

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Sam who was in the hospital recently. He also fell and broke his hip, and had to have a partial replacement, and is now in recovery. Please continue to pray for Jerry Jamrozky, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for Janyne Johnston.

FAMILY OF THE WEEK: Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week, pray for the Belys.

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for those affected by the New Prairie High School bus accident.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 5/11/25: 62

Online views (through 5/15): 15

Giving

Online: (5/5/25-5/11/25): \$480 for general

In-Person on 5/11/25: \$362 for general



Give Online

Rather view this information on your phone?
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



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Matthew 22:20-21

And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."



Welcome!

May 18th, 2025

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be **CONNECTED** with Jesus, **CHANGED** by Jesus, and **COMMITTED** to the mission of Jesus.

GUESTS: Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



EMAIL LIST: If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

SERMON SERIES: We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about how Jesus handled a difficult question from the religious leaders.

Announcements

TESTIMONIES: We would love to hear what God has done and is doing in your life! If you would like to share, we are making short videos (3-5 minutes) to be shown during service on Sunday. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Pastor Josh.

BAPTISM: Are you interested in getting baptized? We would love to celebrate with you! Please talk to Pastor Josh for more details.

PRAIRIE CAMP: Information about our denominational camp can be found at the welcome counter! There are camps for kids throughout the summer, and family camp is happening on July 13th-19th. We hope to see you there!

Opportunities to Help

TECH: Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

WORSHIP TEAM: Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

PRAYER GUIDE: Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

MAINTENANCE TEAM: Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

Death, Taxes, and Freedom

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2. Trusting that God will _____ for us
Phil. 4:19, 1 Tim. 6:17, 2 Cor. 9:8, Jer. 17:7-8, Ps. 84:11
3. Turning our _____ to what God has for us
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Underneath Jesus' answer, we learn:

1. We can't _____ God
Matt. 22:15-18, Job 42:2, Ps. 115:3, Gal. 6:7, Matt. 7:21-23
2. We need to give _____ of who we are to God
Matt. 22:36-40, Deut. 6:5, Rom. 12:1
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

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- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- Have you ever read this story and only learned about what Jesus has to say about taxes, and missed what He teaches us other than how we are to handle our taxes?

Diving In

1. Jesus makes it clear that we are to pay our taxes. Do you struggle with that, and if so, why? How do you grapple with Jesus' teaching here, and the fact that the government can easily use tax dollars in a way that does not honor the Lord?

2. Read Romans 13:1-7. What is the most difficult thing for you to grapple with in that passage? Why is that?

3. It is so easy for us to get distracted and put our focus on the wrong things. How can you keep your focus on what God has for you?

4. Read Matthew 22:15-18 again. This makes it clear that we can't manipulate God. In what ways have you tried to manipulate God?

5. Ironically, if the Israeleites would have been faithful throughout the Old Testament, they wouldn't have had to pay Roman taxes in the first place. True Freedom can only be found in Christ. In what area(s) of your life do you need to experience more of this freedom that can only be found in Christ?

Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
- How would applying this affect your life and your relationship with the Lord?
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