## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 16 & 19, 2022

#### Through the Word, the Lord Crushes Evil

Order of Service......Setting One, Page 154 Prayer of the Day: Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil and protect us poor people against such an evil foe. Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit so that we may have peace from such enemies and remain forever blessed; 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 1B SECOND READING Gospel Acclamation Verse: We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. GOSPEL SERMON..... "Thank God!" 2 Timothy 1:3-10 Nicene Creed ......Pages 162-163

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:8-13

# The LORD calls us to be his witnesses to the truth that there is no God except for him. He alone can save us from every evil.

Bring out the people who are blind, though they have eyes, and the people who are deaf, though they have ears. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let peoples be assembled. Who among them has declared this? Who has made known to us the former things? Let them produce their witnesses to show that they were right, so that people can hear and say, "This is truth." You are my witnesses, declares the LORD. You are my servant, whom I have chosen, so that you may know me and believe in me, so that you will understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, and after me there will not be another. I, yes I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. I myself declared it. I brought salvation, and I announced it. It was not some strange god among you. You are my witnesses, declares the LORD, and I am God. Indeed, from the first day, I am he. There is no one who can deliver anyone from my hand. I act, and who can reverse it?

## SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:3-10

# Our vocations are different: apostle, pastor, parent, grandparent. Yet, God uses all these unique vocations to put us in positions to testify to the life-giving gospel, which delivers us from evil.

I thank God, whom I serve with a clean conscience as my ancestors did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. When I remember your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I remember your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that it also lives in you.

For this reason I am reminding you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a timid spirit, but a spirit of power and love and sound judgment. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Instead, join with me in suffering for the gospel while relying on the power of God. He saved us and called us with a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, and it has now been revealed through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

### GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

#### Using only his words, Jesus demonstrates his authority over the evil one.

They sailed down to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, a man from the town met him. He was possessed by demons and for a long time had not worn any clothes. He did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What do I have to do with you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torment me!" For Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. In fact, the unclean spirit had seized him many times. He was kept under guard, and although he was bound with chains and shackles, he would break the restraints and was driven by the demon into deserted places. Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," because many demons had gone into him. They were begging Jesus that he would not order them to go into the abyss. A herd of many pigs was feeding there on the mountain. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. The demons went out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

When those who were feeding the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and reported it in the town and in the countryside. People went out to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet. He was clothed and in his right mind, and the people were afraid. Those who saw it told them how the demon-possessed man was saved. The whole crowd of people from the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were gripped with great fear.

As Jesus got into the boat and started back, the man from whom the demons had gone out begged to be with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home and tell how much God has done for you." Then he went through the whole town proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

## 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 guestions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

HEAD USHERS THIS WEEK: Don Koch/Doug Schulz; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz

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!

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING: A Special Voters' Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday (TODAY), June 19, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve expenditures for bat removal clean-up services as well as for the parking lot repair/replacement project. All voting members are encouraged to attend!

CAMP PHILLIP SUNDAY: TODAY we will be taking a free-will offering in support of Camp Phillip. Our congregation is currently a member in Camp Phillip's organization and in order to maintain this membership we collect donations once a year from our congregation. Membership in this organization gives our members a 10% discount on all camping fees. We hope you will consider supporting this fun and unique ministry!

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Our worship service next Sunday, June 26, will take place at 9:00 AM at the Iron **Ridge Firemen's Park.** Following the service, a potluck dinner will be served. Hot sandwiches 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. Please also note that the evening worship service on Thursday, June 23, WILL also be held at the normal time of 7:00 PM at St. Matthew's.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Janet Moldenhauer, the Daryl & Penny Moldenhauer Family, the Mike & Jenny Moldenhauer Family, Lyle Moldenhauer, and the Brian & Cheri Youngbeck Family in loving memory of Marvin Moldenhauer.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! We wish all our fathers a very happy and blessed Father's Day this Sunday!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

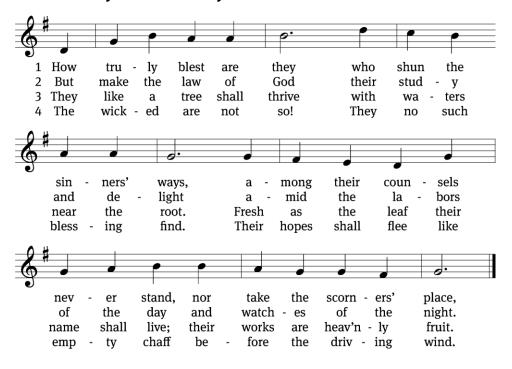
Attendance: Thursday: 18; Sunday: 86 **Offerings:** \$4,768.60 (Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,661.00) Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$100.00; Undesignated Memorials: \$10,115.00 Memorials: In Memory of Otto Fiedler: \$10,000.00 (Undesignated); In Memory of Clarence Wendorff, Charles Wendorff, Chester Wendorff, Greg Wendorff, Brian Wendorff, Heidi Tunak, and Cheryl Alexander: \$115.00 (Undesignated)

# **OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S**

Sunday:	Communion Worship Service (Camp Phillip Free-Will Offering) SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING – Immediate worship service Father's Day	
Thursday:	Worship Service	7:00 PM
Fri. & Mon.:	SCHOOL – FLOORS BEING WAXED	
Sunday:	Outdoor Worship Service (@ Firemen's Park) Potluck Dinner – Immediately following servi	

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#### **1B How Truly Blest Are They**



- 5 How will they bear to stand
  - before that judgment seat where all the saints at Christ's right hand in full assembly meet?

6 God knows and he approves the way the righteous go, but sinners and their works shall meet a dreadful overthrow.

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