

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
A TOP-DOWN FAITH:  
THE DEVIL DOES HIS WORST, YET JESUS ALWAYS WINS



*Whoever does the  
will of God is my  
brother and sister  
and mother.*

Mark 3:35, NRSV

We Welcome our Guest  
Worship Leader:  
Pastor Rodney Dietche  
Pastor Dietche's Sermon:  
Mark 3:20-35  
"Believers In Jesus Belong to  
God's Eternal Family"

**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](http://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**

June 8 & 9, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

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## **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

### **THEME OF THE DAY: THE DEVIL DOES HIS WORST, YET JESUS ALWAYS WINS**

Look at our lives—the problems, the pains—and it’s easy to conclude that we are losing. Look at the world—the brokenness, the bedlam—and it’s easy to believe that the devil is winning. It all can lead us to despair. Yet this turmoil is exactly what God said would happen already in the Garden. There God declared that until the end of time enmity would prevail between the devil and mankind. But God promised more than that. He promised that from humanity would rise one who would completely defeat the devil. We need a top-down faith to understand that things are definitely not what they seem. Yes, the devil and his allies are constantly doing their worst. Their work always brings pain. Yet, ultimately, Jesus always wins. And his victory is our victory. Jesus’ victory is so complete that even when Satan continues to cause chaos, Christ uses it to reveal his glory and grace to those gifted with top-down faith.

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Setting One, with Communion, Hymnal Pages 154-170

**HYMNS:** 556, 871, 559, 574 (Hymns also posted on the screen)

**PSALM:** Psalm 130 "Out of the Depths" (Hymnal/Screen)

**SERMON:** Mark 3:20-35 “Believers In Jesus Belong to God’s Eternal Family”

## OPENING HYMN: 556 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"



1 All man-kind fell in Ad - am's fall; one com - mon  
2 Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps and us in  
3 From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone, flow thoughts and  
4 But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came to bear our



sin in - fects us all. From one to all the  
dread - ful bond - age keeps; in guilt we draw our  
deeds of sin a - lone; God's im - age lost, the  
sin and woe and shame, to be our life, our



curse de - scends, and o - ver all God's wrath im - pends.  
in - fant breath and reap its fruits of woe and death.  
dark - ened soul nor seeks nor finds its heav'n - ly goal.  
light, our way, our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.

5 As by one man all mankind fell  
and, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
so by one Man, who took our place,  
we all were justified by grace.

6 We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,  
new light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs.  
This grace our ev'ry way attend  
until we reach our journey's end.

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

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION

*CW 154*

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.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **Lord, Have Mercy**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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### Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



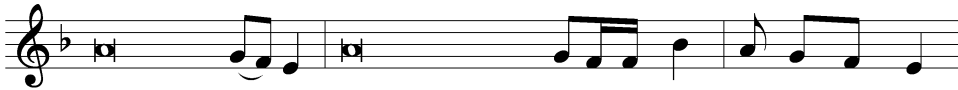
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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;



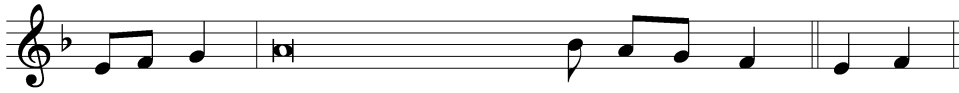
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



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. Almighty and eternal God, your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do your will; 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: Genesis 3:8-15

(The devil did his worst, but a gracious God promised that from Eve's descendants would come one who would defeat the serpent for us.)

<sup>8</sup>Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of

your life. <sup>15</sup>And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God.

**PSALM:** 130 "Out of the Depths"

*Refrain*

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD,  
Lord, hear my voice.

Out / of the depths

I / cry to you, O LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Listen closely as I / call on you for help.

LORD, if you kept / track of sins,

O / Lord, then who could stand?

But with you there is for- / giveness,

in order / that you may be feared. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my / soul waits,

and in his / word I put my hope.

More than watchers wait for / morning

my / soul waits for the Lord.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the / LORD is faithful love;

with him is complete re- / demption.

He will redeem Israel from the / guilt of all their sins.

**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 for- / ever. Amen. Refrain**

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## **SECOND READING: Revelation 20:1-6**

(God had promised victory in the Garden. Jesus allows St. John to see that victory in his Revelation.)

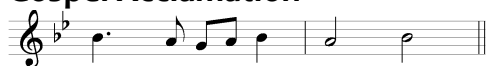
<sup>1</sup>And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. <sup>3</sup>He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. <sup>4</sup>I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Word of the Lord.

## **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

1 John 3:8



### *Refrain*



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

### *Tone*



The reason the Son of God ap - peared was to destroy the dev - il's work.

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**GOSPEL READING: Mark 3:20-35 (Sermon Text)**

(Jesus came to oppose Satan and his allies and undo all their work.)

