

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14 & 17, 2024

Live Free From The Fear Of Judgment

Opening Hymn 493, “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

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Prayer of the Day: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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 17A

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *Be faithful, even to the */ point of death,
and I will give you life as your */ victor’s crown.*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 563, “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

SERMON..... “Look Forward to Being Triumphant Saints” Daniel 12:1-3

Offering Hymn 749 v. 3, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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Communion Hymn..... 667, “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

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Closing Hymn885, “There Is a Higher Throne”

FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

The prophet Daniel foretells that the world will get worse and then judgment day will come. All whose names are written by Christ in his book of life need not fear that judgment.

Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time.

At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting

contempt. Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

We can live free of the fear of God’s judgment because of the sacrifice our high priest made.

For Christ did not enter a handmade sanctuary, a representation of the true sanctuary. Instead, he entered into heaven itself, now to appear before God on our behalf. And he did not enter to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise he would have needed to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once and for all, at the climax of the ages, in order to take away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And, just as it is appointed for people to die only once and after this comes the judgment, so also Christ was offered only once to take away the sins of many, and he will appear a second time—without sin—to bring salvation to those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOSPEL: John 5:25-29

God the Father has given Jesus Christ the authority to judge.

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: A time is coming and is here now when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who listen will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out. Those who have done good will rise to live, but those who have practiced evil will rise to be condemned.

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

ORGANISTS: The **December** 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!

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY - RESCHEDULED: Because no one has signed up to host November's fellowship hour, we are going to postpone this fellowship until our Church Dedication Service which is set for **Sunday, December 8**. A special fellowship hour will follow that Sunday's 9:00 AM worship service. Please watch for more details.

POINSETTIAS will be purchased and placed in church for the Advent and Christmas season services. If you wish to order a poinsettia (or two) to be placed in church for these services, be sure to sign up on the sheet posted on the church bulletin board. You can take your poinsettia(s) home after the Christmas Day service on **Wednesday, December 25**, or leave it in church for the next Sunday service or until Christmas decorations are taken down. The cost is **\$10.00** per plant. Please contact **Wayne** or **Bonnie Schultz** if you have questions.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE: A special Thanksgiving Day worship service will be held on **Thursday, November 28**, at **9:00 AM**. Because of this service, **NO** Thursday evening worship service will be held that night. Our Thanksgiving Day offerings have been designated as follows: **100%** to the **Church Refurbishment Fund**.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Boxes of Christmas cards are available for purchase from the "Greeting Card Corner" display in the church basement. Just pick out the boxes that you wish to purchase, complete a payment envelope, and give it to **Diane Koch** or place it in her church mail slot.

CHURCH DECORATING: Please join us on **Saturday, December 7**, beginning at **11:00 AM** to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Those in attendance and helping with the decorating will be welcome to take part in a pizza party that day as well. If you plan on attending, we ask that you sign up on the sheet located on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please include your name and the number of people in your family who will be participating. This will help us in deciding how many pizzas need to be ordered. Thank you!

AREA ADVENT SERVICE & CHILI SUPPER: Bethany Lutheran Church in Hustisford will be hosting an Advent service of lessons and carols on **Wednesday, December 4**, for our area WELS congregations. There will be a chili supper from **5:30-6:15 PM**, and the service will start at **7:00 PM**. If anyone would like to bring something for the meal, a dessert to share would be welcome. Bethany is located at 269 N. Lake Street in Hustisford. They hope to see you there!

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Wayne & Bonnie Schultz in celebration of their 32nd wedding anniversary.

WE THANK the children in Gr. 1-2 for their beautiful song on Sunday!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 18; Sunday: 94

Offerings: \$4,590.00

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$7,355.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$20.00; Church Refurbishment: \$100.00;
Christian Aid & Relief: \$240.00

Memorials: In Memory of Ken Gedamke: \$100.00 *(Church Refurbishment)*



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 Service9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

Thursday: Worship Service7:00 PM
Adult Choir.....8:00 PM


Sunday: Worship Service9:00 AM
(Fellowship Hour postponed until 12/8/24)

17A Keep Me As the Apple of Your Eye.....Psalm 17A

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Tone



Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen / to my cry.
Hear my prayer—it does not rise from de- / ceitful lips.
Let my vindication / come from you;
may your eyes see / what is right. *Refrain*

I call on you, my God, for you will / answer me;
turn your ear to me and / hear my prayer.
Show me the wonders of / your great love,
you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you / from their foes.
As for me, I will be vindicated and will / see your face;
when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your / likeness.

**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***