

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
**LIVE LIKE YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER:  
LIVE WITH YOUR EYES ON THE SKIES**



**Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:  
Mark 13:32-37 "Be Working When the Lord Returns"**

**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-WELS**

November 24, 2024

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

St. John's: Sun. 10:00am

## LIVE LIKE YOU'LL LIVE FOREVER

"Live each day like it's your last." You have probably heard that advice. It sounds wise—an encouragement to take advantage of the time you have. However, that advice is completely backwards. Because the reality is, thanks to Jesus, we have an unending amount of time. Let that sink in. Really think about it. Jesus has given you the gift of eternal life. You are going to live forever. If you really thought it was your last day, that belief would shape how you lived that day. In this series, let us consider how the gift of eternal life shapes how we live each day. Live like you'll live forever!

## LIVE WITH YOUR EYES ON THE SKIES

"Eyes on the prize." That axiom stresses that when pursuing some good goal, focus is important. You don't want distractions or a lack of self-discipline to keep you from obtaining whatever that prize might be. "Eyes on the prize." You summon the willpower to fixate on that good thing. You let nothing divert your attention from obtaining the prize. The prize that we want most is spending eternity with Jesus. As the Church Year comes to a close, Jesus promises that he will come again "in clouds with great power and glory" to give us that prize. That prize will be so unbelievably good, it is worth fixating on. It merits our striving to set aside all that would distract us from Christ. Let us be ready. Let us keep watch. Let us live with our eyes on the skies.

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

**HYMNS:** 487, 488, 493, 491 v. 1 & 4

**PSALM:** Psalm 95 "The Rock of our Salvation"

**SERMON:** Mark 13:32-37 "Be Working When the Lord Returns"

**OPENING HYMN:** 487 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him  
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion  
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee



once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,  
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand    thou - sand    saints    at - tend - ing  
 those who    set at    naught    and sold him,  
 cause of    end - less    ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior,    take the    pow'r    and glo - ry,



swell    the tri - umph    of his    train:  
 pierced    and nailed him    to the    tree,  
 to his    ran - somed    wor - ship - ers.  
 claim    the king - dom    as thine    own.



Al - le - lu - ia,    al - le - lu - ia,    al - le -  
 deep - ly wail - ing,    deep - ly wail - ing,    deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture,    with what rap - ture,    with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia,    al - le - lu - ia,    al - le -



lu - ia!    Christ re - veals his    end - less reign.  
 wail - ing,    shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture,    gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia!    Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

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 Tune: Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799  
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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*

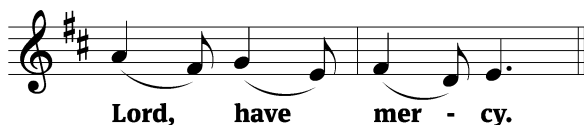
God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



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



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



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# Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

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.**



For the LORD is the / great God,  
the great King a- / bove all gods.  
In his hand are the depths / of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks be- / long to him.  
The sea is his, for he / made it,  
and his hands formed the / dry land. *Refrain*

Come, let us bow down in / worship,  
let us kneel before the LORD our / maker;  
for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,  
the flock under / his care.  
Today, if only you would / hear his voice,  
“Do not hard- / en your hearts  
as you did at / Meribah,  
as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness.”

**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***

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## **SECOND READING: Jude 20-25**

(St. Jude explains how we live in anticipation of Jesus’ return—by doing the things that build up our faith and by showing mercy to our neighbor.)