<sup>20</sup>Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." <sup>23</sup>So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. <sup>27</sup>In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin." <sup>30</sup>He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit." <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." <sup>33</sup>"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. <sup>34</sup>Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 871 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"**



1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em - ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the  
2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure and bold - ly strive for  
3 Je - sus, all your chil - dren cher - ish, and keep them that they



foe de - stroy you, for Sa - tan has de - signed your fall.  
heav'n - ly trea - sure. Be stead - fast in the Sav - ior's might.  
nev - er per - ish whom you have pur - chased with your blood.



Wield God's Word, a weap-on glo - rious; a - gainst each foe you'll  
Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, for Je - sus from all  
Let new life to us be giv - en that we may look to



be vic - to - rious, for God will set you o'er them all.  
harm will hide you. By faith you'll con-quer in the fight.  
you in heav - en when - ev - er fear - ful is our mood.



Fear not the prince of hell, here is Im - man - u - el!  
Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!  
Your Spir - it on us pour that we may love you more,



Sing ho - san - na! The strong ones yield to Christ, our shield,  
Joy a - waits you. The race, then, run; your bat - tle done,  
hearts o'er - flow - ing; and then shall we, from sin set free,



and we as con - qu'rors hold the field.  
the crown of glo - ry will be won.  
sing praise through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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**SERMON:** Mark 3:20–35 "Believers In Jesus Belong to God's Eternal Family"

**NICENE CREED:** Hymnal Page 162/Screen

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** Hymnal Page 164/Screen

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**

**COMMUNION LITURGY:** Hymnal Page 165/Screen

\*For our Closed Communion Practice, see p.17\*

## **THE SACRAMENT**

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 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 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,



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



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

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you. As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with 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.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 559 "If Your Beloved Son, O God"

1 If your be-lov-ed Son, O God, had not to earth de-  
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; de-spair no more reigns  
3 I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sor-row  
4 All right-eous-ness by works is vain; the law brings con-dem-  
5 My guilt, O Fa-ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my  
scend-ed and in our mor-tal flesh and blood had not sin's  
o'er me. No more am I by sin op-pressed, for Christ has  
ceas-es. His words a-bid-ing peace im-part; his blood from  
na-tion. True right-eous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is  
Sav-ior. Lord Je-sus, you my debt have paid and gained for



pow - er end - ed, then this poor, wretch-ed soul of mine in  
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died that,  
guilt re - leas - es. Free grace thro' him I now ob - tain; he  
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, has  
me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.  
rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide with you, my God, for - ev - er.  
wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, and pure I stand be - fore him.  
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; in him my hope is an - chored.  
good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

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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.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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: 574 "The Tree Of Life"**



1	The tree of life	with ev - 'ry	good	in E - den's
2	The still - ness of	that sa - cred	grove	was bro - ken
3	What mer - cy God	showed to our	race,	a plan of
4	Now from that tree	of Je - sus'	shame	flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, and of its fruit so pure and  
 as the ser - pent strove with tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
 res - cue by his grace, in send - ing One from wom - an's  
 ter - nal in his name; for all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this  
 guile and Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
 seed, the One to fill our great - est need - for on a  
 lieve, sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew an - oth - er tree, of  
 sad - ness when the breath of fear and dark - ness,  
 tree up - lift - ed high his on - ly Son for  
 fruit so pure and sweet the Lord in - vites the



which they knew; its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
 doubt and death, its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
 sin would die, would drink the cup of scorn and  
 world to eat, to find with - in this cross of



dorned a - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
 played with - in the world so new - ly made.  
 dread to crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
 wood the tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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**\*\*NEXT SUNDAY AT St. JOHN'S: VOTERS LL CALL MEETING 11:15AM\*\***



## THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fathers' Day/Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
FROM THE TINIEST SEED GROWS THE LARGEST KINGDOM

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- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Mike Brown, Bob Buehrens, 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), Jim Kirschbaum, Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo Petrick, Sharon Prieue, Melissa Prater, Sharon Prieue, Karen Radke, Marilyn Riemer, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak, Pastor Josh Stibb (Evie Blada's grandson), James & Suzanne Weber, Cheryl Wegner, Paul Weldon, Tom Zietlow (Pastor's brother), Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: \_\_)
- For marriage and vacation time

**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: June 9-15, 2024

Tuesday And Wednesday		Synod Convention Appleton
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship

## Next Sunday: June 16, 2024 Father's Day

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

### Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
6/1/24	-	9
6/2/24	47	74

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***

**Next Sunday, June 16, at St. John's after worship there will be a Voters' Meeting to call a Little Lambs Teacher/Director.**

St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Saturday, June 8 Sunday, June 9	Saturday, June 15 Sunday, June 16
Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond	Matthew Kath Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley





## **CALA Yard Signs Available!!**

**You Can Help Advertise  
our School!!**

**They are available  
in the linkway at St. John's. Please take  
one for your yard!**

**If you would like to help by covering the cost of the sign, you are welcome to put \$11.00 in the basket by the signs in the linkway. However, do not feel obligated to cover that cost, we just want to get the signs out there to advertise our awesome school. Thanks for your help!**

## ***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.*



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