

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 24 & 27, 2021

*The Christian attitude in the day of distress
is to listen to the Word of the Lord.*

Opening Hymn 433, “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

Order of Service..... Service of the Word, Page 38

Prayer of the Day: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 46 (page 84)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. *Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”* Alleluia.

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GOSPEL LESSON

Hymn of the Day379, “Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound”

SERMON..... “We Live for Him because He Died for Us” 2 Corinthians 5:15

Apostles’ Creed..... Page 41

Hymn439, “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

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Closing Hymn 353 v. 1, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

FIRST LESSON: Job 38:1-11

In pain will we take God to court? In disaster will we call him to account? It may be tempting, but it is the height of folly. For he is God, who without our aid or advice made all things. Instead, it should inspire us a yearning to listen to his Word while awaiting his pleasure, especially in the dark and evil days.

Then the LORD responded to Job out of a violent storm. He said: Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans with his ignorant words? Get ready for action like a man! Then I will ask you questions, and you will inform me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you understand anything about it. Who determined its dimensions? I am sure you know. Who stretched out the surveying line over it? What supports its foundation? Who set its cornerstone in place, when the morning stars sang loud songs together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? Who locked up the sea behind doors when it burst out of the womb? When I clothed the

sea with clouds, when I wrapped it with thick darkness as its swaddling cloths, when I broke its power with my decree, when I locked it up behind barred, double doors, I said, “You may come this far, but no farther. Here is the barrier for your proud waves.”

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

The whole world does indeed go into God’s courtroom. But how astonishing, how amazing, how wonderful the result! Christ trades places with the world, takes on its well-deserved punishment and effects for it reconciliation.

For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again.

As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:35-41

This text is misused when we conclude that we will never suffer or die in a disaster; God has made no such promise to us. It is properly used when we hold fast to the promise that he will not leave or forsake us even in a disaster, even in death.

On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s go over to the other side.” After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up. Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we are about to drown?” Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind stopped, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?” They were filled with awe and said to one another, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz.; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Mike Pamperin

WE THANK Pastor Timothy Bauer, retired pastor from Bethany, Hustisford, for leading us in worship and sharing God's message with us today. Pastor Bauer is filling in for Pastor Mose as he and Connie are on vacation in Michigan. Pastor and Connie are expected to return sometime on Monday, June 28.

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!

NEW BUDGET: Our new fiscal budget goes into effect on July 1. Our budget has actually seen a decrease from \$366,706 to \$346,370. This is a decrease of appx. 6%. This means that in order to make our budget each week we need approximately **\$6,661** in offerings each week. Please keep this in your mind and heart as you prepare your offerings.

HELP NEEDED AFTER CHURCH (SUNDAY!!) As you can see, we are in the middle of our annual floor waxing. The classrooms have been done, and on Monday the hallways will be done. So, we could use some help after Sunday's worship service moving things out of the hallway back into the classrooms. The items in the gym should STAY there for now! We are ONLY moving the items in the hallway. Thanks for your help!

HELP IS ALSO NEEDED on Wednesday, June 30! Our new Gr. 1-2 teacher, Sara Wentzel, will be moving into her new apartment that afternoon. Those who are willing to help with this move are asked to be at the **Rincon Apartment Building, 225 N. Main Street, Hartford, Wisconsin**, by **3:00 PM** that day. The apartment number is **216**. This would be a great way for some of you to meet Sara and to welcome her to our area!

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Our worship service on **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 will be looking for additional food items to supplement the meal. We will also be 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, 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.

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 in **July!** 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.)

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 29; Sunday: 85

Offerings: \$3,024.55

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$20.00; Camp Phillip Free-Will: \$135.00

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service9:00 AM

Monday: *Pastor & Connie back from vacation*
SCHOOL – FLOORS BEING WAXED

Thursday: Communion Worship Service7:00 PM

Sunday: Communion Worship Service9:00 AM
INDEPENDENCE DAY! Have fun on the 4th!!