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## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29 & 30, 2009

WELCOME! *Whether you are a familiar face or a new friend we're glad that you could be with us today. May God bless your worship with us. Be sure to sign our Friendship Register.*

Worship Theme - *True wisdom flows from God's Word*

- ♪ Opening Hymn: **769** (Christian Worship Supplement) (printed for you)
- Liturgy: **Common Service, p. 15**
- First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6 (*Jesus here becomes "wisdom." He has built His Church and gives it the richest food of all, food for our souls.*)
- 1 Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. 2 She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. 3 She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. 4 "Let all who are simple come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment. 5 "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. 6 Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding. (NIV)
- Psalm of the Day: Psalm 1, **p. 64**
- Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20 (*We can walk in folly or wisdom. Walking in wisdom comes from walking with God.*)
- 15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. 18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. 19 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)
- Gospel Lesson: John 6:51-58 (*Those who feed only their bodies are missing the most*

*important food God offers to us, food for our souls.)*

51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

52 Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

53 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. 56 Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. 57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever." (NIV)

Apostles' Creed **p. 19**

♪ Sermon Hymn: **475**

Sermon: Psalm 1    **"God tells me how to be happy!"**

Offertory: **p. 20**

Offering *Please sign our Friendship Register*  
 (Sunday) - "Beautiful Savior" - Abbey, Maggie, Will, and Max Balow

Prayers

Lord's Prayer

Benediction **p. 25**

♪ Closing Hymn: **325 vs. 1 & 3**

*Hymn Sing (Be ready to name your favorites)*

**IN SERVICE TODAY:** Pastor Dennis J. Valleau; **At the Organ:** Bob Wolff; **Flower Committee** for September is Julia Siefert and Dolores Timm; **Greeters:** 8:15: Dick & Lois Meincke; 10:45: Colin & Anita Atkinson, Linda Kohrs; **Ushers:** *Saturday:* Craig Harteneck, John Dose, Joe Dose, Arnie Tomforde; *Sunday - 8:15:* Al Holtan, Frank Sievers, Jim Heise, Louis Prigge; *10:45:* Dale Oliver, Lyle Peters, Kyle Kaufman, Mark Dose; **Video:** Chris Beckmann, Marv Howatt, Roger Tomfohrde

**YOUTH WORSHIP FOCUS** - This weekend, and about once every three months, we will have a youth focus worship service. Watch for it to evolve and we're not going to be sure of how it will always be structured, but be ready to allow your children to come down to the front for part of the sermon. Thanks go to the young people of our congregation who are providing music, ushering, and serving in any other way to make our service special.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** this morning will turn our attention to the back of the church and will focus on the balcony window as a presentation of the "Sermon on the Mount." Grab your coffee downstairs and then join us upstairs. Welcome!

## Opportunities for Learning, Service, and Fellowship

August 30 - September 6, 2009

**Monday** ❖ First day of School

❖ **9:00 - 9:30 AM** School Opening Chapel Service

**Tuesday** ❖ **10:00 AM** River Oaks ❖ **10:45 AM** LC Nursing Home

❖ **7:00 PM** Special Congregational Open Forum/Meeting

**Wednesday** ❖ **3:30 PM** Confirmation Class ❖ **7:00 PM** Choir

**Thursday** ❖ **9:30 AM** Women's Bible Study ❖ **10:00 AM** Pastors' Study Club

❖ **2:00 PM** Ladies Aid ❖ **4:30 PM** Soccer at Resurrection ❖ **7:00 PM** Board of Elders

**Friday** ❖ NO School

**Saturday** ❖ **5:30 PM** Worship Service

**Sunday** ❖ **8:15 & 10:45 AM** Worship Services ❖ **9:30 AM** Adult and Teen Bible Classes

**LAST SUNDAY OFFERING** will be taken after each of our worship services this weekend. This offering is designated for the *Chapel of the Air* broadcasts from the radio stations in Red Wing and Rochester each Sunday morning. (Area WELS pastors record sermons and services for each week. They especially reach out to those unable to worship in their local congregations.) Chapel of the Air, like many charitable entities, has experienced cash flow issues this summer and will especially appreciate your donations at this time.

**ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL** begins its new school year on Monday. Students are to be in their classrooms by the regular time. The **OPENING SERVICE** will be held at 9:00 on Monday. Everyone (parents, grandparents, friends) is invited as we begin the year by asking God to guide and bless our school. (Don't forget! It's never too late to enroll your child at St. John's. Call the school office at 345-4092 for more information.)

**SPECIAL MEETING** of the congregation will be held this Tuesday, September 1, 7:00 PM, with the following three items on the agenda:

- 1) Authorize additional bank loan borrowing for cash flow needs up to \$30,000 for the remainder of this year if needed
- 2) Temporarily cut the housing allowance of our called workers by 20% (\$140/month) effective October 1
- 3) Issue our next call for an interim associate pastor, funded, if necessary by the Parsonage Fund

In addition to the above business meeting an open forum will be held on the 2010 budget. Be sure to come with your suggestions and comments for next year's budget.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume on Sunday, September 13, with our opening service in the gym at 9:20. All children of St. John's age 4 through grade 6 (including those who attend St. John's School) are invited to join us each week as we consider New Testament Bible stories. (The stories at Sunday School will NOT be the same as those studied at St. John's School during the week.) Be sure to bring your child to the opening of Sunday School and let your child learn of Jesus and His Word every week. (Sunday School is scheduled to dovetail conveniently with the schedule for Adult Bible class. Come to Bible class while your child is in Sunday School.)

**OUR THANKS** go to all those who attended the open forum on August 16 and those who submitted comments in writing. Those sheets have been placed at the Church Information Center. By a margin of about 2 to 1 the those who submitted comments were in favor of calling the second pastor and there was strong support for using the Parsonage Fund to fund the position if necessary. Comments guided the Administrative Board in making the recommendations the congregation will act on this week.

**OPPORTUNITY** to help fund our completed window restoration.. Note cards have been made showing 15 views of our church windows. A package of 15 cards costs \$10. The cards are on display on the bulletin board by the church office and can be ordered on the sign-up sheet, also on the bulletin board.

**PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL** is September 13 from 4-7 PM. If the day is fine, it will be held outside on the grass next to the school. The committee is in need of canopies, card tables, and tablecloths to make the area festive. Pies of all kinds are needed too and volunteers, men & women, to help set up and to work during the event. Sign up sheets are near the church office. We will be using Schwans ice cream and cones will be available too. The proceeds of this event will be supplemented by Thrivent and will benefit the school. If you have any questions, call Georgene Arndt (345-5836) or Sue Stechmann (345-5903).

**BIRTHDAYS** this week: Barb Meyer, Bill Oliver, Joanne Beltz, Sharon Rahrman, Julia Siefert, Lisa Holst, Andy Klenke, Louie Sanford, Abbey Balow, Dave Balow, Dan Mears, Jeff Moyer, Glenn Albers, Travis Grobe, Melonie Marking, Ruth Reynolds, Audrey Watson, Armond Yotter, Kim Hassinger, Margaret Herbst

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**WE RESPOND TO JESUS' LOVE**

Attendance Last Weekend: Saturday 67; 8:15, 106; 10:45, 95