17th Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2024

Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care - **All Visitor's and members**, please notice the red book on one end of your pew titled "Record of Fellowship". In order to help the pastor provide good care for you please fill out one line and pass it to the next person in the pew. If someone comes after the book has passed to the other end of the pew, please assist by making sure the book is available to them. Please check all of the boxes in the middle of the line which are applicable to you. If you require a large print copy of the worship service, to better help you, please ask an usher.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold membership in a congregation other than a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod should refrain from receiving communion. If you are a member in good standing of another congregation of the Lutheran



Church Missouri Synod and would like to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to the service. We ask this out of Christian love and concern for you. (Please, indicate to Pastor if you require a Gluten Free Wafer.)

About our Lord's work at St. Matthew this week

TODAY Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM; Sunday School and Bible

Class Following Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM

MONDAY..... Bible Class 10:00 AM TUESDAY.... Bible Class 9:00 AM

A/FDNFCDAY Confirmation Class 2:00

WEDNESDAY . . Confirmation Class 3:00 PM

SUNDAY Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM; Sunday School and Bible

Class Following Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM



The Business Office will be open Monday and Wednesday.

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$7,726.00

Mission 1-1-1: \$ 11.00

Together in Worship: 63

Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!

Gifts to the Lord: If you would like to help with the Lord's work at St. Matthew, please drop your gifts in the box located in the narthex, before or after worship. Guest envelopes are available in the holder on of the front of the box.





Please tear out the used page in the "Record of Fellowship" and hand it to the usher as you leave. If there are no more pages left, hand the entire book to the Usher. Thank you, for this, and the continued help of taking all items home with you or disposing of them. It helps to keep our pews tidy.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "All He Has to Say". Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The story of Jacob's Ladder is not a prompt for us to climb higher; it's a promise that God comes down to our level. (Genesis 28:15)

About the Cover: After the disciples could not cast out the demon from the boy, an exasperated father pleaded with Jesus to see if He could do anything. When Jesus said, "'If you can'! All things are possible for the one who believes," it is without question that Jesus can accomplish this. When the father says, "I believe; help my unbelief" (Mark 9:23-24), it is also without question that Jesus has compassion on all who call upon Him, no matter how weak their faith. His compassion to save depends soley on His love, which is shown in the giving of Himself to conquer sin, death, and the devil for us.



Stewardship Thoughts...Mark 9:24 – "Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, 'I believe; help my unbelief!" Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to

a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.



Building Healthy Families: It's been said here are two kinds of people in the world: those who wake up and say, "Good morning, Lord!" and those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning!" Which are you? It is usually true that mood follows message. How we feel emotionally results from how we think about what is happening. The next time you are having a difficult

day, stop and check your thoughts. Listen to what you are telling yourself. Challenge and then replace negative, untrue self-statements with the truth. (Hint: look for truths from the author of life Himself in your Bible). LFS counselors are available to help you learn to change negative thought patterns, replacing them with truth. Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org



"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute

Lutheran Hour program (normally "This Is the Life," along with occasional church-season specials). Tune in at 10:00 AM on KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 or Midco -Channel 608. Next Sunday: Rev. Dennis Voss, Messiah Lutheran Church, Mandan. ND, presents the message: "Guarding Your Ways" based on Matthew 18:10-11. This is the Life: program: The Deadly Pen" – a businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death.

Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: Sheila Faut / Becky Post/ Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Beth Wangler / Delmer Meissel / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes / Hanna Link / Eleanore Krumm
- † Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Elmer Schiermeister / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter / Kinsey Tomes / Tanya Schlamann / Esther Gerving-Grosz / Diann Miller for strength and healing.
- † Dallas / Loretta / Christine / Rodney / Marcella who reside in a care center.
- † Pastors of our LCMS ND District
- † Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic / Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads
- † International Missions of the District
- † Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue Workers Prayer chain contacts: Bonita Maas 748-6145 & Marie Mathisen 748-6347



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Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study 10:15 a.m.

Hear our **Sunday Morning** Service live each Sunday on **KDKT 1410 AM** 9:00 a.m. or from coast-to-coast via the FoxSports link on our web page at stmatthewhazen.org Facebook: StMatthewHazen