<sup>20</sup>But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>Be merciful to those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. <sup>24</sup>To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— <sup>25</sup>to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

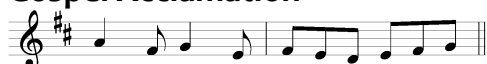
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Gospel Acclamation

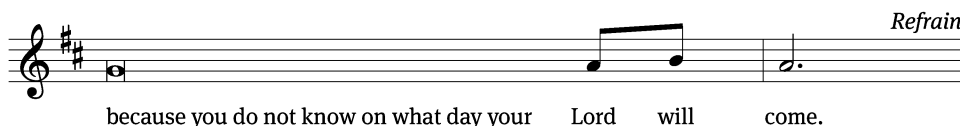
Matthew 24:42



### Refrain



### Tone



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## **GOSPEL:** Mark 13:26-37 (sermon text underlined)

(You do not know when Jesus will come again. So be alert, with your eyes on the skies.)

<sup>26</sup>At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the

ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. <sup>28</sup>Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.

<sup>29</sup>Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things

have happened. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.

<sup>34</sup>It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore keep

watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. <sup>36</sup>If he comes

suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup>What I say to you, I say to everyone:  
'Watch!' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Praise be to you, O Christ!

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: 488 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -  
2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound and all the earth be  
3 A book is o - pened then to all, a rec - ord tru - ly  
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but car - nal



noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of  
shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found shall from their  
tell - ing what each has done, both great and small, when they on  
plea - sures, who here de - spised his pre - cious Word and loved their



all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when  
sleep a - wak - en and with the liv - ing in that hour, by  
earth were dwell - ing, and ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, and  
earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand and



flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.  
God's al - might - y, bound - less pow'r, be changed at his com - mand - ing.  
all be known as they have been in thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
at the judg - e's stern com - mand to Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
and for my sin was smitten;  
within the Book of Life I know  
my name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
and Satan cannot threaten me;  
there is no condemnation!

6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
but hasten our salvation;  
we often tremble on our way  
in fear and tribulation.  
Your saints are waiting patiently;  
come soon, Redeemer, make us free  
from ev'ry evil. Amen.

Text: tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832-1919, alt.; Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532-1599, abr.  
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**SERMON:** Mark 13:32-37 "Be Working When the Lord Returns 1. We don't know when, but we do know he will 2. We all have work to do 3. We all must give an account"

**NICENE CREED:** Hymnal page 196

**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.**

**OFFERING, FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS, ALTAR PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE FINAL SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR:**

Eternal and gracious Father, today we end another year of grace. Once again the Holy Spirit has nourished and strengthened our faith as we reviewed the words and works of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. We have rejoiced to hear that you kept the promises you

made to your ancient people. We were encouraged as we remembered how you empowered your followers to proclaim the good news in their world.

**Work in us every day to believe the truths of your Word and apply them in our lives.**

We are aware that we live in dangerous times as Satan and his forces of evil assault your people again and again. Give us wisdom to discern teachings that subtly deny the Scriptures. Provide courage to stand against the attacks of godless opponents. Strengthen our resolve to confess the truth and then to speak the truth in love.

**Work in us every day to be watchful and cautious as we live in our world.**

Help us take to heart that your Son, our Lord Jesus, is coming again to judge the living and the dead. Since the day of his return is unknown to us, lead us to note the signs that signal the end of time. Spare us from fear as trouble and woe increase, and fill us with hope as we long for that great day.

**Work in us every day to be ready for the moment of his coming.**

Fill us with concern for family members and friends who are not taking seriously their need for Jesus and his forgiveness. Provide opportunities to reach out to them with patient persistence and to lovingly lead them to your Word and sacraments. Make us generous with our offerings so that others can go in our place to proclaim the good news.

**Work in us every day to witness to Christ and his love for sinners.**

Lead us to see our Savior's face in the faces of the poor and hungry, the lonely and forgotten, the oppressed and imprisoned, and move to support them whenever we can. [Today we ask that you keep in your care... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Empower our faith to be lights in the world so that people may see our good works and glorify you and your Son.

**Work in us every day to imitate your love for the lost, the least, and the last.**

If you call us to glory before the final day comes, carry our souls to heaven where we will await the resurrection of our bodies. Comfort those who may grieve over losing us and point them to the day when they will join us at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

**Work in us every day so that we are ready whenever you call us home.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence. *Silent prayer*

Fill us with hope and joy as we await your Son's return. Cause us to enjoy your earthly blessings in light of your eternal glories and to realize that heaven is really our home.

Lead us to long for the splendor of Paradise where you will wipe away all tears from our eyes.

**Work in us every day as we listen for the sound of the final trumpet. Amen.**

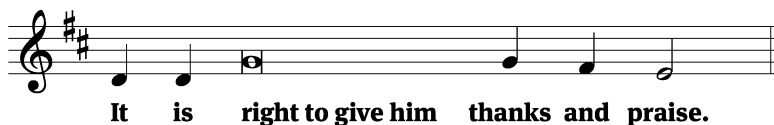
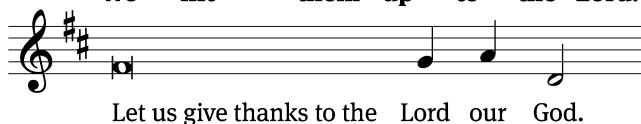
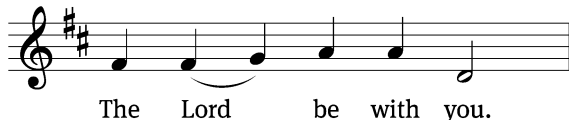
**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS** (bulletin p. 18)

## **THE SACRAMENT**

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### **Preface**

CW 199



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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 preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to 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.**

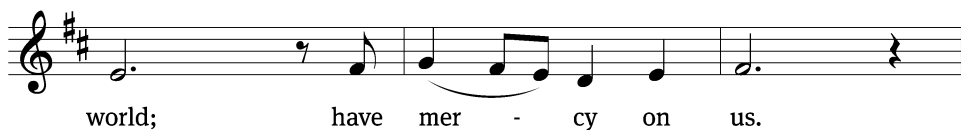
### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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; grant us, grant us peace.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 493 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 You saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth, as he ap - proach - es, with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere.

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb you shall be - hold,  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph lay be - fore him your shin - ing crowns of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free.

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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: 491 v.1,4 "Come, You Thankful People, Come"**



1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, shall pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
Come with all your an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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\*After Announcements: "A Real Christmas" Promo Video\*

**THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**A REAL CHRISTMAS:**

**A REAL CHRISTMAS REQUIRES REMEMBERING WHY CHRIST CAME**

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**INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

- For the sick and others facing trials, including Janice Arvidson, Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Sandy Buchholz, Bob Buehrens, Gene Crook, 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), 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), Mary Luck, Darren Marceau, Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo & Barbara Petrick, Sharon Priewe, Melissa Prater, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, Shelley Rene (Mary Isberner's niece), Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Lynn Sellnow, Bob Sluga (Sherry's husband), Heather Smith (Diane Hintz' step-daughter), DuWayne Sommerfeld, Amanda Stalker, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul & LuAnn Weldon (added this week: )
- For the family of Allie Andres (Bonnie Chapman's relative) called to her eternal home in heaven on 11/15 at the age of 17
- For Peter Lemke called by the Lord at the 11/12 Christ Alone Lutheran Academy board meeting to serve as principal and grade 6-8 teacher next school year- For Alyssa Scharrer called by the Lord at the 11/17 St. John's Voters meeting to serve as Little Lamb's director/teacher next school year



We would like to thank all who donated to the Lutheran Military Support Group. The ammo can at St. John's received \$259 in donations. For more information about LMSG, contact Mark Emond or visit <https://lutheranmilitary.org>

St. John's is looking for a few good men to help as Ushers! If you'd like to join the usher crew, please talk to Jerre Duerr, James Wachholz, or Matthew Kath. Thanks!!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Week: November 24-30, 2024

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Wednesday	Thursday and Friday	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	9:45 a.m.	The Residences Devotion
	10:00 a.m.	Montello Care Center Devotion
	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Worship EM
Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	(No Worship at SJ or EM)

