



All scripture is inspired by God
and is useful for teaching, for
reproof, for correction, and
for training in righteousness...

2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
**EPIPHANY MOMENTS:
POPULARITY IS NOT
PROOF OF SUCCESS**

We Welcome Our Guest
Worship Leader:
Pastor John Dolan (Retired)
Pastor Dolan's Sermon:
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
"All Scripture is God-Breathed,
Like It or Not"

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 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

February 2, 2025

Emmanuel: Sun. 8:00am

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

EPIPHANY MOMENTS

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” When someone has an epiphany, it’s not that reality changed. The way they see that reality is what changed, for a deeper truth has been revealed. An epiphany is an “a-ha!” moment causing us to look at things very differently. In the Church Year, Epiphany is the season where we see Jesus begin his ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. In this season we will come to understand that when we have Jesus in our lives, it does not always mean our reality drastically changes. It simply means that we see reality differently (and better). Jesus always provides an abundance of epiphany moments.

POPULARITY IS NOT PROOF OF SUCCESS

In 2009, Facebook added the “like” button. That same year, Twitter added the “retweet” feature. Interestingly, reported cases of depression began to rise sharply in 2010. It is easy to think that the more people like us, the more successful our lives must be. Likewise, it is easy to believe the more people like a church, the more successful that church is. So here is an important epiphany for both individuals and churches. Popularity is not proof of success. Though there will be times when Christ’s gospel and those who proclaim it are popular, that popularity is never the goal. Nor does that popularity define success. If a church makes its central focus things like personal improvement, healing for the sick, or social justice, that church may draw a crowd. It just fails to carry out the true agenda Christ has given his Church. The gospel of forgiveness is to be the center of all our preaching and teaching. The agenda for Christ’s Church is set. It’s the same agenda that was followed by the Church’s Christ.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Setting One, no communion hymnal pp. 154-164, 171

HYMNS: 679, 901, 874

PSALM: 71 "God Is My Strong Salvation"

SERMON: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 "All Scripture is God-Breathed, Like It or Not"

OPENING HYMN: 679 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (February school hymn)

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

(The LORD called Jeremiah to fearlessly share God’s Word, even if what he said made him unpopular.)

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD. ⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my

mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

PSALM: 71 "God Is My Strong Salvation"

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

(A temptation is for spiritual teachers to say only what people want to hear, equating personal popularity with success. St. Paul gives young Pastor Timothy a different agenda.)

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. ¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 4:43

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God,
because that is why I was sent.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:38-44

(Jesus was popular in Capernaum. The people wanted him to stay there permanently. Jesus knew for his mission to be successful, he needed to proclaim the good news in other towns.)

³⁸Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. ³⁹So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

⁴⁰At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. ⁴¹Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah. ⁴²At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. ⁴³But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." ⁴⁴And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 901 "O Christians, Haste"

SERMON: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 "All Scripture is God-Breathed, Like It or Not"

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

WELS Connection Video Following Announcements

Emmanuel Council Meeting following Worship

THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany - EPIPHANY MOMENTS:
THE LEAST QUALIFIED ARE THE FIRST SENT

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CHURCH RECORDS

Dear members of St. John's, In coming months we will be updating our Church records and need your help! Office volunteers will be contacting you to update contact information and Church records. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

"An Emmanuel Council meeting is scheduled on Feb 2nd following the Sunday service. A congregation meeting will follow on Feb 9th following the Sunday service."

2024 Offering Statements for St. Johns: There is a sign-up sheet in the linkway by the envelopes for anyone who wishes to have an offering statement for 2024.

The 2025 Emmanuel offering envelopes are now available to be picked up in the parish hall. If you may have any questions, please contact Brian Ninneman.

The 2025 St. John's offering envelopes are now available on the table in the linkway. If you have any questions, see Matt Kath, James Wachholz, Jerre Duerr or Pastor Zietlow.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including Evie Blada, Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Sandy Buchholz, Bob Buehrens, Agnes Dassow, Edith Duesterhoeft, Don Ebert, Kaye Edwards (Mark Emond's friend), Judy Fandrey, John Gaedke (Dan Finger's uncle), Donna Gatzke, Dennis Gray (Mary Dahlke's brother), Kelleen Grucza, Kim Hanko (Judy Fandrey's daughter), Samuel Harmon (Linda Lou Wacholtz's nephew), Del & Jean Henke, LuAnn Hoffman-Reber (Barb Hoffman's step-daughter), Darlene Hunter (Bonnie Chapman's mother), Kris Kemp (Diane Hintz' daughter), Dale Kozlowski, Jeff Krueger (Diane Hintz's son), Jacob Kwit (Suzie Weber's son), Earl "Pete" Laun, Garrett Miller (Dawn Marcelain & Candace Sonnenberg's brother-in-law), Julie Moran, Debbie & Steve Parrish, Milo & Barbara Petrick, Kim Peyton (Chuck Boetcher's niece), Sharon Prieue, Roxanne Schmanke, Ashley Schroeder, Eloise Schultz, Heather Smith (Diane Hintz' step-daughter), Amanda Stalker, Don Stelter, Tom Stempniak (Carol's husband), Billy & Gloria Tucker, James & Suzanne Weber, Paul & LuAnn Weldon (added this week: __)

