24	-	11
6/16/24	31	76

Total May Offerings	Budget Needs	May Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$19,127.83	\$33939.58	\$20945.16	\$244415.87	\$304926.69

*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***

St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Saturday, June 22 Sunday, June 23	Saturday, June 29 Sunday, June 30
James Wachholz Zeb Zuehls Thomas Wojtalewicz Kenny Wojtalewicz Chuck Boetcher Jesse Schable	Paul Van Treeck Matt Borzick Ken Borzick James Henke Haiden Van Treeck Nolan Van Treeck Brody Henke Milo Henke

St. John's Summer Office Hours:

CLOSED: Monday and Tuesday

OPEN:
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am - 2:00pm

Marquette County Fair Booth. The Marquette County Fair runs from Wednesday July 3rd through Sunday July 7th. Volunteers are sought to help man our fair booth. If you have an hour or two on any of the fair days to greet people please contact Gary Wegner (920) 295-3456.

Little Lambs Preschool Synod Consultation – Several months ago, a formal recommendation was presented to the Board of Education to place our 3K/4K Little Lambs (LL) Preschool under the administration of Christ Alone Lutheran Academy’s (CALA) principal and school board. CALA is one school with two campuses (grades K-2, Montello; grades 3-8, Princeton) and is administered and financially supported by both St. John’s, Montello and St. John’s, Princeton. LL Preschool is supported and administered solely by St. John’s, Montello. Consideration of this recommendation by our ministry teams resulted in more questions than answers. Therefore, the Synod’s lead Early Childhood Ministry consultant, Ann Potter, was hired to assess our situation and provide recommendations for the best path forward to administer LL and accommodate future growth. Ann was here for a site visit May 9-10. She visited both campuses, spent time speaking with 18 people from our LL and CALA ministry teams, and then presented her recommendations orally to a large gathering of those with whom she had spoken. She recently followed up with a very detailed written report which will serve as a guiding document for our ministry teams to strengthen our LL program. Some key recommendations from this consultation follow.

- (1) Continue to operate LL Preschool under St. John’s, Montello. There is no reason to place LL under CALA.
- (2) Pursue state licensing of LL Preschool and Eagles Nest wraparound care under St. John’s, Montello. This would open the door to state financial assistance for low-income families who need childcare in order to maintain their jobs. Our building is deemed suitable for state licensure, but a fenced play area would be needed outside. State licensure would open the door to expanding outreach ministry opportunities.
- (3) Encourage area congregations to start their own preschool program. St. John’s, Princeton, has already expressed interest. These area preschools could then feed students into CALA.

The hope is that this consultation exercise will help bolster our LL program, grow opportunities to share the Gospel with young souls and their families, assimilate lost souls into the family of believers, and nurture young souls with God’s Word and the love of Jesus well into the future. Please keep our LL and CALA ministries in your prayers. – St. John’s Board of Education

Joint Council Meeting Highlights from June 18 Meeting

Unfinished Business:

1. Next Lead Pastor Call/CALA Joint Mission Pastor
 - a. It was decided to make a recommendation to the voters to wait to make a call until January.
 - b. Required reports will continue to be sent regarding CALA Mission Pastor.
2. St. John's Early Childhood Ministry Call for LLLC Teacher/Director
 - a. Call was extended to Lynn Sellnow to be the LLLC Teacher/Director.
3. Consolidation
 - a. Left on agenda as it is a topic that shouldn't be forgotten, talks on consolidation/sharing a pulpit may be needed in the future.

New Business:

1. CALA Federation expansion
 - a. The CALA School Board and Emmanuel Council are continuing discussions on Emmanuel joining the CALA Federation.
2. Emergency Worship service
 - a. Pastor Zietlow, Darrell Buchholz and Matthew Kath are putting together prepared services with Liturgical and Hymn music, and a prepared sermon video for emergencies.
3. Close Captioning
 - a. Not much discussed, other than mention made that the WELS connection videos will continue to have CC.
4. Convention Reports
 - a. Pastor Zietlow, Principal Larry Sellnow, Gary Wegner and Matthew Kath attended the WELS Northern District Convention in Appleton. Matthew gave a short report on the highlights from the Convention. Pastor has a copy of the Report to the Twelve Districts if anyone wishes to see it, and Matthew can email reports from the Convention if anyone wishes them.

The next Joint Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2024.

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