

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 19 & 22, 2021

This Sunday's readings call on us to examine our spiritual diet.

Opening Hymn 283, "Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening"
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Prayer of the Day: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you and in the life to come give us fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 1 (page 64)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. *The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* Alleluia.

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GOSPEL LESSON

Hymn of the Day 372, "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

SERMON..... "Jesus Offers Living Bread" John 6:51-58

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Hymn (From Supplement)..... 749, "The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me"

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Closing Hymn 331 v. 1, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 9:1-6

Christ himself is that wisdom here personified. He has built his house, the Church, in which he provides the richest food of all, the only real food for the soul. The one who scorns the heavenly food, the real wisdom, Christ himself, feeds on folly. But where wisdom is the food, where Christ himself is host and banquet, there is understanding of life and its purpose, of death and its goal, and of all that is necessary in between and beyond.

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 LESSON: Ephesians 5:15-20

This reading stresses that there are only two paths to walk. Either we walk in folly or in wisdom. Those whose food is wisdom walk with God. Their path is one of understanding and joy, even in the evil times.

Consider carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise people. Make the most of your time, because the days are evil. For this reason, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk on wine, which causes you to lose control. Instead, be filled with the Spirit by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord), by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:51-58

Our Lord spells out very clearly the nature of the two kinds of food for the soul. Those who imagine that the only food is physical and temporal feed their souls on bread that perishes. But those whose food is Christ himself and his Word of the gospel, eat a bread that lasts forever.

"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." At that, the Jews argued among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz.; next Sunday: Ronald Knueppel/Bill Keller, Jr.

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 next **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**.

AND SO IT BEGINS...: The school bells will soon be ringing again! The 2021 – 2022 school year begins on **Thursday, August 26**. 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 us through this new year of Christian education.

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.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will also begin on **Sunday, September 19**. Classes will begin at **10:15 AM** and end at **11:00 AM**.

FALL GOLF OUTING: This year's golf outing has been set for **Sunday, September 19**, beginning at **NOON** 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 will be posted on the church bulletin board shortly (if it has not been done so already). Questions about the outing may be directed to **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)** or **Christy Keller (920-210-5973)**.

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!

SCRIP ORDERS: A reminder that scrip orders for September will be due on **Thursday, September 2!** We are back to our regular schedule of every-other-week ordering. The second date in September will be **Thursday, September 16**. 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: 24; Sunday: 91

Offerings: \$4,111.55

Tuition: \$24,715.95

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$45.00

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: 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*