

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22 & 25, 2024

The Only Food We Really Need

Opening Hymn 631, “Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening”

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Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalms of the Day (*On Insert*)..... Psalm 8D

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *Lord, to whom */ shall we go?*

*You have the words of e- */ ternal life.*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 521, “Christ the Eternal Lord”

SERMON..... “Choose When You Will Serve” Joshua 24:1-2;15-18

Offering Hymn 717 v. 2, “What Is the World to Me”

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Hymn 698, “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

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Closing Hymn 760 vv. 1 & 5, “Oh, Blest the House”

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2,14-18

Joshua asks the Israelites to remain faithful to God who had brought them out of Egypt. The LORD was the only God they needed or wanted.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua told all the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, has said.” From ancient times your ancestors, including Terah, who was the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they served other gods. Joshua said, “Now, therefore, fear the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if you see no benefit in serving the Lord, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the Lord!”

The people responded by saying, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord in order to serve other gods! For the Lord our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. The Lord drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God!”

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:24-28

In faith Moses chose to be part of the people of God rather than remaining an Egyptian prince. Being with Christ in the true Promised Land was all Moses needed or wanted.

By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter when he grew up. He chose to be mistreated with God’s people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king’s wrath, because he persevered as one who sees him who is invisible. By faith he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not strike them down.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-69

When many left, the Twelve stayed with Jesus, who had the words of eternal life. The Holy One of God was all they needed or wanted.

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.” He said these things while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. When they heard it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is given to him by my Father.”

After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. So Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern

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: This Sunday is Fellowship Sunday! All are invited to stay for the refreshments which will be served immediately following our worship service. We thank Bill Keller, III, Barb & Christy Keller for hosting today's fellowship hour!

SERVICE GROUP MEETING: The next Service Group meeting will be held immediately following the fellowship hour on **Sunday (TODAY), August 25**. One of the topics of discussion will be plans for our Mission Festival which is scheduled for **Sunday, September 29, 2024**. All confirmed congregational members are members of the Service Group and are invited and encouraged to participate.

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: 27; Sunday: 98

Offerings: \$3,653.00

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$5.00; Church Refurbishment: \$10.00

Memorials: In Memory of Dennis Moldenhauer: \$10.00 *(Church Refurbishment)*



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 (Fellowship Sunday).....9:00 AM <i>Service Group Meeting – Immediately following Fellowship hour</i>
Thursday:	Communion Worship Service7:00 PM
Friday:	NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY WEEKEND BREAK
Sunday:	Communion Worship Service9:00 AM

8D I Will Praise Your Name ForeverPsalm 8D

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Tone



Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in / all the earth!
You have set your glory in the / heavens.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,
a Son of Man that you / care for him? *Refrain*

You made him a little lower than the / angels
and crowned him with glory and / honor.
You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;
you put everything un- / der his feet.
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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