

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 8 & 11, 2021

*In the face of weakness and shame, the saving  
Word still creates and preserves faith.*

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**Opening Hymn (From Supplement)**.....735, “Speak, O Lord”

**Order of Service (From Supplement)** ..... Gathering Rite on the Word of God, Page 11

**Prayer of the Day:** God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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 (From Supplement)** .....Psalm 150 (page 62)

### SECOND LESSON

**Verse of the Day:** Alleluia. *Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.* Alleluia.

### GOSPEL LESSON

**Hymn of the Day (From Supplement)**..... 752, “In Christ Alone”

**SERMON**..... “Faithfully Proclaim God’s Word” Ezekiel 2:1-5

**Apostles’ Creed** ..... Page 20

**Prayers/Lord’s Prayer**

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

**Closing Prayer/Benediction**

**Closing Hymn (From Supplement)**..... 727, “There Is a Higher Throne”

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### FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5

**How lowly God appears and how weak that Word and its preacher, since it is in the power of dust and ashes to refuse him and reject it. Nevertheless men will know that God was among them in his Word by those few who receive it and ultimately in it triumph on the last day.**

*He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.” The Spirit entered into me as he spoke to me and brought me up to my feet. Then I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, “Son of man, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to disloyal nations, who have been disloyal to me. They and their fathers have rebelled against me to this very day. These children of mine are brazen-faced and hard-hearted. I am sending you to them, and you are to tell them that this is what the LORD God says. Then, whether they listen or do not listen—for they are a rebellious house—then they will know that a prophet has been among them.*

## SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**God wants his servants to know weakness in their service, lest the effectiveness or the success of the lowly Word be ascribed to the servant and not to the Word. The servant of the Word needs to learn before all others the saving power of that lowly Word in his own heart and life. He learns it only from the power of grace in the Word itself.**

*Therefore, to keep me from becoming arrogant due to the extraordinary nature of these revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. And he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me. That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.*

### GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:1-6

**Jesus could not do many miracles near his home, because in unbelief no one asked. Christ could not even work the miracle of faith there because the people would not listen to the Word. Let us not repeat this latter monstrous crime and so hinder that saving work of Christ and his Word in us.**

*Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? Isn’t this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.*

*Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house.” He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEAD USHERS:** Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next Sunday: Hubert Albert/Don Koch

**WELCOME!** We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to our special day of worship at the park. We hope everyone will find inspiration in God's message today. We hope many of you will find time to return again to our church in the near future. **Everyone is invited to stay for the potluck meal which will be served immediately following the service.** We thank the many people who helped organize today's event as well as all who helped out in any way from setting up, to preparing dishes, to donating food and/or money, to cleaning up. The day wouldn't have been possible without all your efforts!

**INSTALLATION POSTPONED:** The installation of Miss Sara Wentzel, our new Gr. 1-2 teacher, which was scheduled for Sunday (TODAY) has been postponed due to illness. We hope to be able to install Miss Wentzel at another service in the very near future. Please watch the bulletin for details.

**QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING:** The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 21, at 8:00 PM.** All voters are encouraged to attend!

**SCHOOL SUMMER LETTER:** The school summer letter will be mailed out to all school parents (excluding 4K) this upcoming week. (4K parents will be receiving a separate letter near the end of the month.) If you do not receive your letter by the following week, please speak with Debbi Foulkes or Mr. Lorge.

**SCRIP ORDERS DUE:** A reminder that scrip orders for July will be due **Thursday, July 15!** This will be the only order date for the month of July. Monthly scrip orders are taken in summer; however, we will return to the regular schedule once school begins again in fall.

**BRAT FRY:** St. Matthew's PTL will be holding a brat fry on **Saturday, July 24, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Leroy Meats in Horicon.** We are looking for volunteers to help at this brat fry, especially from our school families! We are also looking for donations of baked goods to be sold at this event. If this is something you would be willing to do, please contact **Kevin Lorge (920) 851-5360** or **Sam Manning (920) 296-9466** as soon as possible. We encourage everyone to come on over and help support the school while enjoying a delicious lunch!

**DODGE COUNTY FAIR – WELS BOOTH:** There will once again be a WELS booth at this year's Dodge County Fair. The fair is scheduled for **August 18-22, 2021.** Volunteers are needed to staff the booth. If this is something you may be interested in doing, please sign up for a three-hour time slot on the sheet located on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. The deadline to sign up is **Sunday, August 15!** There will be a meeting of the volunteers on **Sunday, August 15, at 6:30 PM** at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam.** If you have any questions about this event, please direct them to **Pastor Phil Heyer** at [pastorheyers@saintstephen.org](mailto:pastorheyers@saintstephen.org).

**CRAFT SALE TO BENEFIT BRANCH LUTHERAN SCHOOLS IN HAITI:** Help put two good things together: crafts plus mission work. On **Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM,** you are invited to participate in an area craft sale at **Trinity Community Center in Huilsburg, N6409 Hwy P, Mayville, WI 53050.** The sale will benefit Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti. To learn more about the children at Branch in Haiti visit [www.branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org](http://www.branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org). Check the website to see their love in action and their mission outreach to children in their surrounding neighborhoods. See what the money raised through the sale of crafts can do to the lives of these children. Information about this sale is going out early as we know crafters will need time to complete their projects. For more information about the craft sale email: [richardash46@gmail.com](mailto:richardash46@gmail.com) or call **Edie Ash (507-217-1721—cell)** or **(262-457-3000—home)**. In order to aid in the planning for this craft sale, please also email or call as soon as possible to let them know that you are planning to participate in the sale of your crafts. Thank you!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 14; Sunday: 81

**Offerings:** \$8,753.25

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$1,160.00; Undesignated Memorial (Debt Retirement): \$20.00

**Memorials:** In Memory of Roseanne Tessmer: \$20.00 (*Undesignated*)

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Outdoor Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM  
**(@ Firemen's Park) – Potluck Dinner to follow service**

Wednesday: Elders' Meeting ..... 6:30 PM  
Church Council..... 7:00 PM

Thursday: Communion Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM  
**Scrip Orders Due – Only order date in July!!**

Sunday: Communion Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM