

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5 & 8, 2024

Followers of Christ See the True Purpose of His Power

Opening Hymn 520, “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (On Insert)..... Psalm 146D (v. 1)

SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation Verse: Alleluia. Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 576, “Amazing Grace”

SERMON..... “Jesus Has Done Everything Well” Mark 7:31-37

Offering Hymn 754 v. 2, “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness”

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Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 611, “Joyously I’ll Praise My Savior”

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn 930 vv. 1 & 2, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

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

Tell those who have a fearful heart: Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance. With God's own retribution, he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged. The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland. The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.

SECOND READING: Acts 3:1-10

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

Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, an hour of prayer. A certain man who was lame from birth was carried there every day and placed at the temple gate, which is called Beautiful, so that he could beg for donations from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked them for a donation. Peter looked directly at him, as did John. Peter said, “Look at us.” So the man paid close attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I will give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!” Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately the man's feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk. He entered the temple courts with them, walking, jumping, and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God. They recognized him as the one who used to sit begging for money at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

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

Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, “Ephphatha!” (which means “Be opened!”) Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. They were amazed beyond measure and said, “He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next Sunday: Don Koch/Doug Schulz

ORGANISTS: The **September** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

FALL GOLF OUTING: This year's golf outing takes place on **Sunday (TODAY), September 8**, beginning at **12:30 PM** at **Horicon Hills Golf Course**. Everyone participating is in "fore" a "tee"-rific time! Good luck to all!

SUNDAY SCHOOL/TEEN BIBLE STUDY: Sunday School and Teen Bible Study will begin again on **Sunday, September 15**. If you would like your children to participate in these classes, please sign them up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. Please be sure to put the age of your child(ren) down on the sheet along with their name(s) so we can place them in the appropriate class. If you have any questions about these classes, please speak with Pastor Mose.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will also begin on **Sunday, September 15**. Classes will begin at **10:15 AM** and end at **11:00 AM**. If you've never attended Bible class before, why not check it out? You may meet some new friends, and we guarantee it will be a rewarding experience!

LWMS FREE-WILL OFFERING: On **Thursday, September 12**, and **Sunday, September 15**, we will be taking a free-will offering to help support the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. We hope many of you will consider supporting their mission efforts. Both cash and check donations are acceptable. If paying by check, please make payable to: **LWMS**. If you would like more information about LWMS, please speak with our congregational leader, Becky Schulz.

MISSION FESTIVAL: This year's Mission Festival worship service is set for **Sunday, September 29**, at **9:00 AM**. Pastor Philip Birner, who was a former pastor here at St. Matthew's and who recently returned from his missionary work in Zambia, Africa, will be our guest speaker. All our school children will be singing at this service. There will also be a presentation following the worship service. The Service Group will be serving light refreshments/finger foods prior to the presentation. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special worship service and presentation.

DODGE/WASHINGTON FALL MISSION RALLY: This year's fall mission rally will be held on **Saturday, October 5, 2024**, at **Peace Lutheran Church, Hartford**. It will be co-hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Huilsburg, and Zion Lutheran Church, Theresa. The guest speakers will be Tim, Jessica, and Josh Payne of Newburg, WI. They will be informing us about their recent trip to Zambia, Africa, with the Vulnerable Children's Foundation. A sign-up sheet to attend will soon be posted on the LWMS bulletin board in the hallway by Mr. Lorge's classroom. Registration for the day will begin at **8:30 AM**. The rally will run until **12:30 PM**. Mid-morning refreshments will be served. Non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be taken at registration for the local food pantry and the Working Fund.

WLA – HOT LUNCH: St. Matthew's has been assigned the week of **September 30 – October 4** to help serve hot lunch at WLA. The hours of service are from **9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**. If this is something you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the church bulletin board. If you would like more information about helping, please contact **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)**. Thank you!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 20; Sunday: 74

Offerings: \$5,270.00

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,355.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$260.00



We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the tables at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Worship Service 9:00 AM Golf Outing (@ Horicon Hills)..... 12:30 PM
Tuesday:	School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Wednesday:	Elders' Meeting..... 6:30 PM Church Council..... 7:00 PM
Thursday:	Communion Worship Service 7:00 PM (LWMS: Free-Will Offering)
Sunday:	Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM (LWMS: Free-Will Offering) Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School..... 10:15 AM

146D Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him *Psalm 146D st. 1*



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly



name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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