

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 21 & 24, 2022

*Focused Prayer Claims What God Wants For Us,
Not What We Want From Him*

Opening Hymn721, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
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Prayer of the Day: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus’ name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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 (*In Hymnal*)Psalm 138

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; /^{*} knock and the door will be opened to you. (SUNG! – See Pg. 161 for melody.)*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 723, “When in the Hour of Utmost Need”

SERMON..... “Jesus Gives Us a Model Prayer” Luke 11:1-13

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Hymn873, “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

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Closing Hymn 719, “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray”

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham prays on the basis of what he knows about the LORD: that the LORD is a just judge, that the LORD shows mercy, and that the LORD invites us to be bold in our prayers.

So the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know.”

The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Abraham approached him and said, “Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn’t he?” The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake.” Abraham answered, “See now, I

who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?” He said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” He spoke to him yet again and said, “What if only forty are found there?” He said, “I will not do it for the sake of the forty.” He said, “Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?” He said, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?” He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty.” He said, “Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?” He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten.”

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Paul teaches us that the ultimate purpose for everything we ask is that God’s will would be done.

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I speak the truth; I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us how to pray and how our Father will answer.

On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ³Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’”

He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.’ And the one inside replies, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give it to you.’ I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

“I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

“What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz; next Sunday: Ronald Knueppel/Randy Sellnow

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. Thank you!

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The following actions were taken at this past Wednesday's voters' meeting—Membership action included: **Received by (Youth) Confirmation:** Dietrich Johnson, Christian Neu, Braxton Reible, Logan Robenhorst, and Lucas Wald; **Received by Transfer:** Christian Arnold from Redeemer, Cedarburg, WI; **Transfer of:** Braxton Reible to St. Luke's, Knowles, WI; **Released:** Jeremy & Jody Metz (Cole Koenitzer, Kaitlyn Koenitzer); Cierra Metz; Courtney Koenitzer.

In other business, 1) The results of our recent congregational survey were reviewed with the following actions being m/s/p:

- ↪ Communion will remain "as is" with no common cup being offered at this time.
- ↪ The offering will continue to be collected in the plates on the tables at the back of church; however, it will be brought forward to the altar with an offering hymn.
- ↪ All Voters' Meetings will be held at 7:00 PM rather than 8:00 PM going forward.
- ↪ Two real Christmas trees will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season.

No other formal business was conducted at the time.

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 17-21, 2022**. 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 14!** There will be a meeting of the volunteers on **Sunday, August 14**, at **1:00 PM** at **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam**. If you have any questions about this event, please direct them to **Joy Pamperin (920-344-8062)**.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION: A reminder that registration for the 2022 – 2023 school year is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 3**, from **4:00 PM – 6:30 PM**. Attendance at Registration Day is mandatory for all school families (excluding 4K). If you cannot make it at this time, please speak with Mr. Lorge or Debbi Foulkes to make other arrangements. **This should be done prior to August 3!** Thank you!

SCRIP ORDERS: A reminder that scrip orders for August will be due on **Thursday, August 11!** This is the only order date for the month of August. Monthly scrip orders are taken in summer; however, we will return to the regular schedule once school begins again in fall.

FALL GOLF OUTING: This year's golf outing has been set for **Sunday, September 18**, 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 **\$50.00** 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)**.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 27; Sunday: 76

Offerings: \$6,472.25

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,889.00)

Special Funds: None

Memorials: None

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 AM

Thursday: Worship Service 7:00 PM

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