

St. Matthew's

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

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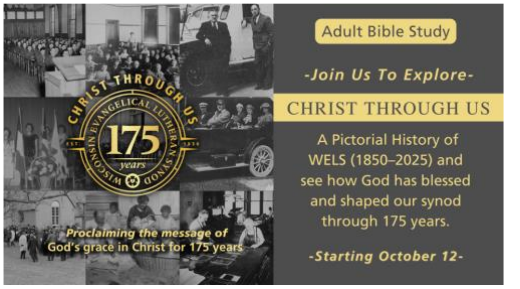
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

Welcome to St. Matthew's!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today! It is our prayer that God would fill you with His grace and peace as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus. If you have questions about St. Matthew's or would like to speak to one of the pastors, please feel free to reach out to us using the contact information on the back cover.

WELS 175th Anniversary

Christ Through Us



The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is celebrating its 175th anniversary in 2025 under the theme "Christ Through Us." From one seminary in 1865, one world mission in 1893, and 800 congregations mostly in the Midwest as of 1965, we can now easily see how Christ has worked through his good news of salvation in Word and sacraments to move this body of believers to establish a Scripture-based ministerial education system, world missions in 45 countries, and more than 1,200 congregations across the United States. The "Christ Through Us" theme will also inform the work of WELS in a ten-year detailed plan to proclaim our Savior's love.

For three Sundays, Oct. 12, 19, and 26, we join with our fellow churches across the nation and around the world in giving thanks to God with three special services. Pick up a flyer that shares more information; in it you will find a QR Code if you would like to participate in a Thank Offering. Join us also for a 7 week study of God's grace over these 175 years!

For Your Convenience

- ◊ Restrooms are located down the hallway on the left.
- ◊ A Parents' room is available in the back of the sanctuary for those with small children.
- ◊ A Mother's room, located in the parents' room, offers privacy for nursing mothers.
- ◊ Large Print Service Folders are available from an usher upon request.
- ◊ Please silence your cell phones before worship.
- ◊ View services on Charter 985 on Thursdays at 12PM and 7PM or Sundays at 10AM. You can also visit https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st+matthews+oconomowoc
- ◊ St. Matthew's is on Instagram. You can follow us @St.MatthewsOconomowoc.

The Order of Worship for
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THE SERVICE: SETTING TWO

You may follow along starting on page 172 in the hymnal.

Hymn 870 **O Church, Arise**

Lead by Rejoice!
Rejoice! will sing the Chorus after verses 2 and 4.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