## Next Sunday: December 1, 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
4:00 p.m.	Advent by Candlelight at Emmanuel

	Budget	Offerings	All Income	Expenses
<b>October</b>	\$40,014.98	\$21,038.43	\$35,764.68	\$55,831.44
<b>Year to Date</b>	\$160,059.92	\$99,372.60	\$134,088.89	\$144,218.80

*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***

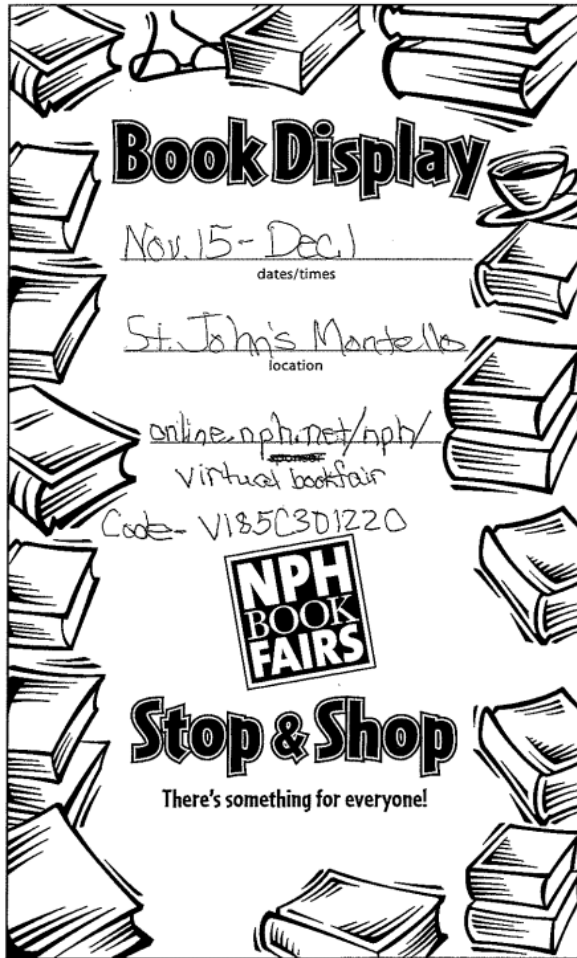
St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Sunday, Nov 24	Sunday, Dec 1 Wednesday, De 4
Jerre Duerr Gordon Krause Kevin Kaul	Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond

LL, CALA and Sunday School Singing Schedule	
Date	
12/1/24	Sunday School in MONTELLO
12/4/24	CALA K-8 in PRINCETON
12/14/24	11:00 a.m. LL Christmas Service in MONTELLO
12/15/24	Sunday School in MONTELLO
12/15/24	CALA Christmas Service MONTELLO

Attendance		
Date	EM	SJ
11/17/24	38	49

**COMMUNION PRACTICE:** Today our congregations 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.

**GIVING TREE OF MARQUETTE COUNTY** is now in the church office ready for you to choose a tag and purchase a Christmas gift. You will find 2 types of tags on the tree this year. Colored tags are for a child. *New this year*, black & white tags are for purchasing essential items for a family. When you take a tag, be sure to sign the Gift Tag Tracking Sheet with your name and phone number, and sign again when you return your gift. Return your gift by Sunday, December 8, making certain the gift tag is securely attached to the gift.



**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT WOMEN'S PROGRAM** hosted by Emmanuel Will be held Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 4:00pm at Emmanuel Parish Hall. Ladies can enjoy a beautiful decorated candlelit room, food, song and prayer. We look forward to fellowship and preparing for the true meaning of Christmas. Our sign up sheets are full at this time. But we can put you on a call list if an opening occurs. Call Sue Stelter at 608-297-2761 or Ellen Kirschbaum at 608-697-0892 if you would like to be on a call list or if you have any questions.

