

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 Dutkas.

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 6/8/25: 59

Online views (through 6/11): 10

Giving

Online: (6/2/25-6/8/25): \$80 for general

In-Person on 6/8/25: \$909 for general, \$275 for Bibles



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 23:11-12

The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.



Welcome!

Happy Father's Day!

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.

WORK DAY: We will be having a church work day, here at our building, from 9am-noon this Saturday, June 21st. Please join us to help us do some cleaning and yard work!

MOVIE NIGHT: We will be having a movie night on June 22nd, here at the church building at 6:30pm. We will be watching *Gifted Hands: the Ben Carson Story*.

CHURCH PICNIC: We will be having a church picnic at Rum Village after service on June 29th. We will be in a pavilion next to the playground. Please feel free to bring a dish to share!

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

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5. Don't forget about the _____
Matt. 23:13, 22:37-40, 28:19-20, 5:15-16, Acts 1:8, Rom. 10:10-17
6. Be a person of _____
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 23 and pray.
- 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?
- As you reflect on Jesus' Words from this part of Scripture, in what area(s) do you need to work on being less hypocritical?
- How would giving God your whole heart, through having a personal relationship with Him help you to be less hypocritical?

Diving In

1. What we are motivated by matters. What do you find yourself being motivated by that is not from the Lord? How can you make sure to only be motivated by God's truth?
2. The religious leaders here in Matthew took seriously the letter of the law, but often completely missed the spirit of the law. Spend some time in prayer asking the Lord if there are any aspects of your life where you fall into this same trap. If there are, jot them down, and ask the Lord to help you in these matters.
3. We can often desire to be the center of attention, and by doing so, intentionally or unintentionally, have people's worship centered on us instead of the Lord. How can you help to always point other's (and your own) worship to God, instead of your own?
4. Read James 4:10. In what aspect(s) of your life do you need to work on being more humble?
5. Read Matthew 28:19-20. When we lose focus on the mission that God gave us in life, we can easily get distracted, and start focusing on things that will lead us astray. What things are you tempted to start focusing on, instead of focusing on the mission that God gave us? How can you keep your focus on God, and His will for your life?
6. Often, when we become hypocritical, we also lose integrity. Read Ps. 15:2, 84:11, Prov. 28:18, 2 Tim. 3, 1 Tim. 3:7, Eph. 4:1. What can you do to be a person of integrity?
7. The religious leaders that Jesus is speaking of in Matthew 23 blatantly ignored the message from the prophets that God had sent. What part(s) of God's Word do you have a tendency to ignore, and how can you start taking that part of God's Word more seriously and applying it to your life?

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?
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