

PROPERS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

✠ ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE ✠

(OBSERVED)

24 February 2019

INTROIT/PSALM *Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, / [O Lord,]
and shall not be / put to shame.*

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever; *
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

**Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!**

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

**who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.**

**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.**

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GRADUAL *Eph. 4:8b, 11, 12b; 2:19a, c*



When he ascended on high he led a host of | captives,*
and he gave | gifts to men.

**He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and |
teachers,***

for building up the bod- | y of Christ.

So then you are no longer strangers and | aliens,*
but members of the house- | hold of God.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends:

P "Lord, in Your mercy,"

C "hear our prayer."

NOTES FOR WORSHIP

OFFERING

As the offerings are collected, the "Record of Fellowship" may be filled out and passed down the pew. When it reaches the end of the pew, please pass it back. As the offerings are brought forward, all stand to sing the Doxology (LSB #805).

SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Visitors are kindly asked to read the communion statement below.

HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Confessing the Word of the Lord in love for all who worship here, and acknowledging the biblical truth that unity with Christ at His altar in Holy Communion embodies Christ's gift of unity in faith and practice, we welcome to the Lord's Supper all who are communicant members in good standing of an LCMS congregation. Communicants are asked to register their participation in the "Record of Fellowship," noting their home LCMS congregation if other than St. John, Bingen. If you have any questions about our communion practice, or the Lutheran faith in general, please speak with our pastor after the service.

Recognizing the past graduates of Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School **This week is the Class of 1996:**

Amanda Augustyniak, John Bixler, Joshua Borne, Lisa Brege, James Buuck, Sara DesJean, Jeremy Ehlerding, Timothy German, Julie Heckman, Bethany Heimann, Jesse Holt, Kevin Jeffrey, Danielle Krauss, Frederick Krey, Amanda Murdock, Kylene Nidlinger, Brett Oetting, Amanda Oliver, Andrew Reinking, Aaron Schueler, Adam Schueler, Andrew Seddelmeyer, Aaron Selking, Tyler Stopenhagen, Stephanie Wiegmann

✠ STEWARDSHIP CORNER ✠

Bulletin Bloopers: ☺ Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Luke 6:30-31 – “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that’s for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus. And every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

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The Adult Bible Class is currently on the Fifth Commandment in our study of the Small Catechism. Part of this study will include discussion about abortion and euthanasia, as well as proper and faithful Christian Care for vulnerable life, including the aging and the dying. Please join us for this important topic and instruction.

High School Youth Activities –

- **Today! February 24th – 5:30-8:30 p.m. Movie Night at the Caston's** Chris and Tina Caston will again host a movie night at their home (1988 E. 900 N.; Decatur, IN 46733). Come and enjoy their incredible home theater! Pizza and popcorn provided. Butter if you wish. **Please note the start time is 5:30 p.m.**
- **March 3rd - 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Parsonage 1**
Join us on Sunday evenings for cards, conversations, and/or Catchphrase®. But no coloring...ever.
- **March 8-10; Snow Skiing in Northern Michigan**
The current plan is to leave from the Bingen parking lot around 5 p.m. on Friday, arrive in Harbor Springs / Petoskey, MI Friday night. Ski all day Saturday, go to church Sunday morning at Zion Lutheran in Petoskey, and return to Decatur by mid-afternoon Sunday. Total cost will probably be around \$100-150 per person for the whole weekend (which seems like a good deal for transportation, two nights of lodging, lift tickets, equipment rentals, and food). **Please let Pastor Brock know by next Sunday, March 3rd, if you intend to participate in this ski trip.**

All Bingen Youth and Parents - Middle and High School -Your volunteer service is needed on Ash Wednesday for the annual youth-sponsored dinner before the Divine Service. Please contact Pastor Brock to indicate your willingness and availability to help with this meal.

SCRIP - A new Scrip Coordinator and a new Scrip representative(s) for St. John, Bingen (all volunteer positions) are needed as soon as possible. Please prayerfully consider serving your church and school in this capacity. If interested, contact Mr. Gavrun at Wyneken at principal@wyneken.org or 260-639-6177. Thank-you!

Wyneken's 50th Anniversary Gala and Silent Auction –

Saturday, March 2nd, 6 p.m. at The Orchard Ridge Country Club.

Tickets \$60 per person. For Tickets and Information: Please contact May Holt (760-696-0095)

2019-2020 Spring Enrollment Forms - Enrollment forms went out in the mail on Monday, February 11. Enrollment forms are to be returned to the school no later than March 1. There is a \$100 late fee for enrollment forms returned to the school after March 1. If you did not receive yours by Saturday, February 16, please call the school office right away.

**Preschool has a maximum class size of 12 students per class.

Prekindergarten has a maximum class size of 14 students per morning and afternoon class. The Preschool and Prekindergarten programs fill up fast so DO NOT delay in returning an application for enrollment once you receive one.

LWML Scholarships for College Students - Applications are now available for \$500 scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year awarded through the LWML Indiana District Scholarship Fund. A limited number of scholarships are given to students preparing for full-time church work in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Students must demonstrate a need for financial assistance, have a good scholastic aptitude and be enrolled in an LCMS college or seminary. Applicants need to be a communicant member of an LCMS Indiana District congregation for at least eighteen months prior to applying for a scholarship. Applications are posted on the Indiana District LWML website – under Resources, then Applications and Forms. An application may be also acquired by contacting Iris Wittman, LWML Scholarship Chairman, at mariawit35@gmail.com. Deadline to apply is March 15, 2019.

Host Families Needed! - The Sheboygan Lutheran High School Music Department from Sheboygan, Wisconsin is coming to Wyneken to hold a concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 24th! I am in need of providing overnight arrangements for 75 students in the choir. The students would be picked up following the concert on Sunday evening and returned to Wyneken the following morning at 7:30 a.m. If you would be willing to host some students for that evening please email jgavrun@wyneken.org, call 269-547-002 or text 810-569-2835 Jessica Gavrun with the number of students you would be able to host. This is a wonderful opportunity to show love to our neighbors and enjoy an evening of fellowship! If you are unable to host, I strongly encourage you to come and listen to the beautiful music that evening!

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY.. You're invited to attend the **Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference** Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at Concordia University Chicago. Topics include: Secular Progressivism, Christian Joy, The Lord's Supper, The Hippocratic Oath and Conservatism. Speakers include: Matt Harrison, Ross Douthat, Hans Fiene, Wesley Smith, Will Weedon and Aaron Wolf. Early bird registration is \$115 and includes three meals. For more information, visit www.issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.