

# SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023

*He Lives to Give Me Eager Expectation of Glory*

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**Opening Hymn** ..... 707, “Cling Tightly to the Word of God”

**Order of Service**.....Setting Two, Page 172

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## FIRST READING

**Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)**.....Psalm 139F

## SECOND READING

**Gospel Acclamation** ..... Page 179

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** *I will not leave you as orphans; /\* I will come to you.*

## GOSPEL

**Hymn of the Day** ..... 806, “Your Days and Ways to God Surrender”

**SERMON**..... “Continue Trusting in the Lord” Proverbs 3:5,6

**Offering Hymn** ..... 750 v. 2, “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

**Nicene Creed** .....Pages 180-181

## RITE OF CONFIRMATION

**Communion Liturgy** ..... Page 183

**Communion Hymn**..... 670, “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”

**Closing Liturgy** ..... Page 187

**Closing Hymn** ..... 715 v. 1, “Let Me Be Yours Forever”

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## FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26

**Matthias is chosen to join the apostles, who served as eyewitnesses of Christ’s resurrection. Through their testimony, God gave his Church the expectation of future glory.**

*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.*

*In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, “Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry. “Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle*

*burst open, and all his intestines spilled out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood. Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms: May his residence be deserted. Let there be no one dwelling in it. And, let someone else take his position. “Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection.”*

*They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.*

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-17; 5:6-11

**The God of all grace has called us to future glory. Until that time, he encourages us to bring all our anxiety and cares to him.**

*Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God?*

*Therefore humble yourselves under God’s powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world. After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.*

## GOSPEL: John 17:1-11a

**Just hours before he would be tortured and killed, Jesus says those events would lead to glory, both his and ours.**

*After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed. “I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me. “I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.”*

## 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:** Don Koch/Doug Schulz; next Sunday: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz

**CONFIRMATION:** After studying the Christian faith for the past two years, our 2023 confirmation class will affirm their baptisms. This year's confirmands are: Kimberley Callies, Sidney Daley, Hunter Lang, Gavin Moldenhauer, Luke Stern, Preston Taylor, and Janel Youngbeck. We congratulate and pledge our support to these fine young men and women.

**ALTAR OFFERING:** The money received in today's Altar Offering has been designated as follows: 100% to the Church Refurbishment Fund.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way with the WALL softball tournament which we hosted this weekend. Thanks also for the many donations we received for the concessions stand! This is a big event which wouldn't be possible without all your support!

**ORGANISTS!!** The **June** 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 place for us. Thank you!

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY:** No one has signed up to host the fellowship hour which would take place immediately following the worship service on **Sunday, May 28**. If this is something you or a group of you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet hanging on the church bulletin board or speak with Pastor Mose today. Thank you!

**GRADUATION/RECOGNITION NIGHT:** The graduation of St. Matthew's eighth grade class will be held on **Thursday, May 25**, at the **7:00 PM** worship service. Immediately following the Graduation worship service, Recognition Night festivities will take place in the gym.

**MEMORIAL DAY – AMERICAN LEGION OBSERVANCE:** For those of you who may be interested in attending the Mayville American Legion Memorial Day Observance which will be held in St. Matthew's Cemetery on **Monday, May 29, 2023**, it is *tentatively* scheduled to begin at **8:30 AM**. However, please watch your local papers for any changes to this observance as we understand this is always subject to change.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL INTEREST:** We would like to gauge interest in St. Matthew's hosting a Vacation Bible School program this summer. It would likely be held just a few nights. VBS would be open to children aged 3-1/2 to Gr. 6. Older children who may wish to participate could be volunteer helpers. You can sign up for that as well. If you are interested in your children participating, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. Also, if there are adults who would be willing to teach and/or help out, please also sign up.

**TASTE OF MISSIONS:** Register for *Taste of Missions*, a hybrid event that will be held on **Saturday, June 10, 2023**, at **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary** in **Mequon, WI**. Attend in person OR online to get a "taste of missions." Registration is **\$15.00** per person, with children 13 and under attending free. Those attending in person will receive food tickets to sample ethnic food and will have the ability to purchase additional food from the food trucks. Or, attend virtually for free and watch all events via livestream, view additional video updates from missionaries, and try your hand at making one of the many ethnic recipes shared on the website. Learn more and register at: [tasteofmissions.com](http://tasteofmissions.com).

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by this year's confirmation class.

**WE THANK** the adult choir for enriching our Sunday worship service with their song!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 13; Sunday: 152

**Offerings:** \$4,727.50

**Tuition:** \$483.25

**4K Tuition:** \$128.35

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

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$40.00; Altar Offering: \$25.00; Church Refurbishment: \$15.00

**Memorials:** In Memory of Tom Leigl: \$15.00 *(Church Refurbishment)*

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service (**Confirmation**).....9:00 AM  
**Altar Offering**

Thursday: **SCHOOL – NOON DISMISSAL**  
Graduation Worship Service.....7:00 PM  
Recognition Night .....8:15 PM  
**SCRIP ORDERS DUE**

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

## 139F To You, O LORD, I Lift My Soul

Psalm 139F

### Refrain



### Tone



You have searched me, LORD, and you / know me;  
you perceive my thoughts / from afar.  
You discern my going out and my / lying down;  
you are familiar with / all my ways. *Refrain*

For you created my inmost / being;  
you knit me together in my / mother's womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonder- / fully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that / full well.  
My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the / secret place;  
your eyes saw my unformed / body.

**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***

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