

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Reformation Sunday

October 24 & 27, 2024

Live a Life of Courageous Witness

Opening Hymn 863, “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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Prayer of the Day: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; 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 54A vv. 1-2

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *Do not be afraid, */ little flock,
for your Father has been pleased to give you the */ kingdom.*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 836, “I Walk in Danger All the Way”

SERMON..... “On Fire for the Lord” Daniel 3:16-28

Offering Hymn 754 v. 2, “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness”

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Closing Hymn 640, “God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage”

FIRST READING: Daniel 3:16-28

In response to an evil command offered by a pagan king, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived lives of fearless witness.

Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “We have no need to answer you about this matter. Since our God, whom we serve, does exist, he is able to save us from the blazing fiery furnace. So, he may save us from your hand, Your Majesty. But if he does not, you should know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods, and we will not worship the golden statue that you set up.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed against Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego. He said to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was usually heated. He ordered some men, who were soldiers from his army, to bind Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego in order to throw them into the blazing fiery furnace. So these men were bound in their coats, their pants, their turbans, and their other clothing, and they were thrown into the middle of the blazing fiery furnace. Because the king’s order was urgent and the furnace was extremely hot, those men who carried Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego were killed by the intense heat of the fire. But these three men, Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who had been tied up, fell into the blazing fiery furnace.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and immediately stood up. He said to his advisors, “Didn’t we throw three men, who had been tied up, into the middle of the fire?” They answered the king, “Certainly, Your Majesty.” He said, “Look! I see four men, who are untied and walking around in the middle of the fire, unharmed. What is more, the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the blazing fiery furnace. He said, “Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out!” Then Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego came out from the middle of the furnace. The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the royal advisors gathered together and looked at these men. The fire had no power over their bodies. Not a hair on their head was singed, their robes were not damaged, and the smell of fire had not stuck to them. Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrak, Meshak, and Abednego, who sent his angel and saved his servants, who trusted in God and ignored the king’s command. They gave up their bodies and did not pay homage or worship any god except their God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 14:6-7

St. John sees God’s messenger proclaiming the true gospel to all people. In 1546, this reading served as the text for the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther.

Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. He said with a loud voice: Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:5-11

Jesus encourages and empowers us that we might be bold in sharing the gospel in these end times.

Jesus began by telling them, “Be careful that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. “Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ross Schultz/Wayne Schultz; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY: This Sunday is Fellowship Sunday! All are invited to stay for the refreshments being served immediately following Sunday's worship service. We thank the Kanas Family for hosting this fellowship hour!

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!

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE: The WLA Association Joint Reformation Service will be held on **Sunday (TODAY), 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!

PIZZA/CHEESE BREAD/JERKY SALE: We are still looking for volunteers to help make the pizzas from our recent PTL sale. 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**.

For those who have ordered pizzas, your orders will be ready to be picked up at the **Iron Ridge Fire Department** on **Saturday, November 2, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM**. We ask that you make every effort to pick up your pizza orders during those times. Thank you!

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!

MOVIE NIGHT: Everyone is invited to attend St. Matthew's movie night on **Friday, November 8, beginning at 6:30 PM**. The movie will be Disney & Pixar's, *Inside Out 2*. *Inside Out 2* returns to the mind of newly minted teenager Riley just as headquarters is undergoing a sudden demolition to make room for something entirely unexpected: new Emotions! Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust, who've long been running a successful operation by all accounts, aren't sure how to feel when Anxiety shows up and it looks like she's not alone.

Popcorn and beverages will be provided, but please feel free to bring any other refreshments you may like for the movie. Please also bring along comfortable seating for you and your family. You are welcome to invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to attend as well!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 15; Sunday: 126

Offerings: \$6,475.00

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$20.00; Christian Aid & Relief: \$335.00



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:	Worship Service (FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY)..... 9:00 AM <i>AREA Reformation Service (@ St. Peter's, FDL) 4:00 PM</i>
Tuesday:	Altar Guild Meeting 6:30 PM
Thursday:	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:20 PM – 8:00 PM Communion Worship Service 7:00 PM <i>Scrip Orders Due!!</i>
Friday:	NO SCHOOL Parent-Teacher Conferences 8:00 AM – NOON PIZZA-MAKING (@ Iron Ridge Fire Dept.!!) 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday:	PIZZA-MAKING 7:30 AM – Until Done (appx. 11:00 AM) <i>Pizza Pick Up Times (@ Iron Ridge Fire Dept.!!).... 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM</i>
Sunday:	Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School 10:15 AM

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS!!

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54A God of Might, I Call to You.....Psalm 54A



1 God of might, I call to you: show me your sal - va - tion!
2 When you make the wick-ed pay, when their taunts have van - ished,



In your name I put my trust for my vin - di - ca - tion.
I will sac - ri - fice to you, all my trou - bles ban - ished.



Ruth - less stran - gers hunt me down; e - vil foes as - sail me;
When you un - der - mine such threats, when such dreams are blight - ed,



still I am pro - tect - ed, Lord, for you nev - er fail me.
your de - liv - 'rance ren - ders me grate - ful and de - light - ed.

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