

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 8 & 11, 2024

Spiritual Food For Those Focused On The Earthly

Opening Hymn 484, “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”

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Prayer of the Day: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life.

Grant us faith to feast on him in your Word and sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; 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 67D

SECOND READING

Gospel Acclamation Verse: Alleluia. *Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.* Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 839, “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

SERMON..... “Ponder the Past” 1 Corinthians 10:1-5,11-13

Offering Hymn 749 v. 3, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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Prayers/Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 707, “Cling Tightly to the Word of God”

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Closing Hymn 923 v. 1, “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:15-31

In sending manna, a bread that stayed fresh for a short time, the LORD not only cared for Israel’s physical well-being but also fortified trust that God would continue to provide.

When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” because they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the Lord has given to you as food to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: All of them are to gather as much of it as they need to eat. You are to take an omer per person based on the number of people each of you has in your tents.” The Israelites did this, and some gathered more, some less. When they measured it with an omer, the one who gathered more did not have too much, and the one who gathered less did not have too little. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. Moses said to them, “No one is to leave any of it until morning.” However, they did not listen to Moses. Some of them left part of it until morning, and it became full of worms and stank. So Moses was angry with them. They gathered it each morning. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. When the sun grew hot, it melted away. On the sixth day they gathered twice as much food, two omers for each person, and all the leaders of the

community came and reported to Moses. He said to them, “This is what the Lord has said: Tomorrow is a complete rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord. Bake what you want to bake, and boil what you want to boil, but set aside for yourselves all the rest of it to be kept until morning.” So they set it aside until morning as Moses commanded, and it did not stink, and there were no worms in it. Moses said, “Today eat whatever is left over, for today is a sabbath to the Lord. Today you will not find any around the camp. Six days you will gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.” On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather it, but they did not find any. The Lord said to Moses, “How long will you people refuse to keep my commandments and my instructions? Look, the Lord has given you the Sabbath. Therefore on the sixth day he will give you two days’ worth of bread. All of you are to stay where you are. None of you are to leave your places on the seventh day.” So the people rested on the seventh day. The house of Israel called it manna. It looked like white coriander seed, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-5,11-13

The Israelites had spiritual food in the wilderness. The pre-incarnate Christ was with them! Yet some cared more about physical blessings than spiritual ones.

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come. So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Jesus is the bread of life.

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

So they said to him, “What should we do to carry out the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent.” Then they asked him, “So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “Sir,” they said to him, “give us this bread all the time!” “I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PARADE FLOAT: Anyone interested in walking along or riding on the float in the firemen's parade is welcome! If you plan to participate, please meet in the **church parking lot** at **10:00 AM** on **Sunday (TODAY)**.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY: No one has signed up to host this month's fellowship hour which would be held immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, August 25**. If you or a group of you would be willing to host this hour, please speak with Pastor Mose or sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. Thank you!

PTL MEETING: All school parents (including 4K parents) are reminded of the PTL meeting which is scheduled for **Monday, August 19, at 6:30 PM**. The meeting will be held at the school. Come and help kick off the new school year! There's always plenty going on, things to plan for, and lots of ways you can become involved! Please join us!

SERVICE GROUP MEETING: The next Service Group meeting will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday, August 25**. One of the topics of discussion will be plans for our Mission Festival which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 29, 2024**.

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.

WELS WIND ENSEMBLE SUMMER CONCERT: The WELS Wind Ensemble invites you to their summer concert and Sloppy Joe supper on **Sunday (TODAY), August 11, at 4:00 PM** at **Zion Lutheran Church in Columbus**. The concert will feature music from Broadway with hits from *The Lion King*, *South Pacific*, *Sound of Music*, *Annie*, *Oklahoma*, and more. There will be door prizes and lots of fun! Don't miss it!

DARTBALL: The dartball season is right around the corner! If you are interested in joining the team or have any questions about dartball, please contact **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)** as soon as possible!

FALL GOLF OUTING: This year's golf outing has been set for **Sunday, September 8**, beginning at **12:30 PM** at **Horicon Hills Golf Course**. We encourage you to invite family and friends to participate with us! The cost will be **\$60.00** for golfing with cart, meal, and door prizes. A sign-up sheet is posted on the church bulletin board for those who wish to participate. Questions about the outing may be directed to **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)** or **Christy Keller (920-210-5973)**.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 21; Sunday: 91

Offerings: \$5,487.00

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$290.00; Christian Life Resources: \$50.00



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 8:00 AM!! <i>Float in Firemen's Parade – Those riding/walking along meet in church parking lot at 10:00 AM</i>
Monday:	4K Orientation 7:00 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
Sunday:	Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM

67D Let the People Praise You, O God

Psalm 67D

Refrain



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God, let all the peo - ple praise you.

Tone



May God be gracious to us and / bless us
and make his face / shine on us—
so that your ways may be / known on earth,
your salvation among all / nations.
May the peoples / praise you, God;
may all the peoples / praise you.
May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of the earth. *Refrain*

The land yields its / harvest;
God, our God, / blesses us.
May God / bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.
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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