

Last Sunday after Epiphany Transfiguration of Our Lord EPIPHANY MOMENTS: GLORY IS HIDDEN IN ORDER TO BE REVEALED

He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. Worship Leader:
Pastor John Dolan (Retired)
Pastor Dolan's Sermon:
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
"Glory is Hidden so that
Glory Can Be Revealed"

We Welcome Our Guest

Matthew 17:2, ESV

#### **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 <a href="www.stjohnsmontello.org">www.stjohnsmontello.org</a> 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

March 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.

#### **GLORY IS HIDDEN IN ORDER TO BE REVEALED**

Would you look directly at the sun? Only if you wanted to burn your retinas and have permanent blind spots. Would you like to look directly at God? It sounds wonderful in theory. Yet Scripture describes God's glory as being brighter than the sun. Moreover, one component of God's glory is his holiness. Being holy doesn't just mean God loves good; he also hates evil with burning intensity. And we sin every day. No wonder the Lord once told Moses, "No one may see me and live" (Exodus 33:20). Sinners would die of fear if they saw God in all his holy glory. So, how then can we possibly know God? How can we draw near to him without dying of terror? In our final epiphany moment of this season, God explains. God hides his glory in order to reveal himself. To carry out his good and glorious work of salvation, Jesus hid his glory and went to the cross. To allow sinners to stare at his glory without fear or harm, God hides it in the gospel. In the gospel, we see the glory of Christ's love, power, and salvation. The reality is that when God's glory is hidden, it is most on display.

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

**HYMNS:** 389, 388, 522

PSALM: 2 "You Are My Son"

**SERMON:** 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 "Glory is Hidden so that Glory Can Be Revealed"

OPENING HYMN: 389 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

(The glory of God was reflected in the two-sided covenant of the law which God established through Moses. It made people afraid. Through Christ God would establish a new and greater covenant which would remove all our fears.)

<sup>29</sup>When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the

community came back to him, and he spoke to them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

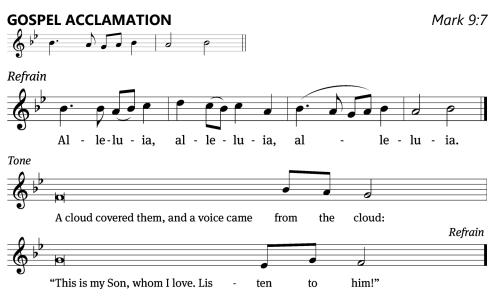
<sup>33</sup>When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup>But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

PSALM: 2 "You Are My Son"

**SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 (Sermon Text)

(Paul declares that the glory of the New Covenant of grace far surpasses the glory of the Old Covenant of law. The glory of the New Covenant is hidden in the work of Christ and revealed through the work of the Holy Spirit.)

<sup>7</sup>Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, <sup>8</sup>will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? 9If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! <sup>10</sup>For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. <sup>11</sup>And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! <sup>12</sup>Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. <sup>13</sup>We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. <sup>14</sup>But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. <sup>16</sup>But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.



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**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 9:28-36

(The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration.) <sup>28</sup>About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup>Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. <sup>31</sup>They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. <sup>33</sup>As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) <sup>34</sup>While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 388 "Down from the Mount of Glory"

SERMON: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18 "Glory is Hidden so that Glory Can Be Revealed"

**APOSTLES' CREED:** Hymnal page 163

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Hymnal Page 164
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FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord".

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Alleluia, Song of Triumph" (sung to the tune of Hymn 419)

Alleluia, song of triumph, sound of joy that cannot die; Alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high; Saints adorned in robes of glory join the great angelic cry.

Alleluia we are singing, voicing hymns in pure accord, With Christ's holy Church united, justified, redeemed, restored, And with all his faithful people raise our songs to praise the Lord.

Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;
Alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forego.
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.

May our hymns be filled with longing – hear us, Holy Trinity – As we look to your blest Easter, here, and then eternally, When we shall once more be singing alleluia joyfully!

