



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

**Pastor Zietlow's Sermon:
Luke 5:1-11
"LET DOWN YOUR
NETS FOR A CATCH"**

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 9, 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.

THE LEAST QUALIFIED ARE THE FIRST SENT

Imagine you need heart bypass surgery. When meeting with the surgeon, you ask, "How many of these have you done?" He responds, "You get the honor of being my very first patient!" You probably feel more anxious than honored. With important jobs, we understand it is crucial that the person doing that job is well-qualified. There is no more important job than sharing the good news of salvation with others. So, you would expect Jesus would only give that job to those most qualified, like the angels. Nope. The least qualified are the first sent. In love, Jesus prepares and equips us to speak on his behalf. How? He draws unworthy sinners into his presence to provide us with the free gift of holiness that we lack. Once cleansed, we jump at the opportunity to be the ones through whom God does the same for others. Here is this week's epiphany moment. Let this be a crucial epiphany moment! You might think you are unqualified to share the gospel with those Christ brings into your sphere of influence. But the least qualified are the first sent

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Setting One with communion hymnal pp. 154-170

HYMNS: 375, 745, 743, 716 v. 1 & 4

PSALM: 67 "Let the Peoples Praise You"

SERMON: Luke 5:1-11 "LET DOWN YOUR NETS FOR A CATCH" 1. Begins with listening to Jesus' advice 2. Requires trusting Jesus' power 3. Involves leaving things behind for Jesus

OPENING HYMN: 375 "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

(Isaiah admitted he was sinfully unclean, unqualified to stand in God's presence. The LORD not only takes Isaiah's sin away but also sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the

LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

PSALM: 67 "Let the Peoples Praise You"

SECOND READING: Romans 10:12-17

(God's plan is to equip saved sinners like us to proclaim salvation to other sinners. St. Paul explains that God has no backup plan.)

¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" ¹⁶But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalms 71:15

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds,
of your saving acts all day long.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11 (Sermon Text)

(Jesus takes simple, self-admittedly sinful fishermen, seemingly unqualified for gospel ministry. He removes their fears, calls them to follow, and makes them fishers of men.)

¹One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ²He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,

"Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. ⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." ¹¹So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 745 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 743 "I Hear the Savior Calling"

CLOSING HYMN: 716 v. 1 & 4 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

Emmanuel Congregational Meeting following Worship

THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany - EPIPHANY MOMENTS:
BLESSINGS ARE CURSED; CURSES ARE BLESSED

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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.

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 2024 Emmanuel offering statements are now available to be picked up in the mailboxes. 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.

The Evangelism Team
has some fun upcoming outreach projects and we are in need of monetary donations and volunteers!!!
We are in need of monetary donations to buy supplies and volunteers to help with the fun activities at the Easter Festival on April 12.
We are in need of volunteers for canvassing our local area for the Montello Care & Share Food Bank. This is an easy, unthreatening reason to be at the door. We are performing a community service for Care & Share while interacting with multiple households in Montello. Brief training is provided.
These projects are a great way to get involved with your Church Family and help to reach out to our community with the Gospel!
There will be a basket in the information room for donations for the Easter Festival.
If you'd like to help out with these projects, or join the Evangelism Team, please contact Lynn Sellnow, James & Linda Wachholz, Mark & Patty Emond or Matt Kath.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

- For the sick and others facing trials, including 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 Priewe, 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
- For our St. John's member Barbara Hoffman who celebrated her 87th birthday on 1/29

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Week: February 9-15, 2025

Today	9:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Congregational Meeting
Monday	NO SCHOOL	Parent-Teacher Conferences
	9:00 a.m.	Pastor's Study Club at Trinity, Redgranite
	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 Catechism SJ
Thursday- Friday	NO SCHOOL	Teacher Conferences
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	GriefShare SJ
Friday- Saturday	8:00 a.m.	WALL B Basketball Tournament Fon du Lac

Next Sunday: February 16, 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.	Adult Bible Study Emmanuel
10:00 a.m.	St. John's Worship

	Budget	Offerings	All Income	Expenses
January	\$40,014.98	\$23,048.50	\$39,092.82	\$35,572.32
Year to Date	\$280,104.79	\$175,875.85	\$242,011.71	\$254,357.31

