

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17 & 20, 2024

## Followers of Christ Make Selfless Sacrifices

**Opening Hymn** ..... 738, “The Son of God, Our Christ”

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

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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 2D

### SECOND READING

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

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, \*/ but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for \*/ many.*

### GOSPEL

**Hymn of the Day** ..... 395, “What Grace Is This”

**SERMON**..... “The Lord’s Servant Humbly Obeys His Master” Isaiah 53:10-12

**Offering Hymn** ..... 748 v. 1, “Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”

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

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

**Communion Hymn**.....659, “Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior”

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

**Closing Hymn** ..... 930 v. 4, “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:10-12

**The prophet Isaiah foretold that the coming Messiah would make the ultimate sacrifice to pay for our sin.**

*Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and to allow him to suffer. Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring. He will prolong his days, and the Lord’s gracious plan will succeed in his hand. After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life. He will provide satisfaction. Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many, for he himself carried their guilt. Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great, and with the strong he will share plunder, because he poured out his life to death, and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners. He himself carried the sin of many, and he intercedes for the rebels.*

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:7-12,19-23

**St. Paul shares his willingness to make great sacrifices in his effort to share the gospel of Christ.**

*What soldier ever serves at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat some of its fruit? Or who takes care of a flock and does not drink milk from the flock? Am I saying this just from a human point of view? Doesn’t the law also say this? Yes, it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out grain.” Is God really concerned about oxen, or does he say this entirely for our sake? Yes, it was written for our sake, because the plowman ought to plow in hope, and the thresher ought to thresh in hope of getting a share. If we sowed spiritual seed for your good, is it too much if we reap material benefits from you? If others have some right to make this claim on you, don’t we even more? But we did not use this right. Instead, we endure everything so as not to cause any hindrance for the gospel of Christ.*

*In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are under the law. To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God’s law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others.*

## GOSPEL: Mark 10:32-45

**To disciples who sought glory and honor, Jesus taught that his followers would make selfless sacrifices for others just as he would be sacrificed for our sins.**

*They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was leading them. The disciples were amazed, and the others who followed were afraid. He took the Twelve aside again and began to tell them what was going to happen to him. “Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the experts in the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, spit on him, flog him, and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”*

*James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, “Teacher, we wish that you would do for us whatever we ask.” He said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” They said to him, “Promise that we may sit, one at your right and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with?” “We can,” they replied. Jesus told them, “You will drink the cup that I am going to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am going to be baptized with. But to sit at my right or at my left is not for me to give; rather, these places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”*

*When the ten heard this, they were angry with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But that is not the way it is to be among you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

## 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 **November** 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!

**CALL MEETING/QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** At the Call Meeting which was held on Wednesday a divine pastoral call was issued to Pastor Jesse Knox of Saint Joseph, Michigan. Pastor Knox is currently serving the Lord at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stevensville, Michigan. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two young children. Please keep Pastor Knox and his family in your prayers as he deliberates our call as well as his current call to St. Paul's.

In addition, the following actions took place at Wednesday's Quarterly Voters' Meeting: Membership action included: **Received by transfer from St. John's, Juneau:** Kevin & Rebecca Schultz, Austin Schultz, Cohen Hoffmann, and Blake Hoffmann; and Andrew & Rachael Bingen, Alexis Bingen, and Drew Bingen.

In other business, 1) It was m/s/p to designate this year's Thanksgiving Day offerings 100% to the Church Refurbishment Fund; and 2) It was m/s/p to cancel the Thursday evening worship service on December 26, 2024.

**PIZZA/CHEESE BREAD/JERKY SALE:** The PTL is currently holding a pizza/cheese bread/beef jerky sale to raise funds for our church refurbishment project. If you are interested in purchasing some of these items, please look for the order forms on the table at the back of the gym or speak to any of our school families. Orders **and money** are due by **Monday, October 21**. Orders may be turned in to the school office. Checks should be made payable to: **St. Matthew's Lutheran School**. We are also looking for volunteers to help make the pizzas. This will be done on **Friday, November 1**, from **1:00 PM – 9:00 PM** -and- **Saturday, November 2**, from **7:30 AM – until done**. Please note that because the gym is set up for church during our refurbishment project, we will be making our pizzas this year at the **IRON RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT**. 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**.

**WLA FALL CONCERT:** Everyone is invited to attend WLA's Fall Concert which is scheduled for **Sunday (TODAY), October 20**, at **4:00 PM**. This will be an amazing performance showcasing the various bands and choirs at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. Don't miss it!

**FYSH GROUP @ TRUNK-OR-TREAT:** The FYSH Group will be handing out Halloween treats at this year's Trunk-or-Treat event which is scheduled for **Saturday, October 26**, from **11:00 AM – 3:00 PM** at the **Iron Ridge Community Center**. Put on your costume, and come join the fun. If you wish to participate or volunteer to help with this event, please speak with **Cheri Youngbeck** today!

**JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE:** The WLA Association Joint Reformation Service will be held on **Sunday, October 27**, at **4:00 PM** at **St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1600 Main Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**. The WLA choirs will be singing for this service, and Prof. Steve Pagels of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be the guest preacher. All are welcome!

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** The next meeting of the Altar Guild is set for **Tuesday, October 29**, at **6:30 PM**. If you would like to become a member or would like to learn more about the Altar Guild, please feel free to attend this upcoming meeting! New members are always welcomed!

**SPIRIT T-SHIRTS:** You may have seen our students and/or faculty wearing school spirit shirts in pictures or on our Facebook posts. They feature our theme for the year: *Grace Upon Grace* (John 1:16). If any member of our congregation is interested in purchasing a shirt to promote our school or show their school spirit, please speak with **Ruth Callies** for sizing and pricing information, and we can have you outfitted in no time! The deadline to order is **Sunday (TODAY), October 20**.

**WE THANK** the children in Gr. 3-5 for their wonderful song on Sunday!

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 12; Sunday: 118

**Offerings:** \$5,330.50

**4K Tuition:** \$780.25; **Tuition:** \$1,022.22

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

**Special Funds:** Church Refurbishment: \$23,378.01



*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 Service .....9:00 AM  
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School ..... 10:15 AM

Monday: ***Pizza Orders Due (w/money!)***

Thursday: **NO SCHOOL – TEACHERS' CONVENTION**  
Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM

Friday: **NO SCHOOL – TEACHERS' CONVENTION**

Sunday: Worship Service (**Fellowship Sunday**) .....9:00 AM  
*Area Reformation Service @ St. Peter,*  
*Fond du Lac* .....4:00 PM

## 2D Great Are the Works of the LORD

Psalm 2D

Refrain



Great are the works of the LORD. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone



Why do the nations / conspire  
and the peoples / plot in vain?  
The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the Lord  
and against his A- / nointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;  
the Lord / scoffs at them.  
He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,  
"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain." *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / Lord's decree:  
He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your / Father."  
**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***