# WELS CONNECTION VIDEO AFTER ANNOUNCEMENTS THEME FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

First Sunday in Lent - OPEN DOOR POLICIES: God's Surprising Strategies for Getting Sinners Back Home - ONE STANDS; EVERYONE ELSE SITS

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#### **CHURCH RECORDS**

Dear members of Emmanuel and 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.

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

For the sick and others facing trials, including Gale "Blackie" Boyd, Kelly Breiwa, 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, Sharon Priewe, Karen Radke, 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 Transfiguration Sunday

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<b>This Week: March 2-8, 2025</b>				
Today	11:15 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 at MONTELLO		
Wednesday	10:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study SJ		
	3:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship EM		
	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Supper SJ		
	5:00 p.m.	Public School Catechism SJ		
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship SJ		
Thursday	9:30 a.m. –	Workday for the 2026 convention		
	11:30 a.m.	plastic canvas cross project for		
		women in the Beaver Dam Circuit. SJ		
	12:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid Dessert and Meeting SJ		
		**Collecting spring		
		LWMS mission offerings**		
	4:00 p.m.	BoE Meeting SJ		
Friday	NO SCHOOL	LPS Basketball Tournament		

Next Sunday: March 9, 2025			
8:00 a.m.	Emmanuel Worship with Communion		
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 with Communion		

	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** 

EL, CILII and Sunday School Singing Schedule		
Date		
3/2/25	LL-CALA 8/Chimes at PRINCETON	
3/16/25	Sunday School at MONTELLO	
3/26/25	LL & CALA K-2 at EMMANUEL 3:30pm	

Attendance				
EM	SJ			
41	201			

St. John's	Usher's Schedule
Sunday, March 2 Wednesday, March 5	Sunday, March 9 Wednesday, March 12
Paul Van Treeck	Jerre Duerr
Matt Borzick	Gordon Krause
Ken Borzick	Kevin Kaul
James Henke	
Haiden Van Treeck	
Nolan Van Treeck	
Brody Henke	
Milo Henke	

SPRING MISSION OFFERINGS are being collected by the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society throughout March and early April. Containers are located in the entrance at both St. John's and Emmanuel—Please give your gift at the church where you are a member. 75% of gifts given will support Beaver Dam Circuit mission projects—HM/WELS Campus Ministry & Dam; WM/Native American Missions. 25% of gifts given will support home & Dam; world mission projects that will be decided by ballot in May and will be presented at the 2025 LWMS Convention, June 27-29, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Gifts welcome from all who love missions! LWMS SPRING SERVICE PROJECT A monetary collection will be made for Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel, Madison Campus Ministry to replace commercial pots and pans in their kitchen. Bring your gift to the spring rally or, if you cannot attend, please give your gift to Reporter Helen Stelter at Emmanuel of Reporter Linda Wachholz at St. John's.

2026 MADISON LWMS CONVENTION FUND Beaver Dam Circuit is co-hosting the 2026 LWMS Convention. A convention subsidy comes to us next November, but a jumpstart to our convention fund is needed now in order to purchase the publicity items (magnets, postcards, etc.) needed for our Invitational Display at this summer's convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Contributions may be given to Convention Co-Chair, Linda Wachholz or given at the spring rally in Ripon (see announcement).

LWMS SPRING MISSION RALLY at MT. ZION-RIPON on SATURDAY, APRIL 26 All are welcome to join us for a day centered on missions! Speaker: Pastor Jon Bilitz, UW-Madison Campus Ministry—"Connected to and Growing in Christ!" Service Project: monetary collection for commercial pots & Damp; pans for Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel/Madison Campus Ministry (see separate announcement). 9:15 a.m. Registration; 9:30 a.m. Plastic Canvas Cross Instruction; 10:20 a.m. Bible Study; 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting with Election of officers and new mission projects; 11:45 a.m. Lunch; 12:40 p.m.; Devotion & Devotion &

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR 62ND ANNUAL LWMS CONVENTION IS DUE APRIL 1 st , 2025! Register on-line or get a form from your reporter.

