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*Worship for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 15 & 18, 2024*

Opening Hymn: One Thing's Needful CW 645

**1 One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure
teach me highly to regard.**

**All else, though it first give pleasure,
is a yoke that presses hard.**

**Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
no true, lasting happiness ever deriving.**

**This one thing is needful; all others are vain—
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.**

**2 How were Mary's thoughts devoted
her eternal joy to find**

**as intent each word she noted,
at her Savior's feet reclined!**

**How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
while hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!**

**All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord
and found her contentment in hearing his Word.**

**3 Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,
Jesus, is revealed in you.**

**Let me find in you my pleasure;
make my will and actions true,**

**humility there and simplicity reigning,
in paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.**

**If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,
the blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.**

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord come quickly to help me.

Confession of Sins

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.

Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

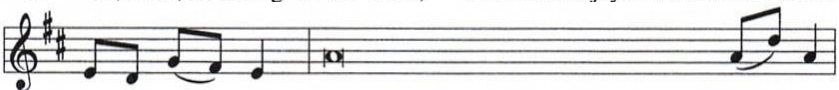
P: Christ has died. Christ has risen from the dead. Christ will come again in glory. In his great mercy, "God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross." Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

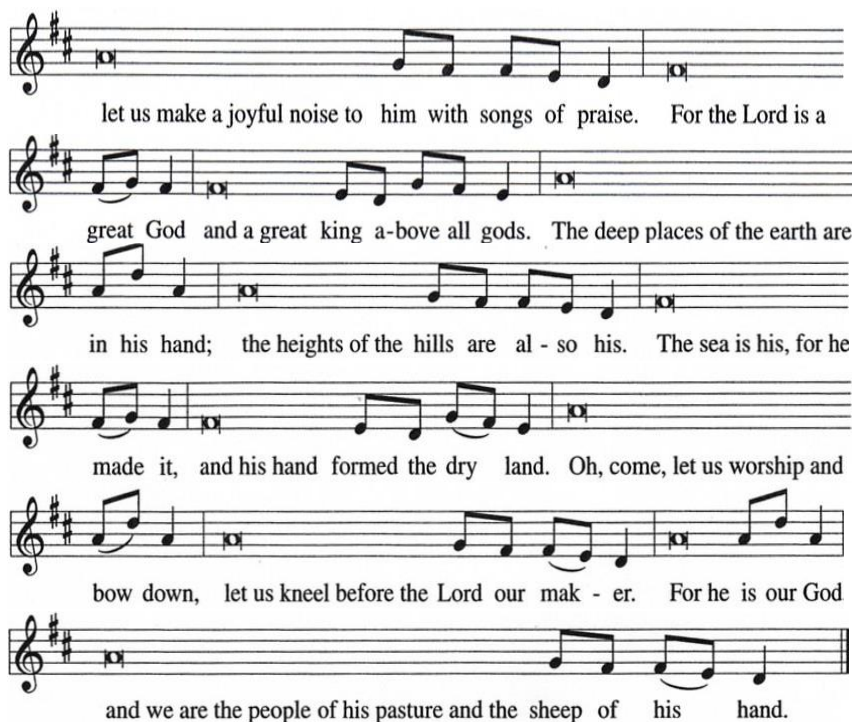
P: Praise be to God who invites us to come to the great banquet of salvation: let us worship him.



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a
 great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are
 in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
 made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
 bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God, almighty and all-merciful Father, bless your Word today and through it work with power in our hearts so that we may always hear your call, heed your warnings, and respond with joy when you graciously invite us the great banquet of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Epistle: II Timothy 1:1-5; 3:12-17

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in accordance with the promise of life, which is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my child, whom I love:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God, whom I serve with a clean conscience as my ancestors did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day. ⁴When I remember your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be

filled with joy. ⁵I remember your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am convinced that it also lives in you...everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evil people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

¹⁴As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them ¹⁵and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day: *(sung to the tune of CW 645)*

♪ **Would you find this one thing needful,**

Turn from all created things

Turn to Jesus and be heedful

Of the blessed joy He brings.

For where God and Man both in one are united,

With God's perfect fullness the heart is delighted;

There, there is the worthiest lot and the best,

My One and my All and my Joy and my Rest.

