

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3 & 6, 2024

## Followers of Christ Know How to Love Their Families

Opening Hymn ..... 757, “Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd”  
Order of Service.....Setting One, Page 154

**Prayer of the Day:** Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; 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 17A

### SECOND READING

**Gospel Acclamation** ..... Page 161

**Gospel Acclamation Verse:** *Walk in the way of love, just as \*/ Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacri \*/ fice to God.*

### GOSPEL

**Hymn of the Day** ..... 760, “Oh, Blest the House”

**SERMON** ..... “**God’s Guidelines for Marriage**” Mark 10:2-12

**Offering Hymn**.....729 v. 3, “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

**Nicene Creed**.....Pages 162-163

**Communion Liturgy** ..... Page 165

**Communion Hymn**..... 670, “I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”

**Closing Liturgy** ..... Page 170

**Closing Hymn** ..... 927 vv. 1 & 3, “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

### FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-25

**The family is the foundation of society, and marriage is the foundation of family. Marriage is not a social construct or custom but an institution of the Creator God.**

*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. They were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed.*

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21—6:4

**St. Paul describes the various roles and responsibilities God has given to different people within a family, ways for them to demonstrate love not only for each other but also for Christ.**

*And by submitting to one another in reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.*

*Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.*

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with a promise: “that it may go well with you and that you may live a long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*

### GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

**Jesus explains that husbands and wives are to retain the bond of love, existing as one flesh. Jesus also teaches that God craves a loving relationship with children.**

*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

**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:** Dean Ebert/Rob Stern; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwygart.

**ORGANISTS!!** The **October** 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!

**PTL MEETING:** A reminder to all school parents of the PTL meeting which is scheduled for **Monday, October 7**, at **6:30 PM** at the school. All parents are urged to take an active interest in what's going on at the school throughout the year. Your input is always valued!

**CRAFT FAIR @ TRINITY COMMUNITY CENTER:** On **Saturday, October 12**, from **9:00 AM – 4:00 PM** you are invited to attend an area craft/bake sale at the **Trinity Community Center (N6409 County Road P, Mayville)**. The sale will benefit Branch Lutheran Schools in Haiti. To learn more about the children at Branch in Haiti, please visit [www.branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org](http://www.branchlutheranschoolshaiti.org).

**CALL MEETING/QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING:** All voting members are urged to participate in the upcoming Call Meeting -AND- Quarterly Voters' Meeting which are scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16**, at **7:00 PM**. The Call Meeting will be held first. We will be extending a call to replace Pastor Mose who is retiring in June 2025. Upon completion of the Call Meeting, the Quarterly Voters' Meeting will immediately proceed. Mark your calendars today!

**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**. 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!

**WOMEN IN THE WORD WORKSHOP:** Save the Date for "Women in the Word Workshop" on **Saturday, November 16**. You are invited to **St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Neosho** for a morning of fellowship and learning about using God's Word to guide your life, decision-making, and even how you manage your everyday mood. God's Word is powerful and effective for all these things! Authors Angie Molkentin and Stephanie Ihlen will lead us through the workshop. The day starts with coffee and conversation at **9:00 AM**, workshop from **9:15 AM to 11:00 AM**, updates on area women's ministry activities, followed by lunch from **11:15 AM – NOON**. It will be held in St. Paul's beautiful fellowship hall at **132 E. School Street in Neosho**. There is **no cost** for this event, although we will be grateful for any free-will offerings to help cover the cost of lunch. Encourage your friends to attend with you! To help us plan for food, please register by calling, texting, or emailing **Sam Kesting** at **920-625-2021/samanthakesting@gmail.com** or **Rachel Wisniewski** at **920-860-1583/office@bethanyhustisford.com**.

**WE THANK** Jeff Nehls, Ronald Knueppel, Bill Lackas, and Jeremy Lackas for their many hours of service in beautifully maintaining our grounds and cemetery. Your lawn mowing/groundskeeping services these past spring/summer/fall months are greatly appreciated and noticed!

**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 Schultz.

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 19; Sunday: 206

**Offerings:** \$4,325.50

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

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$10.00; Missions: \$1,338.00;  
Church Refurbishment: \$250.00



*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:	Communion Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School ..... 10:15 AM
Monday:	PTL Meeting ..... 6:30 PM
Tuesday:	School Board Meeting ..... 7:00 PM
Wednesday:	Elders' Meeting ..... 6:30 PM Church Council ..... 7:00 PM
Thursday:	Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM
Sunday:	Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School ..... 10:15 AM

17A Keep Me As the Apple of Your Eye .....*Psalm 17A*

*Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Tone*



Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen / to my cry.

Hear my prayer—it does not rise from de- / ceitful lips.

Let my vindication / come from you;

may your eyes see / what is right. *Refrain*

I call on you, my God, for you will / answer me;

turn your ear to me and / hear my prayer.

Show me the wonders of / your great love,

you who save by your right hand those who take refuge in you / from their foes.

As for me, I will be vindicated and will / see your face;

when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your / likeness.

**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***

Tune: Jane Marshall

Setting: Kermit G. Moldenhauer

Tune: © 1988 Choristers Guild. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 739996

Setting: © 1993 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 739996