- For Joel & Amy Grulke called on 1/21 at CALA (principal & grades 6-8 teacher) & LL (director/teacher) call meetings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: February 2-8, 2025

Today	9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Council Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Evangelism Meeting SJ
Monday	2:30 p.m.	HIP Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir SJ
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Joint Elders Meeting SJ
	6:30 p.m.	CALA Meeting Princeton
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ
Thursday	Noon	Ladies Aid Dessert & Meeting SJ
	4:00 p.m.	BoE Meeting SJ
	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men of His Word Conference Oshkosh

Next Sunday: February 9, 2025

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

	Budget	Offerings	All Income	Expenses
December	\$40,014.98	\$30,890.45	\$38,448.95	\$36,256.39
Year to Date	\$240,089.88	\$152,092.35	\$202,183.89	\$218,379.96

*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***

LL, CALA and Sunday School Singing Schedule

Date	
2/16/25	Sunday School MONTELLO

Attendance

Date	EM	SJ
1/23/25	38	75

Lenten suppers at St. John’s begin Ash Wednesday—March 5th—which the St. John’s Ladies Aid will serve. The following 2 Wednesdays will be served by the St. John’s Sunday School and the Hands in Prayer ladies. If there are any other groups that are interested in serving, please contact Matt at the St. John’s office. April 2nd and April 9th are available. That is all since Good Friday is April 18th and Easter Sunday is April 20th.

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 Jorgia Kempley in the Princeton office:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1l_a4peA3NGuriLFfEuz4wGz9WPZOIVZ2Bspd8jA32RA/edit?usp=sharing

St. John’s	Usher’s Schedule
Sunday, Feb. 2	Sunday, Feb. 9
Jerre Duerr Gordon Krause Kevin Kaul	Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond

Lent and Holy Week Worship Schedule:

(Regular Sunday Worship:

Emmanuel: 8:00am, St. John's: 10:00am)

Ash Wednesday, March 5:

Emmanuel 3:30pm, St. John's 6:30 pm

(Lenten Supper at St. John's 4:30pm)

Wednesday, March 12:

Emmanuel 3:30pm, St. John's 6:30 pm

(Lenten Supper at St. John's 4:30pm)

Wednesday, March 19:

Emmanuel 3:30pm, St. John's 6:30 pm

(Lenten Supper at St. John's 4:30pm)

Wednesday, March 26:

Emmanuel 3:30pm, St. John's 6:30 pm

(Lenten Supper at St. John's 4:30pm)

Wednesday, April 2:

Emmanuel 3:30pm, St. John's 6:30 pm

(Lenten Supper at St. John's 4:30pm)

Wednesday, April 9:

Emmanuel 3:30pm, St. John's 6:30 pm

(Lenten Supper at St. John's 4:30pm)

Passion Sunday, April 13:

Emmanuel: 8:00 am, St. John's: 10:00

Holy Thursday, April 17: Emmanuel 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 18: St. John's 1:00pm

Easter Sunday:

Emmanuel: 8:00am, St. John's: 10:00am

CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN ACADEMY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

CHILDREN'S
ART
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Art For Dinner
"Fearfully & wonderfully made"

BASKET
RAFFLE

CATERED
DINNER

MARCH 1, 2025

Where: CALA Princeton Campus

Silent Auction Preview: 3:30-5:30pm

Basket Preview: 3:30-5:30pm

Dinner: 5:00pm

TICKETS REQUIRED UPON ENTRY!

FREE Spaghetti Meal
for children (13 & under)!

To Buy Tickets:

artfordinner15@gmail.com

School Office 920-481-9002

Stop by the Princeton school office

Coordinator: Megan Jaster

608-369-3456

At our January 21 Call meeting The voters present voted unanimously to extend a Call to Amy Grulke to be our next LL Director/Teacher. The CALA Board extended a Call to her husband Joel to be the next Principal and 6-8 grade teacher at CALA.

Following is some information about them:

Joel is the Principal and upper grade teacher and Amy is the preschool teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in Waukesha. They have three children ages 30, 24 and 22. They are both graduates of MLC. He was born in Watertown and she was born in Milwaukee. He is 58 and she is 57 years old.

Joel phone: 262-327-4189 cell

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Amy phone: 262-327-4263 cell

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Please pray for them and reach out to them with encouragement through cards, texts, emails, or phone calls as they deliberate where they can best use their 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.

As you may know due to our present financial situation we have opened a dialogue with the CALA Board and ultimately St. John's Princeton to move our Little Lambs preschool under CALA. Please pray about this. These ministries provide a path to Jesus for our children and children in the community.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." If we can't provide a path, we are in essence hindering them.

PLASTIC CANVAS CRAFT PROJECT FOR 2026 LWMS CONVENTION We are collecting the following new or leftover items in any colors for making plastic canvas crosses that will go in the totebags at the convention we host in Madison. We also need more volunteers to assist with production (1,500!).

- 4-ply yard (each cross requires 1.5-2 yards)
- 1/8-inch ribbon (8 inches per cross)
- 7-mesh plastic canvas (to be cut into cross shapes)

Collection box by the church office. Questions? contact Linda Wachholz, 608-369-2635, lwmsreporter@stjohnsmontello.org



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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