

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 21 & 24, 2021

The Word of God reminds us that Jesus is our only and our all-sufficient Savior from the wrath of God.

Opening Hymn 194, "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"
Order of Service..... Service of the Word, Page 38

Prayer of the Day: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities, that under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and hold deeds; 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.....Psalm 22 (page 71)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.* Alleluia.

Response to the Verse..... Page 40

GOSPEL LESSON

Hymn of the Day411, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

SERMON..... "Jesus Was a Great Servant" Mark 10:35-45

Apostles' Creed..... Page 41

Hymn 376, "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

Closing Liturgy..... Page 43

Closing Hymn332 v. 1, "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 53:10-12

Behold the true glory of our Savior! It is our salvation. See how much it cost! It is nothing less than the agony of being crushed by his Father and made a sacrifice for our transgressions, iniquity, and guilt. Worthy is he alone of the inheritance he receives, holy people made righteous by his sacrifice, whose service is pleasing to God because of the Savior's service for their salvation.

Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and 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 LESSON: Hebrews 4:9-16

The final rest is certain because Christ's work is certain and because Christ's Word is certain. Since the rest is certain, let us hold fast to the work of Christ, by which it was won, and to the faithful confession of the Word, by which it is made our own.

So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:35-45

What patience Christ shows with the disciples and with us, what grace, what love beyond compare in his perfect service to God as he goes to ransom us, the lost and unworthy. As our Lord came to serve us, the blind and undeserving, may we aspire to this greatness that we have but one ambition: to serve.

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

HEAD USHERS: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz.; next Sunday: Ronald Knueppel/Bill Keller, Jr.

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!

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The following actions took place at this past Wednesday's Voters' Meeting: **Membership action included:** **Received by Profession of Faith:** Arianna Antonioni (Oliver Weber); **Received by Transfer** from Hope Lutheran Church, Portland, Michigan: Jane Korroch. **Released:** Barb Moldenhauer, Samuel Ewert.

In other business, 1) It was reported that we had to deal with an unexpected bat infestation at the start of the school year. Bats had taken up residence in the rafters of the gym roof and for safety reasons needed to be removed immediately with a recommendation for subsequent clean-up. The bats themselves have been removed but the clean-up remains. The estimated cost of these services is \$6,000. Based on the cost of this project, it was m/s/p that this year's **Thanksgiving Day offerings** be designated first to the bat removal/clean-up costs with any additional amounts going toward the church budget, and 2) It was m/s/p to cancel the **Thursday** evening worship service on **December 30, 2021**.

WLA PRESENTATION: TODAY Matt Schmitz, a member of WLA's *Campaign Cabinet*, is back to speak to us immediately following the worship services. The purpose of his visit will be to further discuss the support needed for WLA's future building plans.

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 (TODAY), 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!

ALTAR GUILD: The next meeting of the Altar Guild is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 26**, 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 welcome and needed!

PIZZA-MAKING/ORDER PICK-UP TIMES: We are still looking for volunteers to help make the pizzas from our recent PTL sale. 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 supported this sale!

For those who have ordered pizzas, your orders will be ready to be picked up at the school on **Saturday, November 6**, from **11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**. We ask that you make every effort to pick up your pizza orders during those times!

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE: After a year's hiatus, the WLA Association Joint Reformation Service will be held on **Sunday, October 31**, at **3:00 PM** at **St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1600 South Main Street, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**. The WLA Traveling Choir will be bringing God's Word to us in song under the direction of Mr. Dale Witte, who will also serve as organist. Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's Dean of Chapel, Rev. Aaron Christie, will be our guest preacher. The presiding minister will be St. Peter's new pastor, Rev. Luke Boehringer. We pray you will come and praise God for allowing our congregations to build on the three pillars of the Lutheran Reformation—that we are saved: *Sola Gratia* (by Grace Alone), *Sola Fide* (by Faith Alone), and *Sola Scriptura* (by Scripture Alone).

WE THANK the Gr. 6-8 hand chimes choir for enriching our Sunday service with their music!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 39; Sunday: 108

Offerings: \$6,609.60

Tuition: \$790.87

4K Tuition: \$391.85

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$55.00; Christian Aid & Relief: \$325.00

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service9:00 AM
WLA Presentation – Immediately following service
Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:30 AM

Tuesday: Altar Guild Meeting6:30 PM

Thursday: **NO SCHOOL – TEACHERS' CONVENTION**
Worship Service7:00 PM
Adult Choir.....8:00 PM
SCRIP ORDERS DUE

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

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