

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 15 & 18, 2021

*This Sunday's readings center our attention especially on the holy office of the ministry, as the divinely established means for the public proclamation of the gospel.*

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### FIRST LESSON: Amos 7:10-15

**Our Lutheran Confessions repeatedly assert: No one should preach who has not been properly called. Amos, together with the other prophets of the Old Testament and the apostles of the New Testament, had immediate calls from the Lord. Our pastors and teachers have mediate calls from the same Lord. It is in grace and to save that the Lord sends his called servants with his Word.**

*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 LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

**All of God's grace, so glorious and effective for our salvation, is but a mystery until God reveals it and gives the message for proclamation.**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. He did this when he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ. He did this in accordance with the good purpose of his will, and for the praise of his glorious grace, which he has graciously given us in the one he loves. In him we also have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in keeping with the riches of his grace, which he lavished on us in all wisdom and insight. He made known to us the mystery of his will in keeping with his good purpose, which he planned in Christ. This was to be carried out when the time had fully come, in order to bring all things together in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have also obtained an inheritance, because we were predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in keeping with the purpose of his will. He did this so that his glory would be praised as a result of us, who were the first to hope in Christ. In him, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and in him, when you also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. He is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of God's own possession, so that his glory would be praised.*

### GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:7-13

**The messengers called by the Lord to preach the Word need to learn before all others to trust. And so Jesus sends them out with nothing but his promise to rely on. Relying on that promise, these men so lowly in appearance are a powerful witness against those who refuse the Word and a source of pardon and peace to those who hear it.**

*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

**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:** Hubert Albert/Don Koch; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz.

**INSTALLATION:** The installation of our new Gr. 1-2 teacher, Miss Sara Wentzel, will take place in **Sunday's (TODAY'S)** worship service. We ask that you keep her in your prayers as she serves the Lord here at St. Matthew's. You are also all invited to have some refreshments with us after the service so you have an opportunity to meet and greet her and welcome her to our congregation.

**ORGANISTS:** The **August** 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. Please also note that there are a few open dates in July which we still need filled. Please take a look at these as well. Thank you!

**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 was mailed out to all school parents (excluding 4K) this past week. (4K parents will be receiving a separate letter near the end of the month.) If you do not receive your letter, please speak with Debbi Foulkes or Mr. Lorge.

**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 [pastorheyer@saintstephen.org](mailto:pastorheyer@saintstephen.org).

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 32; Sunday: 87

**Offering information not available at time of printing. This information will be updated in next week's bulletin.**

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service (*Installation*)..... 9:00 AM

Wednesday: **Quarterly Voters' Meeting** ..... **8:00 PM**

Thursday: Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM

Sunday: Worship Service (**Fellowship Sunday**)..... 9:00 AM