

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 2 & 5, 2021

The basis of all faithfulness must be the Word of God and all God-pleasing obedience must begin in the heart.

Opening Hymn 427, “We Are the Lord’s”

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Prayer of the Day: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm of the Day..... Psalm 119c (page 111)

SECOND LESSON

Verse of the Day: Alleluia. *Your words became a joy to me and the delight of my heart.*
Alleluia.

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GOSPEL LESSON

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Hymn of the Day452, “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

SERMON..... “Live a God-Pleasing Life” Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23

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Communion Hymn312, “Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

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Closing Hymn316, “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1,2,6-8

God is serious about all of his Word, both the law and the gospel.

So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it. Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you. Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, “This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people,” because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call on him? What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today?

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 6:10-20

Faithfulness and obedience to the Word of God are not merely one aspect of life out of many. They are the all-important and ultimately the only important matters of life.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints. Pray for me also, that when I open my mouth a message will be given to me that boldly reveals the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may speak about it boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak.

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:1-8,14,15,21-23

Adding to God’s Word is just as bad as subtracting from it. In both cases man sets aside what God has said in favor or what he wants in order to justify himself apart from God’s Word and Christ’s work.

The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands.”

He answered them, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written: These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines. “You abandon God’s commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things.”

He called the crowd to him again and said, “Everyone, listen to me and understand. There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean. “In fact, from within, out of people’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean.”

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: Mike Pamperin/Dean Ebert; next week: Lyle Moldenhauer/Chris Zwycart.

ORGANISTS: There are still a few open dates for September. Would you please look at your calendars to see if you might be able to fill them? Thank you!

SUNDAY SCHOOL/TEEN BIBLE STUDY: Sunday School and Teen Bible Study will begin again on **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 on **Sunday, September 19**. Classes will begin at **10:15 AM** and end at **11:00 AM**.

SWIM WITH THE FYSH: All members of the FYSH Youth Group are invited to the Pastor and Connie Mose residence (**N5414 Madison Road**) for a swim outing on **Sunday (TODAY)** from **2:45 PM – 5:00 PM**. Those attending will also be provided supper! If you have any questions about this outing, please speak with **Cheri Youngbeck (920-296-1028)**.

FALL GOLF OUTING: This year's golf outing has been set for **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!

CHURCH PEWS AVAILABLE: If anyone has a use for any of the church pews which were removed from our church at the time of our elevator renovation, they are available at no cost to you. We are just trying to dispose of them. If you are interested, please speak with **Pastor Mose** or **Rusty Schultz (920-387-4970)**.

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**.

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!

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 31; Sunday: 82

Offerings: \$4,329.25

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

Special Funds: Debt Retirement: \$160.00

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM

Monday: **NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY**

Tuesday: School Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Elders' Meeting 6:30 PM
Church Council 7:00 PM

Thursday: Worship Service 7:00 PM

Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 AM