**CHRISTMAS**  
*Pajama Drive*

Christ Alone Lutheran Academy is collecting pajamas for foster children in the following counties: Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Marquette, and Sauk. Pajamas should be new! All sizes are needed (infant-XXL). They do not have to be a Christmas design.

**NOW THROUGH DEC. 2**

**DROP OFF LOCATIONS:**  
Princeton School Office: 227 Harvard St.  
Montello School Office: 313 E Montello St.

**TIME:**  
Weekdays 7:30a-3:30p

**CONTACT:**  
Ciara Neuhauser 920-481-9002 office / 608-369-0901 cell

## **CALA HOSTS WALL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FEB. 2025**

On Feb. 15 & 16, Christ Alone Lutheran Academy will host the annual WALL basketball tournament at WLA in Fond du Lac, WI. We need all hands on deck! If you are looking for a way to support and serve your school, please consider giving your time. You do not need to be a sports family to serve. Areas that we will need help in are concessions, admissions table, bookkeeping, scoreboard, and providing baked good items. All proceeds made that weekend will go to CALA. From these proceeds, CALA also plans to give back by making a monetary donation to the WLA new school building project. Thank you for your consideration!

**Please follow the link to sign up or contact Ciara in the Princeton office:**

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1l\\_a4peA3NGuriLFfEuz4wGz9WPZOIV\\_Z2Bspd8jA32RA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1l_a4peA3NGuriLFfEuz4wGz9WPZOIV_Z2Bspd8jA32RA/edit?usp=sharing)

At our November 17 call meeting the voters present voted unanimously to extend a Divine Call to Mrs. Allyssa Scharrer to be our next preschool Director/Teacher.

Following is some information about her.

Address:

2866 Northwynde Passage

Sun Prairie, WI

Phone: 608.225.9738

Email: [ascherrer@eastsidelutheran.org](mailto:ascherrer@eastsidelutheran.org)

She is 44 years old, a graduate of Martin Luther College. She is presently teaching at Eastside Lutheran in Madison. She has a heart for child care and preschool. She has also been blessed with musical gifts and computer skills. She is married to Martin who is employed as a Maintenance Technician at UW Madison. They have two children Blake 18 and Eli 16. They both attend Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills.

Please reach out to her with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls as she deliberates where she can best use her gifts to promote the saving Gospel.

Please keep both congregations and all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work together to carry out our Gospel ministries.

In Christ,

Jerre Duerr

But Jesus called the children to him and said, **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."** Luke 18:16

Dear members of St. John's and Emmanuel,

On November 12th CALA extended a Divine Call for next year's Principal.

You have heard that the call was extended to Peter Lemke who is the Principal in Jefferson. Here is some additional information you may not have:

Address:

230 Meadow Ct.

Jefferson WI 53549-1184

Phone: 262-749-0214

Email: [plemke@stijwels.org](mailto:plemke@stijwels.org)

They have 4 grown children, one of which Ryan married our past teacher Rachel Naumann.

Please reach out to him with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls as he deliberates where he can best use his gifts to promote the saving Gospel.

Please keep both his congregation and all the congregations that support CALA in your prayers.

Please keep all of our called workers in your prayers, as we work together to carry out our Gospel ministries.

The Board of Ed will be placing a collection jar out at church to be used for Christmas gifts for our teachers aides.

Our finances still remain challenging. Thank you to the many who have increased their gifts to the Lord. In an effort to find some more income it was brought up at our last voters meeting the possibility of selling some of our unused property. The council has asked Paul Van Treeck to form a committee to look into this further. They will try to have more information for our next voters meeting on January 5th.

In Christ,

Jerre Duerr

## ***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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**Email:** [principal@crystalonelutheranacademy.net](mailto:principal@crystalonelutheranacademy.net)

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**School Email:** [secretary@crystalonelutheranacademy.net](mailto:secretary@crystalonelutheranacademy.net)

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