

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 12 & 15, 2021

*The bread that God gives enables us to do the impossible.*

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**Opening Hymn** .....225, “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made”

**Order of Service**..... Service of Word & Sacrament, Page 26

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### FIRST LESSON

**Psalm of the Day**.....Psalm 34 (page 80)

### SECOND LESSON

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. *Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.* Alleluia.

**Response to the Verse**..... Page 30

### GOSPEL LESSON

**Hymn of the Day** .....368, “O Savior, Precious Savior”

**SERMON**..... “The Lord Helps in Times of Trouble” 1 Kings 19:3-8

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**Communion Hymn**..... 311, Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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**Closing Hymn** .....323, “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

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### FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:3-8

**If anyone had reason to be discouraged and to complain, it was surely Elijah in this chapter! But what does God do with Elijah’s complaints? He ignores them! For God has work for the prophet to do and lays on him no more than Elijah can bear, in spite of Elijah’s complaint to the contrary.**

*Elijah was afraid, and he ran for his life. He went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and he left his servant there. But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness. There he sat down under a broom tree,*

*where he prayed that he would die. He said, “I’ve had enough, LORD. Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” Then he lay down and went to sleep under the broom tree.*

*Suddenly an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.” Then he looked around, and near his head there was a loaf of bread baking on coals and a jar of water, so he ate and drank, and then he lay down again. Then the angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, because the journey is too much for you.” So he got up and ate and drank. Then, with the strength gained from that food he walked for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.*

### SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

**It was easy thing for Elijah to go 40 days and nights on the little God gave him compared to what we are called on to do in this reading. Not one of these works comes naturally; all of them are impossible for natural man. But see how the gospel motivates and encourages us to want to do these impossible things!**

*Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one other, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

### GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:41-51

**How utterly reasonable the enemies of Jesus were in the criticism of his words! For here he calls for the most impossible thing of all: faith, the quiet trust that he is truly God’s Son and our Savior who keeps all of his Word, even the promise to raise up from the dead.**

*So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They asked, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Stop grumbling among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life. “I am the Bread of Life. Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COMMUNION:** Because of the confessional nature of the Lord's Supper which is offered today, we invite forward those who are members of a WELS or ELS congregation. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

**HEAD USHERS:** Hubert Albert/Don Koch; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz.

**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 29**. 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!

**SERVICE GROUP MEETING:** The next Service Group meeting will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday, August 29**. One of the topics of discussion will be plans for our Mission Festival which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 26, 2021**.

**PTL MEETING:** All school parents are reminded of the PTL meeting which is scheduled for **Monday, August 23, 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 help out! Please join us!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/TEEN BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday School and Teen Bible Study will begin again on **Sunday, September 19**. 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 today.

**WLA – HOT LUNCH:** St. Matthew's has been assigned the dates of **Tuesday, September 7** thru **Friday, September 10, 2021**, to serve hot lunch at WLA. The hours of service are from **9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**. There is a possibility that you may need to wear a mask while serving. This has yet to be determined. 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 **Maxine Gregorius (262-224-1748)**. Thank you!

**PASTOR CARTER'S ANNIVERSARY AT ST. PAUL'S, BROWNSVILLE:** St. Paul's, Brownsville, invites you to celebrate Pastor Carter's anniversary of service (25 years at St. Paul's/35 years in the ministry) on **Sunday, August 22, 2021**. It will be an outdoor service in the large pavilion at **Michels Memorial Park, Brownsville**, beginning at **10:00 AM**. It will be followed by a potluck picnic. Meat and beverages will be provided. Everyone attending should bring their own chairs for the service and a dish to pass if they would like to. (Note: You will need to enter the park from Prospect Street. You can no longer get to the pavilion from the Clark Street entrance). If you know you will be attending, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board so they will know how much meat and beverages to purchase. Thank you!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 28; Sunday: 46

**Offerings:** \$3,428.00

*(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,661.00)*

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement (Undesignated Memorials): \$1,790.00

**Memorials:** In Memory of Marion Reissetter: \$1,790.00

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM

Thursday: Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM

Sunday: Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM