

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 18 & 21, 2022

The First Will Be Last; The Last Will Be First

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:18-24

The LORD teaches that not only will those who seemed far from his kingdom be among the first to enter eternal glory, but some of those who seemed to be part of his kingdom will be shut out.

As for me, because of their works and their thoughts, the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages. They will come, and they will see my glory. Then I will set up a sign among them, and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers, to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands, who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory. Then they will declare my glory among the nations. Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean

vessel to the LORD's house. Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD. For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD. They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:18-24

Being first in God's eyes has nothing to do with keeping the Law God gave to Moses and everything to do with the gracious work of the mediator of the new covenant.

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, because they could not endure what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people, who have been made perfect; to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus teaches that the last will be first and the first will be last.

He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?"

He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open for us!' He will tell you in reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' And he will say, 'I don't know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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 week: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz

GUEST PASTOR: We thank Pastor Tim Bauer, retired pastor from Bethany, Hustisford, for leading us in worship 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 28**. 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!

CALLING ALL GREETERS! We would like to re-institute having Greeters on Sunday morning worship services. However, we need to know if we have enough volunteers to do so. If this is something you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. You can sign up as a team or individually. We can make either work! If you have any questions, please direct them to any Elder (Bob Kriewald, Ronald Knueppel, or Dean Ebert).

SCHOOL JANITOR NEEDED: Brenda Moldenhauer has asked to step down from the school janitorial position, so we are in need of someone else to take over these duties. If you or someone you know would be interested in filling this position, please speak with Mr. Lorge or any of our School Board members (Sam Manning, Rick Fink, or Brian Youngbeck). This is a paid position. We would like to fill this position as soon as possible! Thank you!

PTL MEETING: All school parents are reminded of the PTL meeting which is scheduled for **Monday, August 22**, 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!

SCHOOL BELLS ARE RINGING AGAIN! The 2022 – 2023 school year begins on **Thursday, August 25**. 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 28**. One of the topics of discussion will be plans for our Mission Festival which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 25, 2022**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/TEEN BIBLE STUDY: Sunday School and Teen Bible Study will begin again on **Sunday, September 18**. If you would like your children to participate in these classes, please sign them up on the sheet located on the **SCHOOL** 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 or would be interested in helping with them, please speak with Pastor Mose today!

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ADULT BIBLE CLASS will also begin on **Sunday, September 18**. Classes will begin at **10:15 AM** and end at **11:00 AM**.

WLA – HOT LUNCH: St. Matthew's has been assigned the dates of **Tuesday, September 6**, thru **Friday, September 9, 2022**, to serve hot lunch at WLA. The hours of services 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!

SCRIP ORDERS: A reminder that scrip orders for September will be due on **Thursday, September 1!** We are back to our regular schedule of every-other-week ordering. The second date in September will be **Thursday, September 15**. 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!

FALL GOLF OUTING: This year's golf outing has been set for **Sunday, September 18**, 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 **\$50.00** 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)**.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Wayne & Bonnie Schultz in loving memory of Bonnie's brother, Jim Ehlers.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 31; Sunday: 70

Offerings: \$4,311.60

Tuition: \$23,871.13

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)

Special Funds: NONE

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
	<i>Service Group Meeting – Immediately following Fellowship Hour</i>	

45B Great Are the Works of the LORD

Psalm 45B

Refrain

Great are the works of the LORD. Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone

My heart is stirred by a / noble theme
as I recite my verses / for the king.
You are the most excel- / lent of men
and your lips have been anoint- / ed with grace.
Gird your sword on your side, you / mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendor and / majesty. *Refrain*

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and / ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your / kingdom.
You love righteousness and hate / wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has set you above your com- / panions.
I will perpetuate your memory through all gener- / ations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and / ever.

**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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