Gospel: Luke 14:15-24

¹⁵When one of those at the table with him heard these things, he said to Jesus, "Blessed is the one who will feast in the kingdom of God!"

¹⁶Jesus said to him, "A certain man made a great banquet and invited many people. ¹⁷When it was time for the banquet, he sent out his servant to tell those who were invited, 'Come, because everything is now ready.' ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses.

"The first one told him, 'I bought a field, and I need to go and see it. I ask you to excuse me.'

¹⁹"Another one said, 'I bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out. I ask you to excuse me.'

²⁰“Still another said, ‘I just got married, and so I am unable to attend.’

²¹“The servant arrived and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house was angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town, and bring in here the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’

²²“The servant said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.’

²³“Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and urge them to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴Yes, I tell you that none of those men who were invited will taste my banquet.’”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn: The Savior Calls Let Every Ear (*tune of CW 520*)

1 The Savior calls; let ev'ry ear

Attend the heav'nly sound.

O doubting souls, dismiss your fear;

Hope smiles reviving round.

**2 For every thirsty, longing heart
Here streams of bounty flow
And life and health and bliss impart
To banish mortal woe.**

**3 Here springs of sacred pleasures rise
To ease your every pain,
Immortal fountain, full supplies:
Nor shall you thirst in vain.**

**4 O sinners, come, hear mercy's voice;
The gracious call obey;
Mercy invites to heav'nly joys,
And can you yet delay?**

**5 Dear Savior, draw reluctant hearts;
To you let sinners fly
And take the bliss your love imparts,
Revive, and never die.**

Sermon: Proverbs 9:1-18

¹Wisdom has built her house.

She has carved out her seven pillars.

²She has prepared her meat. She has mixed her wine.

She has already set her table.

³She has sent out her servant girls.

She calls from the highest point in the city,

⁴"Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here."

To someone who lacks sense she says,

⁵"Come, eat my food,

and drink the wine that I have mixed.

⁶Abandon your naïve ways and live.

Travel the road to understanding."

⁷*Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults,*

and whoever warns a wicked person invites abuse.

⁸*Do not warn a mocker, or he will hate you.*

Warn a wise person, and he will love you.

⁹*Give advice to a wise person, and he will become even wiser.*

Teach a righteous person, and he will add to his learning.

¹⁰*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding,*

¹¹*because through me your days will be multiplied,
and years will be added to your life.*

¹²*If you are wise, you are wise to your own advantage.
But if you scoff, you alone will bear the consequences.*

¹³The woman Folly is boisterous.
She is deluded. She knows nothing.

¹⁴She sits at the doorway of her house,
on a throne on the heights of the city,
¹⁵in order to call to those who pass by on the street,
those who are simply going along on their way,

¹⁶“Whoever is gullible, let him turn in here.”
To someone who lacks sense she says,

¹⁷“Stolen waters are sweet,
and food eaten in secret is delicious.”

¹⁸But he does not know that the souls of the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of hell.

You Are Invited...

I. To attend two parties

II. That make similar promises

III. But end up in very different places

Response to God’s Word: *(tune of CW 520)*

♪ **Let children hear the mighty deeds which God performed of old,
which in our younger years we saw, and which our parents told.**

**O teach them with all diligence the truths of God’s own Word,
to place in him their confidence, to fear and trust their Lord,**

**To learn that in our God alone their hope securely stands,
that they may ne’er forget his works, but walk in his commands.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies,
especially for the gift of your dear Son, through whom you have
revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his
working through the means of grace.

C: Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

P: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

C: Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

P: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

P: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity.

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again, and hear us as we pray the prayer he taught us...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts *(tune of CW 541)*

1 How shall the young secure their hearts

And guard their lives from sin?

Your Word, O Lord, the truth imparts

To keep the conscience clean.

2 Your Word is like a heav'nly light
That guides us all the day,
And through the dangers of the night
A lamp to lead our way.

3 The starry heav'ns your rule obey;
The earth maintains its place;
And these your servants night and day
Your skill and pow'r express.

4 But still your law and gospel, Lord,
Have lessons more divine;
Not earth stands firmer than your Word
Nor stars so nobly shine.