# **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, March19:

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 Emmauel 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

#### **CALA, LLLC, AND PASTOR CALL MEETING INFORMATION**

Dear members of St. John's and Emmanuel, As you may already know Joel and Amy Grulke have returned their divine calls and will continue to serve at Trinity Lutheran in Waukesha.

Our next call meeting for preschool director/teacher is set for March 11 at 7 pm. The CALA board will also be meeting that evening to select a candidate for Principal. We will defer to the board regarding a possible married team.

The conversation for LL under CALA is ongoing.

Our call meeting for a Pastor to replace Pastor Zietlow is set for March 30 after the St. John's service.

#### **Lenten Supper Hosts and Menus**

March 5, 4:30pm at St. John's Lower Level

St. John's Ladies Aid- Chicken Alfredo over noodles, lettuce salad, bread, green beans, desserts

March 12, 4:30pm at St. John's Lower Level

St. John's Sunday School- Hamburger gravy over mashed potatoes, corn, fruit salad, desserts

March 19, 4:30pm at St. John's Lower Level

Hands in Prayer- Sloppy Joes's, potato salad, macaroni salad, chips, bush beans, desserts

March 26, 4:30pm at Emmanuel Parish Hall

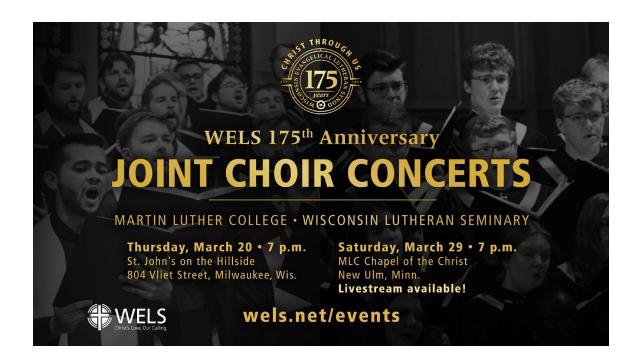
Ladies of Emmanuel Church-Hot Dogs, mac-n-cheese, sliders, fruit, desserts

April 2, 4:30pm at St. John's Lower Level

CALA-Taco/Nacho Bar

April 9, 4:30pm at St. John's Lower Level

Men's Breakfast & Study Club-Soup, crackers, desserts



# SPECIAL JOINT CONCERTS FOR 175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Seminary Chorus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., and the College Choir of Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., invite you to a special joint concert to celebrate the synod's 175th anniversary. The concert will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at St. John's on the Hillside, 804 Vliet Street in Milwaukee.

The Seminary Chorus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., and the College Choir of Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., invite you to a special joint concert to celebrate the synod's 175th anniversary. The concert will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 29, at the Chapel of the Christ on Martin Luther College's campus in New Ulm, Minn.

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, <a href="mailto:lwmsreporter@stjohnsmontello.org">lwmsreporter@stjohnsmontello.org</a>



WORKDAY FOR THE 2026 CONVENTION PLASTIC CANVAS CROSS PROJECT for women in the Beaver Dam Circuit. St. John's-Montello, on Thursday, March 6, 2025, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Come learn the pattern or get a refresher on the process, and pick up needed supplies of canvas & yarn. Ribbon & tags may also be available by then. If possible, please bring your own wide-eyed sewing needle. Registration Chair Sandra Beimborn and a couple other experienced plastic canvas crafters will be there to help! Morning refreshments. (A half-hour instruction time is also scheduled at our Spring rally in Ripon on April 26, but to get a headstart and more time to learn and ask questions, join us in Montello!)

#### 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.



Join us for our Wednesday Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services.

The theme is "Reflections on Repentance", where we will be taking a detailed look at Psalm 51.

Emmanuel 3:30pm

Lenten supper 4:30pm

St. John's 6:30pm

Details in this bulletin on pages 9 and 11

### 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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