

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11 & 14, 2024

Sent With God's Own Authority

Opening Hymn522, “Beautiful Savior”
Order of Service (**From Supplement**) Gathering Rite on the Word of God, Page 11
Prayer of the Day: O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
FIRST READING
Psalm of the Day (**On Insert**).....Psalm 9A vv. 1-3
SECOND READING
Gospel Acclamation Verse: Alleluia. *For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.* Alleluia.
GOSPEL
Hymn of the Day 563, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
SERMON..... “The Truth Isn’t Easy to Accept” Amos 7:10-15
Offering Hymn 748 v. 1, “Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”
Apostles’ Creed Page 20
Prayers/Lord’s Prayer
Hymn560, “Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ”
Closing Prayer/Benediction
Closing Hymn 640, “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

FIRST READING: Amos 7:10-15

Wicked Amaziah questions the prophet’s right to rebuke the king. Amos explains that he has authority only because the LORD told him to speak on God’s behalf.

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. This is what Amos says: “Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil.”

Then Amaziah said to Amos, “You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple.”

Then Amos responded to Amaziah: I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

SECOND READING: Titus 1:5-9

St. Paul establishes qualifications for those who serve in public ministry and stresses that their authority comes from holding firmly to God’s Word.

The reason I left you in Crete was so that you would set in order the things that were left unfinished and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you. Such a man is to be blameless, the husband of only one wife, and to have believing children who are not open to a charge of wild living or disobedience. Indeed an overseer, since he is God’s steward, must be blameless, not arrogant, not quick-tempered, not a drunkard, not violent, not eager for dishonest gain. Instead, he must be hospitable, loving what is good, self-controlled, upright, devout, and disciplined. He must cling to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he will be able both to encourage people by the sound teaching and also to correct those who oppose him.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

Before Jesus sends the Twelve out to do ministry, he gives them his authority.

Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them.”

They went out and preached that people should repent. They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next Sunday: Don Koch/Doug Schulz

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 17, at 7:00 PM.** All voters are encouraged to attend!

CALL ACCEPTED! For those of you who may not have heard, we are pleased to report that Mrs. Hannah Schleef has accepted our call to teach Gr. 4K/5K beginning with the 2024 - 2025 school year. Please keep Mrs. Schleef in your prayers as she serves the Lord here at St. Matthew's! Please watch the bulletin for details on her upcoming installation.

BUDGET NEWS: We are happy to announce that for the first time in many years we do not have a budget shortfall going into our new fiscal year! We are starting out in the black! We thank all those who kept St. Matthew's in their hearts and minds as they prepared their offerings this past year and look forward to hopefully achieving this same success in the year ahead.

It should also be noted that now that we have filled our 4K/5K position, there has been a slight decrease in the budget amount that had been previously approved for 2024 - 2025 when accurately accounting for this teacher's salary. Our budget has gone from \$376,421 (in 2023 - 2024) to \$382,469 (for 2024 - 2025), an increase of only 1.61%. In order to meet our budget, it is estimated that we will need \$7,355.00 in offerings each week.

SCHOOL SUMMER LETTER: The school summer letter will be mailed out to all school parents this upcoming week. If you do not receive your letter by the following week, please speak with Debbi Foulkes or Mr. Lorge.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED! When we begin Sunday School classes once again this fall, we will be in need of a teacher. Mrs. Holly Daley, who has faithfully served as a teacher for the past few years, is stepping down from this position, so we could use someone to fill her shoes. If this is something you may be interested in doing, please speak with Pastor Mose as soon as possible. Thank you!

BRAT FRY: St. Matthew's PTL will be holding a brat fry on **Saturday, July 20, 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 **Brian Youngbeck (920-296-1128)** or **Rick Fink (920-979-8250)** or **Sean Daley (920-344-3234)** as soon as possible. We encourage everyone to come on over and help support the school while enjoying a delicious lunch!

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 father, Delbert Ehlers; Bonnie's brother, Jim Ehlers; Wayne's sister, Elaine "Shorty" Miller; and Wayne's brother, Louis Schultz, III.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: No Service; Sunday: 83

Offerings: \$6,142.00

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$295.00



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	9:00 AM
Wednesday:	Quarterly Voters' Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Communion Worship Service	7:00 PM
Saturday:	<i>PTL BRAT FRY (@ Leroy Meats, Horicon)</i>	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Sunday:	Communion Worship Service	9:00 AM

9A Come, Sing to God with All Your Heart

Psalm 9A sts. 1-3



1 Come, sing to God with all your heart; give
2 For, Ho - ly One, you take our part; your
3 You are a shel - ter for the poor, a



thanks to God Most High, who makes the ruth - less
ways are al - ways just. You stop the ty - rants
strong - hold in dis - tress. You care for all who



fall from pow'r and res - cues those who cry.
in their tracks and turn their names to dust.
trust in you and all who are op - pressed.

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