

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP: FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SEE
THE TRUE PURPOSE OF HIS POWER**



Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:

Mark 7:31-37

"Jesus, Divine Healer, Take Us Aside"

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

September 9, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sun. 10:00am at Montello City Park

THE NEED FOR FOLLOWERSHIP

"We need better leadership!" Have you ever said that? Perhaps you were frustrated with the direction being taken by some elected official or by management at your workplace or by the coach of your favorite team. You were frustrated because you know that no matter how many resources an organization has, it will flounder if leaders do not lead well: providing direction, training, motivation, coordination, encouragement, and even grace. Leadership is extremely important. And so, there are times we lament, "We need better leadership!" Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. And his leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are amiss in any of those arenas, what is needed is not better leadership, but better followership. In this series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead. May we better reflect the beauty of his life, better make his priorities our own, and better serve our God and neighbor. Our worship follows this path.

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SEE THE TRUE PURPOSE OF HIS POWER

Power is neither inherently good nor bad. Fire is powerful. The chef uses fire to create meals. But the arsonist uses fire to destroy homes. Nuclear fission is a powerful force. The engineer harnesses it, producing abundant electricity. The tyrant harnesses it, threatening others with nuclear weapons. What matters is the purpose of the one who has that power. Jesus has limitless power, as the numerous accounts of his miracles demonstrate. Those who witnessed those miracles understood that Jesus used his power for good. That doesn't mean they all understood Jesus' true purpose. Some thought Jesus' purpose was to make this temporal life better. And while Jesus did that at times, his ultimate purpose was to save us from sin and give us the gift of eternal life. Followers of Christ see the true purpose of his power.

HYMNS: 576, 746, (668 Emmanuel only), 617

SERMON: Mark 7:31-37 "Jesus, Divine Healer, Take Us Aside 1. To Open Our Ears With The Gospel 2. To Loosen Our Lips For Praise"

OPENING HYMN: 576 "Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790
Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spilman
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Stand.

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God.

O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Come, O come, let us worship.

LITURGICAL HYMN: 609 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer"



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.
Tune: Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, Haarlem, 1626
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Be Seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

(Through the prophet Isaiah God promised that he would come, making the blind see and the lame leap. But the ultimate purpose of his coming was to save us.)

⁴say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Acts 3:1-10

(Christ gave his follower Peter the power to heal a man who was lame from birth. When healed, the man does not go first to family and friends but to the temple to praise God.)

¹One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ²Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. ⁶Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:31-37

(Jesus uses his power not to elicit praise from the crowd but to demonstrate his love for a man who was deaf and mute.)

³¹Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. ³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”). ³⁵At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. “He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 746 "I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true;
And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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OFFERING, CARE CARDS, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS & ALTAR PRAYER

Stand.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In the morning, O Lord, I call to you;
be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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For our Communion Practice see p.8

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (Emmanuel only): 668 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing)

BLESSING

The Lord bless and keep you.

Amen.

The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

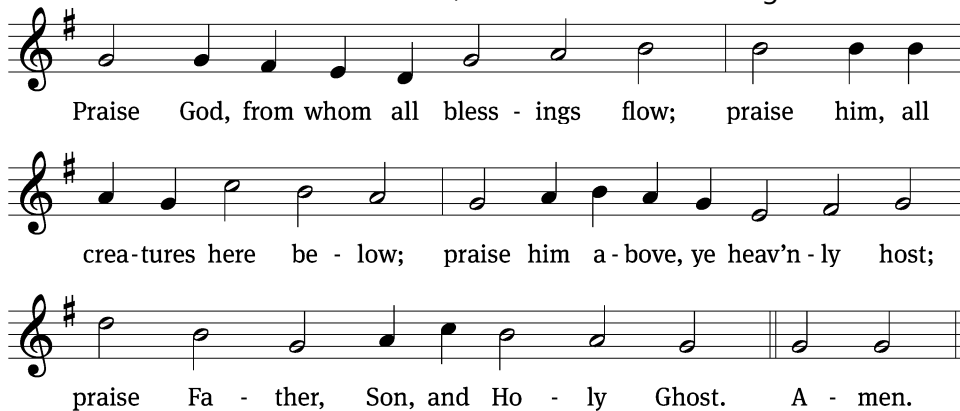
Amen.

The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

Amen.

Be Seated.

CLOSING HYMN: 617 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois
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THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY: WELS Stewardship Series #1
A GOD-LIVED LIFE: A LIFE OF BEING A DISCIPLE

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INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including: Allie Andres (Bonnie Chapman's relative), Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Sandy Buchholz, Bob Buehrens, Agnes Dassow, Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Kaye Edwards (Mark Emond's friend), Ken Elmer (Sally's husband), Earl Ewert, Judy Fandrey, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza, Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Randy Hardell, Del & Jean Henke, LuAnn Hoffman-Reber (Barb Hoffman's step-daughter), Jerry & Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's parents), Xzander Jahr, Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Emily Krueger, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Lucy Laun, Darren Marceau, Ken McKenzie (Mark Emond's friend), Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo & Barbara Petrick, Sharon Prieve, Melissa Prater, Sharon Prieve, Karen Radke, Shelley Rene (Mary Isberner's niece), Marilyn Riemer, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul Weldon, Tama Zuehls (Zeb's mother) (added this week: __)
- For Jonny Dahlke & Paige Klawitter who were united in Christian marriage on 9/7 at St. John's--Princeton
- For Kick-Off Weekend (9/7,8)
- For Befriend a Mission Month including Miss Elsa Ponath who serves as 1st and 2nd grade teacher at East Fork Lutheran School--Whiteriver, AZ

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 they 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: September 8-14, 2024

Monday	2:30 p.m.	Hands In Prayer Mtg. SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Wednesday	9:45 a.m.	The Residences Devotion
	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Confirmation Class SJ
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	SJ Worship

Next Sunday: September 15, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship
8:30 a.m.	Sunday School St. John's
8:45 a.m.	Adult Bible Study St. John's
9:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship
11:15 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting SJ

St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Saturday, Sept. 14 Sunday, Sept. 15	Saturday, Sept. 21 Sunday, Sept. 22
Jerre Duerr Joe Zauner Gordon Krause Kevin Kaul Corey Kaul	Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond

Attendance		
Date	EM	SJ
8/31/24	-	8
9/1/24	49	70

Total July Offerings	Monthly Budget Needs	July Expenses	Year to Date Offerings	Year to Date Expenses
\$20,757.98	\$40,014.98	\$25,163.87	\$20,757.98	\$25,763.87

*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***

a GOD-LIVED life

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE



A God-Lived Life Stewardship Challenge

Stewardship is about more than money. *It's our whole lives.* Jesus lived his life and gave his life for us. Our loving response is to imitate that. For the next four weeks, God's Word will be challenging us, and we'll be challenging one another to live a God-lived life. And that encompasses everything. We will be talking about a life of *being a disciple*, a life *lived for others*, a life of *hospitality*, and a life *lived shrewdly*.

Each week, we will be introduced to a challenge that we then prayerfully commit to carrying out. How will we commit to the challenges? As individual members, we are going to fill out a different challenge card each week. This will help to involve our entire family of faith in the challenges and help us encourage each other in the challenges. May God bless us as we grow in his Word and in our lives of living it!

**St. John's is looking for volunteers to
mow the Church and School grounds!**

**Are you able to help the Church and School
and serve the Lord by mowing?**

For information contact:

Jerre Duerr

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St. John's & Emmanuel Joint Choir will begin practice on Monday, Sept. 9. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our choir! Students in 7th grade and up, along with adults are invited to join. We practice once a week on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30, and as we do we are blessed with Christian fellowship and the singing of faith building musical pieces. We enjoy singing a variety of music as we praise the Lord in practice and in worship services. If you have questions, please contact the director, Lynn Sellnow. (616-826-0816 or lynnsellnow@stjohnsmontello.org) If you would like to join, you may simply come to our practices!

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

At St. John's, check out the glass doors in our linkway entrances and in school! Our new janitress has them gleaming after the arduous task of removing a lot of tape residue from posted items. All signs have been removed, and we hope to keep it that way! Some of us have developed the poor habit of using glass doors and display cases at church as bulletin boards for posters and other messages. It looks rather tacky when a sign is flapping or when signs are removed and the tape is left behind—you don't see this at other churches. Please refrain from posting anything on glass. Thanks for helping to make our entrances so much more pleasant!

WHAT IS BEFRIEND A MISSION MONTH? The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society supports WELS missions by prayer, encouragement, & giving. During our September BAM month at St. John's, we make a special effort to *shower our support* on our assigned missionaries by increasing our prayers, sending a few more notes & emails, & giving a little extra for missions. These joy-filled means of support have no age limitations! We can *ALL be a friend!* As LWMS shares awareness of WELS missions, we hope *YOU will join us by sending a note, signing a card, saying a prayer, or giving a little something extra to missions.* ***Our world mission assignment is Miss Elsa Ponath, Teacher of Grades 1 & 2 at East Fork Lutheran School in Whiteriver, Arizona.*** She would appreciate hearing from you! Share God's love and encouragement!

Send mail to:

Miss Elsa Ponath
P.O. Box 1145
Ft. Apache, AZ 85926



ALL MISSION OFFERINGS are being collected by LWMS during September at **both churches.** *Please use the collection container at the church where you are a member—in the church entrance both at Emmanuel and at St. John's.* WELS mission projects that will benefit from your gift are these Beaver Dam Circuit projects: Home Mission—Campus Ministry (helps campus pastors/congregations reach out & serve college students away from home on college campuses) and World Mission—Native American Missions (aids work on Fort Apache & San Carlos Apache Reservations in Arizona; outreach into new tribes, support groups & counseling, addiction programs & more). ***Your offerings are important to our supported missions and are welcome from everyone with a heart for missions!*** ***DEADLINE: Sunday, September 29.***

LWMS FALL RALLY at St. John's-FOX LAKE, on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12. *All are welcome! Come share a day "CHEERING" for WELS missions! Speaker Sara Zondag, former health & finance trainer for Thai Village, Inc. Register at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy morning refreshments, mission displays, and making a homemade card for a missionary! Service Project: Bring monetary gifts to the rally for Thai Village, Inc. and also shop a Thai Village sale—all will aid their current building fund. Bible study "Reflecting the Lord's Compassion through Words and Actions." 10:25 a.m. Business Meeting 11:10 a.m. Lunch 12:00 noon. Devotion/Speaker 12:55 p.m. Come for the whole day or just part of it! Anyone with a heart for missions—women, men, even kids—all are invited! Car pool signup in the Information Room or contact your LWMS reporter: Helen Stelter 608-297-7116 or Linda Wachholz 608-369-2635.*

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 8:30 A.M. Ages 3 and up, member or not, all are invited to come! Teachers look forward to assisting parents by helping the children grow in Christ! Privileged to serve and Lord and you—Amanda Finger, Linda Wachholz, James Wachholz. Parents & visitors are always welcome! Another good choice for SS parents would be attending adult Bible class while children attend SS!

MISSION FESTIVAL & EVANGELISM SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 29. Guest preacher is Pastor Doug Tomhave from St. Paul-Lake Mills, who currently serves as chairman for the WELS Commission on Evangelism. *"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."* John 4:35 Lord, give us "A Heart for the Harvest!" Join us for a celebration lunch at St. John's following the second service. Your freewill offering will support the WELS Home Mission project: Campus Ministry and the World Mission project: Native American Missions.

Haiden Van Treeck is in his junior year at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown. Our congregation has a scholarship program for students attending a Lutheran high school, MLC and the Seminary. Monetary gifts from St. John's members during the month of September will be used to supplement the Scholarship Fund amount. There will be a card basket for donations and encouragement.

We are updating our email list! Please email Matt Kath at scsecretary@stjohnsmontello.org to update or add your email to our list! It will help you stay up to date with important information, Church events and newsletters. Thank you so much 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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