

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 1 & 4, 2021

No matter how great the need, no matter how rational despair may seem, the Lord saves.

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FIRST LESSON: Lamentations 3:22-33

In the midst of the rubble of Jerusalem and the ashes of God’s house, where he promised to be present, Jeremiah sings this song of trust!

By the mercies of the LORD we are not consumed, for his compassions do not fail. They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness. My soul says, “The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bears a yoke early in his life. Let him sit alone and be silent, because the LORD has laid this upon him. Let him stick his face in the dust. Perhaps there still is hope. Let him turn his cheek toward the one who strikes him. Let him be filled with disgrace. For the Lord will not push us away forever. Even though he brings grief, he will show compassion on the basis of his great mercy. Certainly, it is not what his heart desires when he causes affliction, when he brings grief to the children of men.

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13-14

So great and mighty and effective is God’s grace that God himself gave up all appearance of majesty and glory; he became poor to rescue us from our absolute spiritual poverty.

Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their generosity. I testify that of their own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God’s will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part. But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift. I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich. Certainly, our goal is not that others take it easy while you are burdened, but that there may be equality. At the present time, your abundance will provide what they lack, in order that their abundance will also provide what you lack—in this way there will be equality.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 5:21-24a,35-43

Man’s real impotence and his absolute need is seen no more clearly than in the hour of death, whether his own or that of a loved one. But in that hour of deepest need and total despair, Christ again shows himself to be the only source of help and his Word the only means for providing help.

When Jesus had again crossed over in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him near the sea. Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet and repeatedly pleaded with him, “My little daughter is near death. Please come and place your hands on her so that she may be healed and live.” Jesus went with him.

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue ruler’s house arrived, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher anymore?” But when Jesus heard this report, he told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.” He did not allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. They went into the house of the synagogue ruler, and Jesus saw a commotion with people weeping and wailing loudly. When he entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.” They laughed at him. But after he put everyone out, he took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Grasping the hand of the child, he said to her, “Talitha, koum!” (When translated, that means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”) Immediately the little girl stood up and began to walk around. (She was twelve years old.) They were completely and utterly amazed. Then he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

SERMON TEXT: Psalm 107:1-3

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say this, those he redeemed from the hand of the foe, those he gathered from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

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: Mike Pamperin/Dean Ebert; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Our worship service next **Sunday, July 11**, will take place at **9:00 AM** at the **Iron Ridge Firemen's Park**. Following the service, a potluck dinner will be served. Hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs will be provided; however, we are looking for additional food items to supplement the meal. We are also looking for helpers to set up, serve, and clean up. If you are willing to help in any way, please sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board. Our plan is to set up on **Saturday, July 10**, beginning at **9:00 AM**. Please meet at **St. Matthew's** if you are willing to help.

Please also note that the evening worship service on **Thursday, July 8, WILL** also be held at the normal time of **7:00 PM** at St. Matthew's.

INSTALLATION/FOOD SHOWER: In connection with our worship service in the park, we will also be holding the installation of our new Gr. 1-2 teacher, Miss Sara Wentzel. We hope many of you will take this time to meet her and welcome her to St. Matthew's. In addition, as a "Welcome" gift, we are holding a food shower for her. Everyone who attends the worship in the park is asked to bring some non-perishable food and/or grocery items for Sara to give her a good start in stocking her new apartment.

SCRIP ORDERS: A reminder that scrip orders for July will be due on **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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS ARE COMING BACK! We are pleased to report that we are re-instating our fellowship gatherings on the last Sunday of each month beginning this month! So, if you or a group of you would like to provide refreshments following one of our last Sunday-of-the-month services, please sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board. (**Remember!** You are responsible for set up, service, and clean-up, as well as providing napkins and cups.)

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. 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 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: 37; Sunday: 78

Offerings: \$2,787.00

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,052.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$100.00

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY! Have fun on the 4th!!</i>
Tuesday:	School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Thursday:	Worship Service 7:00 PM
Sunday:	Outdoor Worship Service (@ Firemen's Park) 9:00 AM <i>Installation/Food Shower</i> <i>Potluck Dinner – Immediately following service</i>