

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 9 & 12, 2021

*That our Lord has done and continues to do all things well is at the center of the Christian's quiet confidence in every day of trouble and hour of distress.*

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Opening Hymn .....	226, "To Your Temple I Draw Near"
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Prayer of the Day: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.	
<b>FIRST LESSON</b>	
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<b>SECOND LESSON</b>	
Verse of the Day: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.	
<b>GOSPEL LESSON</b>	
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SERMON.....	"Jesus Still Touches People" Mark 7:31-37
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## FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a

**Physical weakness and trouble mirror the absolute state of need in which we are born. Troubles, fears, weaknesses of every sort are often God's rich blessings; for they drive us to despair of our own strength and understanding and to be the more ready to receive from his Word ears that hear and eyes that see.**

*Tell those who have a fearful heart: Be strong. Do not be afraid. Look! Your God will come with vengeance. With God's own retribution, he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged. The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy. Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland. The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be springs of water.*

## SECOND LESSON: James 1:17-27

**It is God's nature to give good gifts to his children. In fact those are the only kinds of gifts he can give. For his essence is changeless. What then should we conclude in every time of trouble or need? It is a good gift from God and will yet be seen as such.**

*Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations. Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls. Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does. If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

## GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:31-37

**Jesus heals a deaf and mute man.**

*Jesus left the region of Tyre again and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of the Decapolis. They brought a man to him who was deaf and had a speech impediment. They pleaded with Jesus to place his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. After he looked up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!") Immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was set free, and he began to speak plainly. Jesus gave the people strict orders to tell no one, but the more he did so, the more they kept proclaiming it. They were amazed beyond measure and said, "He has done everything well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!"*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**ORGANISTS:** There is still one open Thursday evening for September. Would you please look at your calendars to see if you might be able to fill it? Thank you!

**LWMS FREE-WILL OFFERING:** On **Thursday, September 16**, and **Sunday, September 19**, we will be taking a free-will offering to help support the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. We hope many of you will consider supporting their mission efforts. Both cash and check donations are acceptable. If paying by check, please make payable to: **LWMS**. If you would like more information about LWMS, please speak with our congregational leader, Becky Schulz.

One other LWMS item of note—We will be hosting the LWMS Fall Mission Rally right here at St. Matthew's on **Saturday, October 16**, from **8:30 AM – NOON**. Please watch for more details about this rally in the near future as well as ways to help us prepare for it!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/TEEN BIBLE STUDY:** Sunday School and Teen Bible Study will begin again next **Sunday, September 19**. If you would like your children to participate in these classes, please sign them up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. Please be sure to put the age of your child(ren) down on the sheet along with their name(s) so we can place them in the appropriate class. If you have any questions about these classes, please speak with Pastor Mose today.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will also begin next **Sunday, September 19**. Classes will begin at **10:15 AM** and end at **11:00 AM**.

**FALL GOLF OUTING:** This year's golf outing is set for next **Sunday, September 19**, beginning at **12:30 PM** at **HORICON HILLS GOLF COURSE**. We encourage you to invite family and friends to participate with us! The cost will be **\$50.00** for golfing with cart, meal, and door prizes. A sign-up sheet for participating and which includes additional details is hanging on the church bulletin board in the school hallway. Questions about the outing may be directed to **Wayne Schultz (920-948-1978)** or **Christy Keller (920-210-5973)**.

**MISSION FEST:** This year's Mission Festival worship service is set for **Sunday, September 26**, at **9:00 AM**. Pastor Timothy Flunker, who serves as the WELS Board for Home Missions Hispanic Outreach Consultant, will be our guest speaker and will discuss Hispanic outreach efforts in the United States. There will also be a presentation following the worship service. The Service Group will be providing/serving "finger foods" prior to the presentation. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this special worship service and presentation!

**THE 2021 IRONMEN OF GOD CONFERENCE** is scheduled for **Saturday, September 25**, from **8:00 AM – 2:00 PM** at **Chivaree (N8345 Park Street)**, in **Ixonia**. All men in our congregation are invited to hear some great speakers, to strengthen their faith, and to have a fantastic catered lunch. For more information and to find out how to register, please pick up a flyer on the table at the back of church or visit [ironmenofgodwi.org](http://ironmenofgodwi.org).

**PTL – PIZZA SALE:** Mark your calendars and start gearing up for our famous PTL pizza sale! Ordering for pizzas will begin in late September or early October. We will then be looking for volunteers to help make pizzas on **November 5 & 6, 2021**. We hope to make this year as successful or even better than last year but will need a lot of help to do so. Please keep this upcoming event in mind. Thank you!

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by the family of Elmer & Irmgard Meyer in honor of their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

**Attendance:** Thursday: 37; Sunday: 73

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

**Offerings:** \$6,332.00

**Tuition:** \$401.55; **4K Tuition:** \$821.10

**Special Funds:** Debt Retirement: \$740.00

## OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM

Thursday: Communion Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM

**Scrip Orders Due**

Sunday: Communion Worship Service ..... 9:00 AM

Adult & Teen Bible Class/Sunday School..... 10:15 AM

**Golf Outing (@ Horicon Hills) ..... 12:30 PM**