

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 17 & 20, 2022

*A Day of Deliverance Which God's People
Eagerly Await*

Opening Hymn 912, "Open, Lovely Doors"

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Prayer of the Day: Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; 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 130B

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *Therefore keep watch, / * because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. (SUNG! – See Pg. 161 for melody.)*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 890, "Jerusalem the Golden"

SERMON..... "Trust in the Lord's Deliverance" Habakkuk 1:1-3;2:2-4

Offering Hymn 748 v. 1, "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly"

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Communion Hymn..... 668, "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

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Closing Hymn 885, "There Is a Higher Throne"

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-3;2:1-4

Like we are, Habakkuk was waiting for the LORD to act. God promised that he would act, and he had his prophet put that promise in writing.

The threatening oracle which the prophet Habakkuk saw. How long, LORD, must I cry for help, but you do not listen? I call out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save! Why do you cause me to see injustice? Why do you overlook misery? Devastation and violence confront me. There is strife, and tensions rise. I will stand at my watch post and station myself on the city wall. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer he will give to my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me. He said: Record the vision and write it plainly on tablets so that a herald may run with it. Indeed, the vision is waiting for the appointed time. It longs for fulfillment and will not prove false. If it seems slow in coming, wait for it, because it will certainly come and will not be delayed. Look, his soul is puffed up and is not righteous within him—but the righteous one will live by his faith.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:6-13

Jesus will return soon. When he does, the reward he won for mankind will be in his hand.

The angel said to me, "These words are faithful and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place." "And look: I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who holds on to the words of the prophecy of this book."

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw them, I bowed down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed me these things. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and also with those who hold on to the words of this book. Worship God!"

The angel also said to me: Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. Let the one who is unjust continue to be unjust. Let the one who is filthy continue to be filthy. Let the one who is just continue to do what is just. Let the one who is holy continue to be holy. Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:35-40

Jesus urges us to remain ready for his return at all times.

"Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning. Be like people waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Amen I tell you: He will dress himself and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them. Even if he comes in the second or third watch, they will be blessed if he finds them alert. But know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting 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 questions about the Lord's Supper, please speak to the pastor.

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

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY: No one has signed up to host this month's fellowship hour which would take place on **Sunday, November 27**, immediately following that Sunday's worship service. If this is something you or a group of you would be willing to do, please sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board or speak with Pastor Mose today! Thank you!

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!

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 **Sunday, December 25**, or leave it in church for the next Sunday service or until Christmas decorations are taken down. The cost will be **\$11.00** per plant. Please contact **Wayne** or **Bonnie Schultz** if you have any questions. The last day to order is: **Sunday (TODAY), November 20**.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE: A special Thanksgiving Day worship service will be held on **Thursday, November 24**, 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 for the cost of the church refurbishment drawings. The cost is estimated to be \$4,500.

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**.

CHURCH DECORATING: Please join us on **Saturday, December 3**, 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 church 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!

JOINT ADVENT SERVICE AND CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BETHANY, HUSTISFORD: All are invited to join **Bethany** and our other eastern Dodge County churches for a special Advent service on **November 30** at **7:00 PM**, with a chili supper beginning at 5:30 PM. If you'd like to bring something, they would appreciate anyone bringing a dessert to share. Bethany's Choir is preparing two new hymns that they would like to introduce in this service, and they would like to invite anyone to join their choir that night to sing these hymns. If you'd like to practice ahead of time, you can find the hymns in the new blue Christian Worship hymnal—352 "*Joy has Dawned*," and a new setting of 322 "*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*." There will be a joint choir practice at **6:00 PM** on **November 30** at **Bethany, Hustisford**.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 24; Sunday: 121

Offerings: \$3,184.00

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$30.00; Church Refurbishment: \$100.00

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

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

Tuesday: **SCRIP ORDERS DUE!!**

Wed. – Fri.: **NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day Worship Service 9:00 AM
NO Thursday Evening Worship Service

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



Remember to pray for our shut-ins:

Waldemar Damrow – The Waterford, 1025 Bell Ave, Room 220, Hartford

Margaret Krohn – The Gardens of Hartford, 112 Peace Lutheran Parkway, Hartford

Elmer & Irmgard Meyer – At Home - N5566 Buchanan Road, Hartford

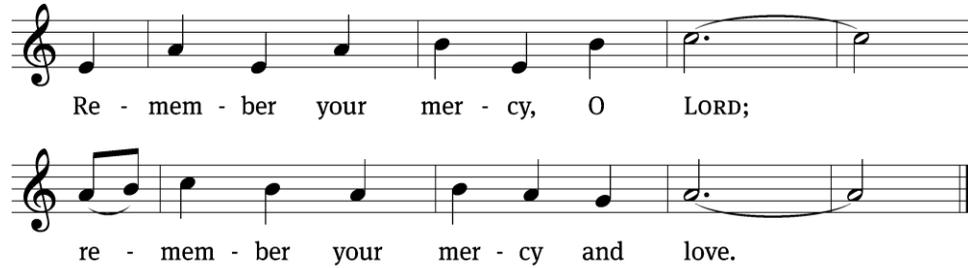
Darlene Schellpfeffer – Hillside Manor Nursing Home, 803 S. University Avenue, Beaver Dam

Gerry Weiss – Hope Senior Living, 475 Grove Street, #108, Lomira

130B Remember Your Mercy, O LORD

Psalm 130B

Refrain



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O LORD;
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

Tone



Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;
Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive
to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,
and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,
more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel
from / all their sins.

**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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