

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 7, 2024

*Not Glee and Gratitude, but Rejection
and Resentment*

Opening Hymn 813, “He Will Hold Me Fast”
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Prayer of the Day: Almighty, eternal and righteous God, you revealed your divine Word to teach us what we should do and what we should avoid. Strengthen and lead us by your Holy Spirit that we serve you in new obedience here until we come to complete holiness before you in that life to come; 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 27C

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *You must speak my words to them, */ whether they listen or fail to listen.*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day582, “Not unto Us”

SERMON..... “Proclaim God’s Word Faithfully” Ezekiel 2:1-7

Offering Hymn 717 v. 2, “What Is the World to Me”

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Closing Hymn 774, “God Bless Our Native Land”

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-7

The LORD sends Ezekiel to prophesy to the Israelites, knowing that most will not be grateful for the prophet’s message but resentful.

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. But you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, and do not be afraid of their words. Even though briars and thorns surround you and you are living with scorpions, do not be afraid of their words, and do not be intimidated by the look on their faces, for they are a rebellious house. You are to speak my words to them whether they listen or they do not, for they are rebellious.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

St. Paul’s ministry resulted in him being chained like a criminal. Yet God’s Word cannot be chained.

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. Entrust the things you heard from me, in the presence of many witnesses, to faithful men who will also be able to teach others. Share hardships as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in the affairs of everyday life. If he does, he will not please the one who enlisted him. Also, if someone competes as an athlete, he does not receive a crown unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking farmer should receive a share of the crops first. Think about what I am saying, because the Lord will give you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, a descendant of David, in accordance with my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. For this reason I endure all things for the sake of the elect, so that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, along with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: Indeed, if we have died with him, we will also live with him; If we endure, we will also reign with him; If we deny him, he will also deny us; If we are faithless, he remains faithful, because he cannot deny himself.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6

Many in Jesus’ hometown rejected his ministry.

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

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: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: All our children (*going into*) **Gr. 4K-6** are invited to participate in an area Vacation Bible School program at **St. Peter's, Theresa** (113 Bonduel Street). VBS will be held on **Tuesday, July 23** -and- **Wednesday, July 24**, from **9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. Flyers with more information, as well as a registration form, can be found on the table at the back of church, or please speak with Pastor. **TODAY** is the last day to register. (This is a FIRM deadline!).

We need at least 2-3 people from our congregation to help with VBS. They are especially looking for an art teacher and a music teacher. If you would be interested in doing this, please speak with Pastor Mose today! Financial and/or food donations are also needed. Again, please let Pastor Mose know if you would like to donate anything. Thank you!

SCRIP ORDERS: A reminder that scrip orders for July will be due on **Thursday, July 11!** 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.

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!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 22; Sunday: 110

Offerings: \$11,166.00

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,667.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$500.00; Christian Life Resources: \$500.00;
Christian Aid & Relief: \$500.00

Memorials: In Memory of Roland & Beulah Justman: \$200.00 *(Budget)*



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:	Communion Worship Service	9:00 AM
Tuesday:	School Board Meeting – Begin @ 7:00 PM (to clean gym floor) – Meeting @	7:30 PM
Wednesday:	Elders' Meeting	6:30 PM
	Church Council	7:00 PM
Thursday:	Worship Service	7:00 PM
	SCRIP ORDERS DUE!! – Only order date in July!!	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 AM

27C The LORD Is My Light and My Salvation

Psalm 27C

Refrain



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Tone



Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;
be merciful to me and / answer me.
Do not hide your / face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.
Do not reject me or for- / sake me,
God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,
the LORD will re- / ceive me.
I remain confi- / dent of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.
Wait / for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***