

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15 & 18, 2024

The Bread That Gives Wisdom And Life

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FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

In this poetic reading, spiritual wisdom is personified as a kind woman. Lady Wisdom invites us to dine on the spiritual food that empowers us to truly live.

Wisdom has built her house. She has carved out her seven pillars. She has prepared her meat. She has mixed her wine. She has already set her table. She has sent out her servant girls. She calls from the highest point in the city, "Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here." To someone who lacks sense she says, "Come, eat my food, and drink the wine that I have mixed. Abandon your naïve ways and live. Travel the road to understanding."

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

St. Paul explains that we need a wisdom that only the Spirit can give, a wisdom that understands that in Christ we have the bread of life.

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) But as it is written: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard and no human mind has conceived—that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. Indeed, who among men knows a man's thoughts except the man's spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God's thoughts except God's Spirit.

What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God. We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words. However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God's Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually evaluated. But the spiritual person evaluates all things, and he himself is evaluated by no one. Indeed, "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

GOSPEL: John 6:35-51

Jesus declares that anyone wise enough to eat the bread of life will live forever.

"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. But I said to you that you have also seen me, and you do not believe. Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me, but raise them up on the Last Day. For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. And I will raise him up on the Last Day."

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 THIS WEEK: Don Koch/Doug Schulz; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz

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!

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!

SCHOOL BELLS ARE RINGING ONCE AGAIN! The 2024 – 2025 school year begins on **Thursday, August 22**. 4K-8 classes will begin at **8:05 AM**. A special opening day chapel service will be held at **8:15 AM**. Parents are invited to attend this service with their children. We pray that God blesses and guides us through this new year of Christian education.

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.

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!

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)**.

SCRIP ORDERS: A reminder that scrip orders for September will be due on **Thursday, September 5!** We are back to our regular schedule of every-other-week ordering. The second date in September will be **Thursday, September 19**. Orders can be placed on an order form (located on the school bulletin board) and dropped off in the school office, or you can order online at any time. If you'd like to find out how to establish an online scrip account or have any questions about our scrip program, please contact **Holly Daley (920-285-1307)**, our scrip coordinator. Remember! Scrip credits earned can be used toward the cost of tuition in the next school year while also benefitting our school!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 13; Sunday: 49

Offerings: \$6,779.00 **Tuition:** 36,120.72 **4K Tuition:** \$3,280.00

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

Special Funds: None



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: Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM

Monday: PTL Meeting 6:30 PM

Thursday: **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!** – Classes begin 8:05 AM

Opening Day Chapel Service 8:15 AM

Worship Service 7:00 PM

Sunday: **Worship Service (Fellowship Sunday)** 9:00 AM

Service Group Meeting – Immediately following Fellowship Hour

33A LORD, Let Your Mercy Be on Us *Psalm 33A*

Refrain

LORD, let your mer - cy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Tone

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you / righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to / praise him.
For the word of the Lord is / right and true;
he is faithful in / all he does.

By the word of the Lord the / heav'ns were made,
their starry host by the breath / of his mouth.
For he spoke, and it / came to be;
he commanded, and / it stood firm. *Refrain*

The Lord foils the plans of the / nations;
he thwarts the purposes of the / peoples.
But the plans of the Lord stand firm for- / ever,
the purposes of his heart through all gener- / ations.

We wait in hope / for the Lord;
he is our help / and our shield.

In him our / hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his / holy name.

**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***