5 Your Word is everlasting truth;
How pure is ev'ry page!
That holy Book will guide our youth
And well support our age.

Prayer

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Lord, Bless Your Word to All the Young *CW 762*

1 Lord, bless your Word to all the young; let them, your truth possessing,
declare your praise with heart and tongue, their faith in Christ confessing.
From birth your firm embrace has held them in your grace.
Baptized into your name, redeemed and free from blame,
as your dear children keep them.

2 When faced with pressure, grief, or pain, when Satan comes alluring, may their baptismal grace remain a refuge reassuring.
God's promises are sure; his mercy will endure.
They shall not be undone who trust in Christ alone;
God is their mighty Father!

Members, Visitors & Guests— Welcome to St. Matthew's!

May we hear and heed the blessed invitation of our Lord to attend his banquet where he freely offers us life and salvation.

If you are visiting our service, please sign a "care card" in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Week—169 (36/133)

Bible Study Classes – 46

Offering Last Week—\$10,284.50

To Finish the Work We Need – \$52,000.00 - \$28,110.00 = \$23,890.00

(Meeting our 2024 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)

"Let my soul live and praise you, and may your judgments help me."

Psalm 119:175

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Nick and Rachel Schmitt in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary. God's blessings and congratulations!
2. **Summer Sunday School** Join us for our summer Sunday School session where we are revisiting the Old Testament story of Joseph and his brothers. We will meet again, starting today, at 8:00am in the library during Adult Bible Class. Looking forward to seeing you there! Please contact Lisa Thoni with any questions. Thank you.
3. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet today at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the book of the Prophet Nahum.
4. **Members of St. Matthews**, we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the help that we have received from you all. The tornado really damaged our home and yard. It also hurt a lot of our neighbors. Thanks to you, we can get our home repaired. Thank you for all your heart felt prayers. We really appreciate everything. *God Bless You, Bill & Julie Hartwich*
5. **St. Matthew's Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS)** Mission Journeys Committee invites you to enjoy a fun, end of

summer activity. The group will host an outdoor showing of the movie, “Chicken Run:” on the St. Matthew’s lawn on **Friday, August 16th at 7:30 p.m.** We also have information about upcoming Mission Journeys trips (short term mission trips for lay WELS members) and the WELLS Mission Journeys program.

6. **Finish the Work Challenge** A generous member of St. Matthew’s has offered to make the final payment on our mortgage when the members of St. Matthew’s bring the balance down to \$50,000.00. At the moment the remaining balance on the mortgage totals \$102,000.00. That means that when the members of St. Matthew’s can raise \$52,000.00 **we will truly finish the work!** *Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23, 24*
7. **St. Matthew’s Lutheran School Fees Assistance Fund** – We have some families who could use financial assistance with their grade school registration fees. If you are interested in helping, please notify Mr. Sonntag. Donating should be identified St. Matthew’s Lutheran School Fees Assistance Fund and can be put in the regular Sunday collections.
8. **Women’s Bible Class** The Women’s Bible Study will continue to meet through the summer. We are starting a series of 12 booklets from NPH featuring 12 different people from the Bible. We are calling our series “Beyond Sunday School Lessons.” Our first book features Noah. Please feel free to join us, even if you can only come during the summer months. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch

Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

CODS:

Thursday, August 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Phil Fry

Sunday, August 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Marc Augsburg

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Brian Hartwig

Sunday, August 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Briton Peterson

Greeters

Sunday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. – Kyle & Meghan Stade

Next Week Greeters

Sunday, August 25, 9:00 a.m. – Pam Beres

Church Cleaning:

August 24, 2024 – Karl Kroening & Richard Lehmann families

August 31, 2024 – Mike Lenser & Brandon Phillips families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Sunday School & Bible

Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Monday

LLHS Begins (All Students)

Wednesday

St. Matthew's first day of school.

Opening service is at 8:00 a.m.

Children are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Mandatory Athletic meeting in gym at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Worship with Communion

6:30 p.m.

Friday

Outdoor showing of

"Chicken Run" 7:00 p.m.

on the church lawn.

Sunday

Sunday School & Bible

Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship with Communion

9:00 a.m.

