

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 7 & 10, 2021

Today we proclaim God's stated purposes for the family and his grace in providing for so many of our needs by means of the family.

Opening Hymn (From Supplement).....735, "Speak, O Lord"
Order of Service (From Supplement) Gathering Rite on the Word of God, Page 11
Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm of the Day (Thursday)Psalm 90 (page 99)
Psalm of the Day (Sunday**) – FROM NEW HYMNALPsalm 90
(*Congregation joins in with "Glory be..." -and- last refrain)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. *I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.* Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Hymn of the Day 343, "Christ Is the World's Light"
SERMON..... "Jesus Calls Us Brothers & Sisters" Hebrews 2:9-11
Apostles' Creed Page 20
Prayers/Lord's Prayer
Hymn 256, "How Great Thou Art"
Closing Prayer/Benediction
Closing Hymn 394 vv. 1 & 2, "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:18-24

Notice the love of God in the creation of Eve. God first shows Adam his lack and his need, that Adam's joy and thanksgiving may be increased when God supplies what is needed. Then in love God prescribes the roles of each in the marriage, lest there be chaos and confusion.

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what

he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man. The man said, Now this one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called "woman," because she was taken out of man. For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will remain united with his wife, and they will become one flesh.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 2:9-11

This is how much God loves us! This is how much he yearns to have us as members of a heavenly and eternal family: He gave his Son, even into death. That Son obeyed his Father in order to make us his own brothers. May his example of love and his example of obedience in gaining our salvation inspire and motivate our lives in his family.

But we look to Jesus (the one who was made lower than the angels for a little while, so that by God's grace he might taste death for everyone), now crowned with glory and honor, because he suffered death. Certainly it was fitting for God (the one for whom and through whom everything exists), in leading many sons to glory, to bring the author of their salvation to his goal through sufferings. For he who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified all have one Father. For that reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:2-16

Divorce is a sin that separates not only the members of the marriage from one another but the guilty from God as well. Perhaps the chief scandal in divorce is the diminished ability of one or both parents to bring their children to Jesus for his blessing.

Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He replied, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." But Jesus told them, "He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."

In the house his disciples asked him about this again. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart; next Sunday: Hubert Albert/Don Koch

PROFESSION OF FAITH: Last **Sunday, October 3**, Arianna Antonioni, professed her faith in Jesus Christ and was recognized as a new member of our congregation. Please take whatever opportunity you may have to meet her and make her feel welcome at our church!

PTL MEETING: A reminder to all school parents of the PTL meeting which is scheduled for **Monday, October 11**, at **6:30 PM** at the school. All parents are urged to take an active part in what's going on at the school throughout the year. Your input is always valued!

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING: All voters are reminded that the next Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 20**, at **8:00 PM**. All voting members are urged to attend!

LWMS FALL MISSION RALLY: We will be hosting the LWMS Fall Mission Rally right here at St. Matthew's on **Saturday, October 16**, from **8:30 AM – NOON**. It will be co-hosted by St. John, Woodland. The speakers and topic will be **Drs. Jim & Stephanie Moore**, who will speak about our mission in **Nepal**. On the LWMS bulletin board in the hallway by Mr. Lorge's classroom there is a sign-up sheet to attend the rally. On the **SCHOOL** bulletin board in the main hallway there is a sign-up sheet to help set up, serve, and clean up, as well as a sheet to donate baked goods. Registration for the day will begin at **8:30 AM** with the rally beginning at **9:00 AM** and concluding at **Noon**. Those planning on attending are asked to bring non-perishable food items or cash as a donation for the Trinity food pantry. Please direct any questions you may have about the rally to **Becky Schulz**.

THE WAIT IS ALMOST OVER! Adult Choir will begin again on **Thursday, October 21**, at **8:00 PM!** Anyone who is interested in joining this fun-filled group to sing praises to God is welcome. All voices will be welcomed with open arms! If you would like to participate, please sign-up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. This is a wonderful opportunity for Christian fellowship. Why not give it a try?

BONFIRE: This year's fall bonfire will be hosted by **Lucas & Arianna Antonioni** who reside at **W2831 Zion Church Road, Mayville**. The event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 23**, beginning at **5:30 PM**. There will be chili, water, hot chocolate and desserts provided. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, drinks for your family, or anything to roast over the fire, you are welcome to do that. You should also plan on bringing chairs to sit on. Everyone is welcome!

LEAVES ARE FALLING; AUTUMN IS CALLING...The FYSH GROUP! St. Matthew's Youth Group (FYSH) will have a fall gathering celebrating the season! All FYSH members are invited to meet at **St. Matthew's School** on **Sunday, October 24**, beginning at **2:00 PM**. There will be pumpkin carving/painting, Bible trivia with Pastor Mose, fun and food galore, including apple cider and pumpkin bars. Come and enjoy fall y'all!

PIZZA/SNACK STICKS SALE: The PTL is currently holding a pizza and snack sticks sale to raise money for building improvements and technology for the school. If you are interested in purchasing some of these items, please look for the order forms on the table at the back of church or speak to any of our school families. Orders **and money** are due by **Tuesday, October 19**. Orders may be turned in to the office. Checks should be made payable to: **St. Matthew's PTL**. We are also looking for volunteers to help make the pizzas. This will be done on **Friday, November 5**, from **3:15 PM – 9:00 PM** -and- **Saturday, November 6**, from **7:30 AM – until done** (est. 2:00 PM). If you would be willing to help, please sign up on the sheets posted on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board in the school hallway. Any questions about this sale may be directed to **Brian Youngbeck (920) 296-1128**. Thanks, in advance, to everyone who helps with or supports this sale!

WE THANK the students in the Jr. Choir for their lovely songs on Sunday! Please note that the congregation will be joining them in the singing of **Psalm 90** on **Sunday**. Also, the Jr. Choir will be singing **Hymn 830 (from the new hymnal)** – "We Walk by Faith." **The congregation is asked to join in singing Verse 5.**

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Wayne & Bonnie Schultz in loving memory of Wayne's father, Louis F. Schultz, Jr.; Bonnie's mother, Violet Ehlers; and Wayne's brother, Dale Schulz.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 19; Sunday: 131

Offerings: \$6,785.50

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,661.00)

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$520.00; Missions: \$70.00

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday:	Worship Service9:00 AM
	Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM
Monday:	PTL Meeting6:30 PM
Tuesday:	School Board Meeting6:00 PM
Wednesday:	Elders' Meeting.....6:30 PM
	Church Council7:00 PM
Thursday:	Communion Worship Service7:00 PM
	Scrip Orders Due
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