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
2/2/25	40	78

Lenten suppers at St. John’s begin Ash Wednesday—March 5th—which the St. John’s Ladies Aid will serve. The following Wednesdays will be served by the St. John’s Sunday School, Hands in Prayer, the Emmanuel Ladies and the Men’s Breakfast and Study Club. If there are any other groups that are interested in serving, please contact Matt at the St. John’s office. April 2nd is 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_a4peA3NGuriLFfEuz4wGz9WPZOIV_Z2Bspd8jA32RA/edit?usp=sharing

St. John’s	Usher’s Schedule
Sunday, Feb. 9	Sunday, Feb. 16
Ben Jaster Jacob Jaster Jeff Reimer Mark Emond	Matt Kath Glen Bubolz Martin Schmanke Mike Kempley Grayson Kempley

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-Hosted by Ladies' Aid)

Wednesday, March 12:

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

(Lenten Supper at St. John's 4:30pm-Hosted by Sunday School)

Wednesday, March 19:

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

(Lenten Supper at St. John's 4:30pm-Hosted by Hands in Prayer)

Wednesday, March 26:

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

*(Lenten Supper at Emmanuel 4:30pm-
hosted by Emmanuel Ladies)*

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-
Hosted by Men's Breakfast & Study Club)

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, April 20:

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

Join us for a delicious meal on Monday, February 10th at Granite Falls in Montello!

They'll be donating 10% of all sales to the Art For Dinner fundraiser! Take the night (or day) off and let them handle the cooking while supporting a great cause. We hope to see you there!

Granite Falls
36 Montello St., Montello
Hours 6am-9pm

JOIN US **MONDAY,** 
FEBRUARY 10TH 

GRANITE FALLS

36 MONTELLO ST, MONTELLO
HOURS 6AM-9PM

 

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CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN ACADEMY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



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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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.

CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF WELS



"Just as the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, so also was the very small beginning of our synod."

- J. Muehlhaeuser

A SYNOD IS BORN

On Dec. 8, 1849, three Lutheran pastors, led by Johannes Muehlhaeuser, met at Grace Downtown in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and "recognized the need of a joint effort to spread the kingdom of God for the Lutheran Church in Wisconsin." Muehlhaeuser recalled, "Just as the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, so also was the very small beginning of our synod." The synod adopted its constitution at its first official meeting on May 26, 1850, in Granville, Wisconsin.

The very first resolution in the synod's history, made at the Dec. 8, 1849, meeting, stated:

"That the synod which is to be founded bear the name 'The First German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin' and that this



Grace Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee was constructed in 1851. Incorporated in 1849, Grace was where three Lutheran pastors met to discuss founding a synod that would eventually be known as WELS.

specific name and title remain with it forever.” There’s a story in the details:

- The synod was technically not “The First” since two other German Lutheran synods were already present in Wisconsin.
- The synod was “German” because its ministers came from Germany, spoke German, and sought to serve the large population of German immigrants who had no spiritual shepherds.
- The synod was “Evangelical” since it sought to make the proclamation of the gospel its chief endeavor.
- The synod was “Lutheran” because it sought primarily to serve churchless Lutherans and it followed the teachings of the Reformer Martin Luther.
- The synod was a “Synod” (a Greek word that literally means “coming together”) because the pastors wanted to work together to accomplish more gospel ministry.
- The synod was “of Wisconsin” because all its leaders served people in Wisconsin. At that time, most states had Lutheran synods of their own, so the first generation primarily focused on one region within their means.

Much has changed since the synod’s mustard seed-like beginnings 175 years ago—including its name. Yet one thing remains clear: the Word of the Lord endures forever.

An anniversary prayer

God of mercy, God of truth, we praise you because you have given your grace in Christ to us. We humbly honor you for placing your gift of Christ in us, and we boldly pray that you keep us faithful to your truth and bless your message of Christ through us. In his gracious name. Amen.

WELS Historical Institute
To learn more, visit welshistoricalinstitute.org/175th



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!). The only item needed is:

- 1/8-inch ribbon (8 inches per cross)

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



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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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