

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A TOP-DOWN FAITH: THE LIVING LORD COMPLETELY CHANGES
OUR VIEW OF DEATH



We Welcome our Guest
Worship Leader:
Pastor Dave Haag (WLA)
Pastor Haag's Sermon:
Lamentations 2:22-33
NEW EVERY DAY

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 29 & 30, 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

THE LIVING LORD COMPLETELY CHANGES OUR VIEW OF DEATH

Most people fear death to some degree. Some fear death because they assume it is the end. Others fear death because they assume it isn’t the end at all, but that there is some sort of reckoning after death which might not go well for them. And have you seen what happens to a dead body? It is far from pretty. So, it is understandable that most people would fear death. Not so for those to whom God has given a top-down faith. Christianity teaches that for God’s children death is not discipline but deliverance. The living Lord gives Christians such a radically different view of death that they can have confidence to face death in their effort to give Christ glory. They understand that death does not cut us down, but only raises us up. Finally, the Christian has been given the top-down faith that believes Jesus can wake us from death as easily as we can wake a sleeping child from his nap.

ORDER OF SERVICE: Setting One, pp.154-164, 171

HYMNS: 919, 850, 927, (Hymns also posted on the screen)

PSALM: Psalm 30 "You Have Turned My Wailing into Dancing" (Hymnal/Screen)

SERMON: Lamentations 2:22-33 NEW EVERY DAY 1. Our troubles and God's help
2. Our sins and God's forgiveness

OPENING HYMN: 919 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.



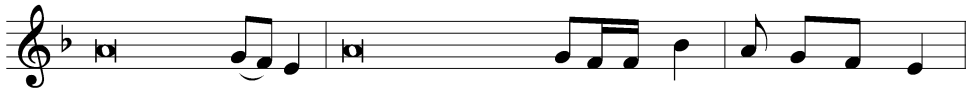
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



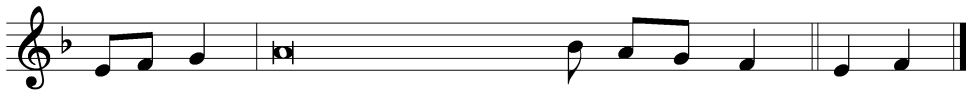
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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: Lamentations 3:22-33 (Sermon Text)

(God's people were suffering. But the prophet Jeremiah knew that suffering and impending death can focus our attention on what matters—the LORD's compassion and salvation.)

²²Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." ²⁵The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; ²⁶it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence, for the Lord has laid it on him. ²⁹Let him bury his face in the dust—there may yet be hope. ³⁰Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. ³¹For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. ³²Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. ³³For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 30 "You Have Turned My Wailing into Dancing" (ALL READ)

Refrain

You have turned my wailing into dancing, into dancing.

I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out / of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat / over me.

LORD my God, I called to / you for help,
and you / healed me.

You, LORD, brought me up from the realm / of the dead;
you spared me from going down / to the pit. *Refrain*

Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful / people;
praise his / holy name.

For his anger lasts only a / moment,
but his favor lasts a / lifetime;
weeping may stay / for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the / morning.

**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*

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15

(St. Paul knew that serving Christ might result in death. But he also knew the one who raised Jesus from the dead will also raise us.)

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹²So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. ¹³It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (ALL READ) *Lamentations 3:25*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

(Jesus raises the young daughter of a synagogue leader from the dead as easily as you would wake a sleeping twelve-year old from a nap.)

²¹When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²²Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴So Jesus went with him. ³⁵While Jesus was still speaking,

some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?" ³⁶Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." ³⁷He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴²Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: 850 "It Is Well with My Soul"



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more: praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so, it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

OFFERING, CARE CARDS, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS & ALTAR PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours 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: 927 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

God Bless Our Native Land--An Independence Day Service

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

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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, Ken Pabelick, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, 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: __)
- 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

**St. John's is hiring a Janitor for the Church
and Education Center!**

Part-time work with flexible hours.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: June 30-July 6, 2024

Today	11:15 a.m.	St. John's Quarterly Voters' Meeting
July 3-7		Marquette County Fair
Thursday		Independence Day
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship

Next Sunday: July 6, 2024

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

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
6/22/24	-	9
6/23/24	50	85

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 29 Sunday, June 30	Saturday, July 6 Sunday, July 7
Paul Van Treeck Matt Borzick Ken Borzick James Henke Haiden Van Treeck Nolan Van Treeck Brody Henke Milo Henke	Jerre Duerr Joe Zauner Gordon Krause Kevin Kaul Corey Kaul

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.

WOMEN ATTENDING LWMS CONVENTION in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, this past week and worshipping there at the closing service this morning are St. John's members Amber Kath (1st time & Send One Sister attendee), Kay Maass, Linda Wachholz, & LuAnn Ziemann. CALA attendees are teachers Beth Barenz & Shelley Myers. Featured mission presentations: Home Mission Pastor Craig Wilke, Sure Foundation-Brandon, SD; World Mission Pastor Conifer Berg, Europe Mission Team-London, England; Home Mission Pastor Brian Schmidt, Beautiful Savior-West Des Moines, Iowa; and World Mission Pastor John Holtz, Native Christians Network. Workshops included Dr. Terry Schultz, Artistic Development Missionary for Multi-Language Productions; Pastor Mark Birkholz, Canadian Mission Counselor; Pastor Ben Foxen, One Africa Team; and a panel presentation by current and former missionary wives. Watch for a detailed report in an upcoming newsletter. *The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is women dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).*

*Matthew & Amber Kath are celebrating
their 25th Wedding Anniversary by renewing their vows
on Wednesday, July 10, at 2:30 pm
on the north lawn of St. John's.*

(If weather non-cooperative, it will be in the Church)

*Our Church Family from
St. John's and Emmanuel are invited!!!*

(Please bring your own lawn chair)

*We will have fellowship with cake and ice cream in the
lower level following the service.*

*In lieu of gifts, we ask you make a donation to the
Lutheran Military Support Group ammo can.*

Pastor Zietlow will be officiating.

*Hope to see you, as we celebrate 25 years of God's Grace and
Blessings on our journey together as we travel this road of life.*

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