

MISSION FESTIVAL (Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost)

September 26 & 29, 2024

*Declare his glory among the nations, his
marvelous deeds among all peoples.*

Opening Hymn 743, “I Hear the Savior Calling”

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Prayer of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your disciples to proclaim your coming. Bless all the missions of your church, and enable your workers to gather in your harvest. Through them, show your love to the helpless, enlighten those in darkness, assist those in peril and need, and at last bring all your children home to yourself; you live and reign, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (*On Insert*)..... Psalm 67D

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those
who */ bring good news,
who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, */ “Your God reigns!”*

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 745, “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

SERMON (Thursday) “Learn History’s Lesson” Genesis 11:1-9

SERMON (Sunday) “Babel Revisited” Genesis 11:1-9

Offering Hymn 749 v. 3, “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

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Hymn 747, “Christ High-Ascended”

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Closing Hymn 746 vv. 1-3, “I Love to Tell the Story”

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-10

Jonah’s proclamation of God’s Word in the city of Nineveh brought about great results!

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: “Get up. Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh just as the word of the Lord had commanded. Now Nineveh was a great city to God. It required a three-day walk. Jonah walked through the city for a day, and he called out, “Forty

more days and Nineveh is going to be overthrown!” The men of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least. When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh. By the decree of the king and his leading officials: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything. Do not let them eat food or drink water. Instead, let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call fervently to God. Let them turn from their evil way and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent. He may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-15

Paul reminds us that before anyone can believe the message of salvation, they need to hear it, and for them to hear means someone must share the message.

But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. For Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. Yes, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!”

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-38

Jesus’ compassion for his sheep leads him to encourage prayer for more shepherds.

Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ronald Knueppel/Randy Sellnow; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Rob Stern

WE THANK Pastor Philip Birner for sharing God's message with us today! For those who may not know, Pastor Birner was a former pastor here at St. Matthew's and has recently returned from his missionary work in Zambia, Africa, along with his wife Sue (nee Haselow), who was a former teacher here at St. Matthew's. We certainly welcome them back!

Following our Sunday worship service, Pastor Birner and his wife, Sue, will have an additional presentation where we will look at the opportunities we have to help spread the Gospel message to the people of Africa. The Service Group will be providing/serving refreshments/finger foods prior to the presentation. Our thanks to them for doing this! All are invited and encouraged to stay for this presentation and the refreshments!

WE ALSO THANK the students of St. Matthew's Lutheran School (Gr. 4K-8) for beautifying our Mission Festival service on Sunday with their song!

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!

DODGE/WASHINGTON FALL MISSION RALLY: This year's fall mission rally will be held on **Saturday, October 5, 2024**, at **Peace Lutheran Church, Hartford**. It will be co-hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, Huilsburg, and Zion Lutheran Church, Theresa. The guest speakers will be Tim, Jessica, and Josh Payne of Newburg, WI. They will be informing us about their recent trip to Zambia, Africa, with the Vulnerable Children's Foundation. A sign-up sheet to attend is posted on the LWMS bulletin board in the hallway by Mr. Lorge's classroom. Registration for the day will begin at **8:30 AM**. The rally will run until **12:30 PM**. Mid-morning refreshments will be served. Non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be taken at registration for the local food pantry and the Working Fund.

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.

CAMM UPDATES: Updates about what has been going on at CAMM (Central Africa Medical Mission) have been posted on our LWMS bulletin board. Please check this out when you have the opportunity. We pray that God will continue to guide these missionaries with the wisdom and talents they need to carry on the mission work of Christ centered healthcare to the people of Malawi and Zambia. If you would prefer to have a copy for yourself which you can read at home, please speak with **Becky Schulz**.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 17; Sunday: 89

Offerings: \$3,386.25

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$100.00; Church Refurbishment: \$100.00

Memorials: In Memory of Art Justman: \$100.00 *(Church Refurbishment)*

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: **MISSION FESTIVAL** 9:00 AM
Presentation/Refreshments to immediately follow service

Thursday: Communion Worship Service 7:00 PM
SCRIP ORDERS DUE

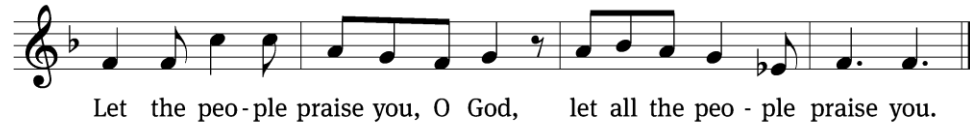
Saturday: LWMS Fall Mission Rally (@ Peace, Hartford)
Registration begins at 8:30 AM

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

67D Let the People Praise You, O God

Psalm 67D

Refrain



Tone



May God be gracious to us and / bless us
and make his face / shine on us—
so that your ways may be / known on earth,
your salvation among all / nations.
May the peoples / praise you, God;
may all the peoples / praise you.
May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations / of the earth. *Refrain*

The land yields its / harvest;
God, our God, / blesses us.
May God / bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will / fear him.
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*

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