

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 1 & 4, 2024

The Devil's Work Undone

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Closing Hymn	706 vv. 1 & 2, "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:27-31

When the devil's temptations make us tired and accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to renew our strength.

Why do you speak, O Jacob? O Israel, why do you say, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and justice for me is ignored by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the eternal God. He is the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired, and he will not become weary. No one can find a limit to his understanding. He is the one who gives strength to the weak, and he increases the strength of those who lack power. Young men grow tired and become weary. Even strong men stumble and fall. But those who wait for the LORD will receive new strength. They will lift up their wings and soar like eagles. They will run and not become weary. They will walk and not become tired.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Our enemy the devil may stalk us like a hungry lion hunting prey, but the God of all grace cares for us and promises deliverance.

Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

The devil loves to see God's children suffer. Jesus undoes the devil's work.

They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door. He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. Simon and his companions searched for him, and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!"

He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." Then he went throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

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: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart.

SERVICE GROUP ELECTIONS: At the Annual Service Group meeting which was held last Sunday, elections of officers took place. The positions up for election were President and Secretary. Wayne Schultz was re-elected as President. This is his second term in this office. Connie Mose was elected as Secretary. This is her first term in this office. The position of Vice President remains with Donald Koch, and the position of Treasurer remains with Dean Ebert. We thank all our officers for taking the time to act in these capacities. We also thank our outgoing secretary, Diane Koch, for fulfilling two terms in that office.

ORGANISTS: The **February** 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!

THE LENTEN SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING: The Lenten Season will begin on **Wednesday, February 14**. Ash Wednesday communion worship services will be held at **3:15 PM** and **7:00 PM**. Thereafter, Lenten worship services will be held each Wednesday at both **3:15 PM** and **7:00 PM**. Please remember that during the Lenten Season there are **NO** Thursday evening worship services held.

CHURCH MAIL SLOTS RE-ORGANIZED: Reminder! The church mail slots have been re-organized and re-numbered for the new year. If you are picking something up from your mail slot today or in the near future, please be sure that you are taking items from the correct slot! Thank you!

2023 ANNUAL REPORT/2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY: Both of these items are still available. You may pick up copies from the table at the back of the church if you have not done so already.

PAGE MAGNIFIERS: For those of you who may have difficulty reading the small print in our hymnals and/or bulletins, we now have page magnifiers available for your use. You can find them on the table at the back of church. We do ask that you return them to the table once the service is over.

CHURCH CLEANING – HELP NEEDED!: The Johnson family, who is currently cleaning our church, is looking for a help with these duties. They are finding it a little difficult to get here each week to do this. This is currently a volunteer position which takes only a couple hours each week. If you would be willing to help with these duties, please speak with Karilynn Johnson for more details or speak with Pastor Mose, and he will get you in contact with Karilynn.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY – CHILI & BINGO!: On **Sunday, February 25**, we will be having a chili meal and BINGO event immediately following our 9:00 AM worship service! Mark your calendars today and watch for signs with further details about food items to bring and BINGO prizes to bring, if playing! Let's mingle and BINGO!

WOMEN'S RETREAT: The women of St. Lucas Lutheran Church in Kewaskum invite you to join them for their 19th annual Women's Retreat. The retreat will take place on **Saturday, March 9, 2024**, from **8:30 AM – 3:00 PM** in **Hoenecke Hall** at **St. Lucas Lutheran School, 1410 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum**. This year's retreat theme is: **Make a Joyful Noise**. A **non-refundable** registration fee of **\$30.00** includes lunch and presentations. Presenters for this retreat will be Andy Braun, Rachel Braun, and Jeremy Bakken of Branches Band. Additional information as well as a registration brochure can be found on the table at the back of church. Registrations are due by: **February 20, 2024**.

WE THANK the adult choir for their beautiful song on Sunday!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 18; Sunday: 124

Offerings: \$16,941.45

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,239.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$310.00; Church Refurbishment: \$2,100.00;
Missions: \$120.00

Memorials: In Memory of Karen Eller: \$100.00 *(Church Refurbishment)*



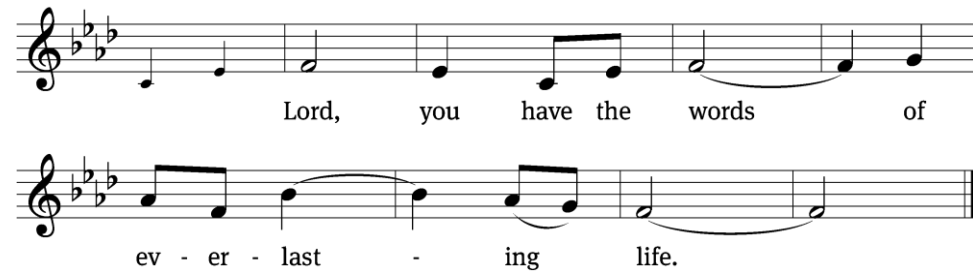
We invite you to support this ministry through financial offerings out of thanksgiving for the Gospel you have received here. Offerings may be placed in the plates located on the tables at the back of church, or you may scan the QR code to give electronically.

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Communion Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School	10:15 AM
Monday:	Elders' Meeting.....	6:00 PM
Thursday:	Worship Service	7:00 PM
	Adult Choir.....	8:00 PM
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School	10:15 AM

19C Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life Psalm 19C

Refrain



Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Tone



The heavens declare the glo- / ry of God;
the skies proclaim the work / of his hands.
Their voice goes out into / all the earth,
their words to the ends / of the world. *Refrain*

The law of the LORD is / perfect,
refresh- / ing the soul.
The commands of the LORD are / radiant,
giving light / to the eyes.
They are more pre- / cious than gold;
they are sweeter than / honey. *Refrain*

May these words of my mouth and this meditation / of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my rock and my Re- / deemer.
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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