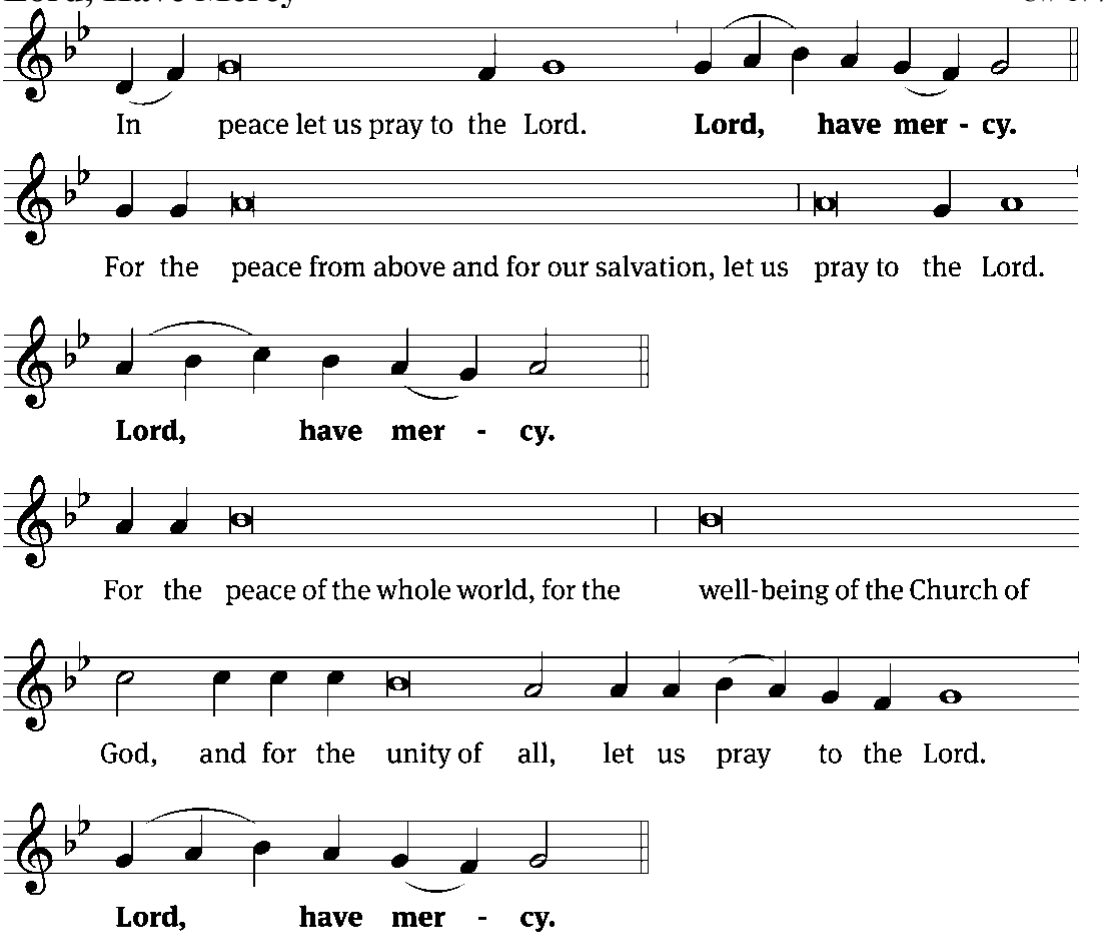
Absolution

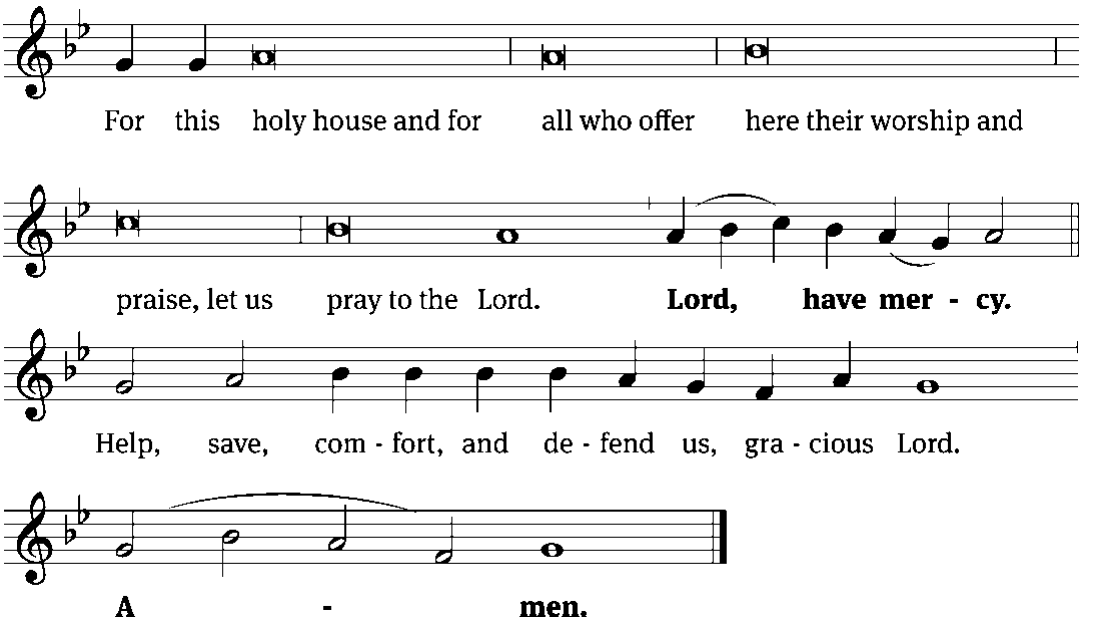
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy
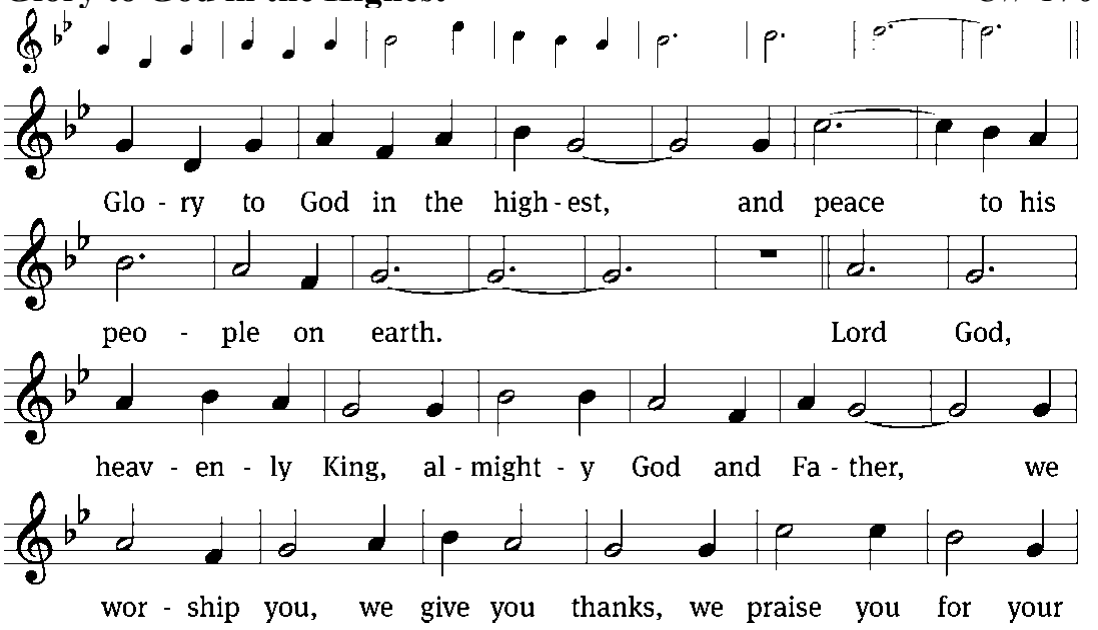
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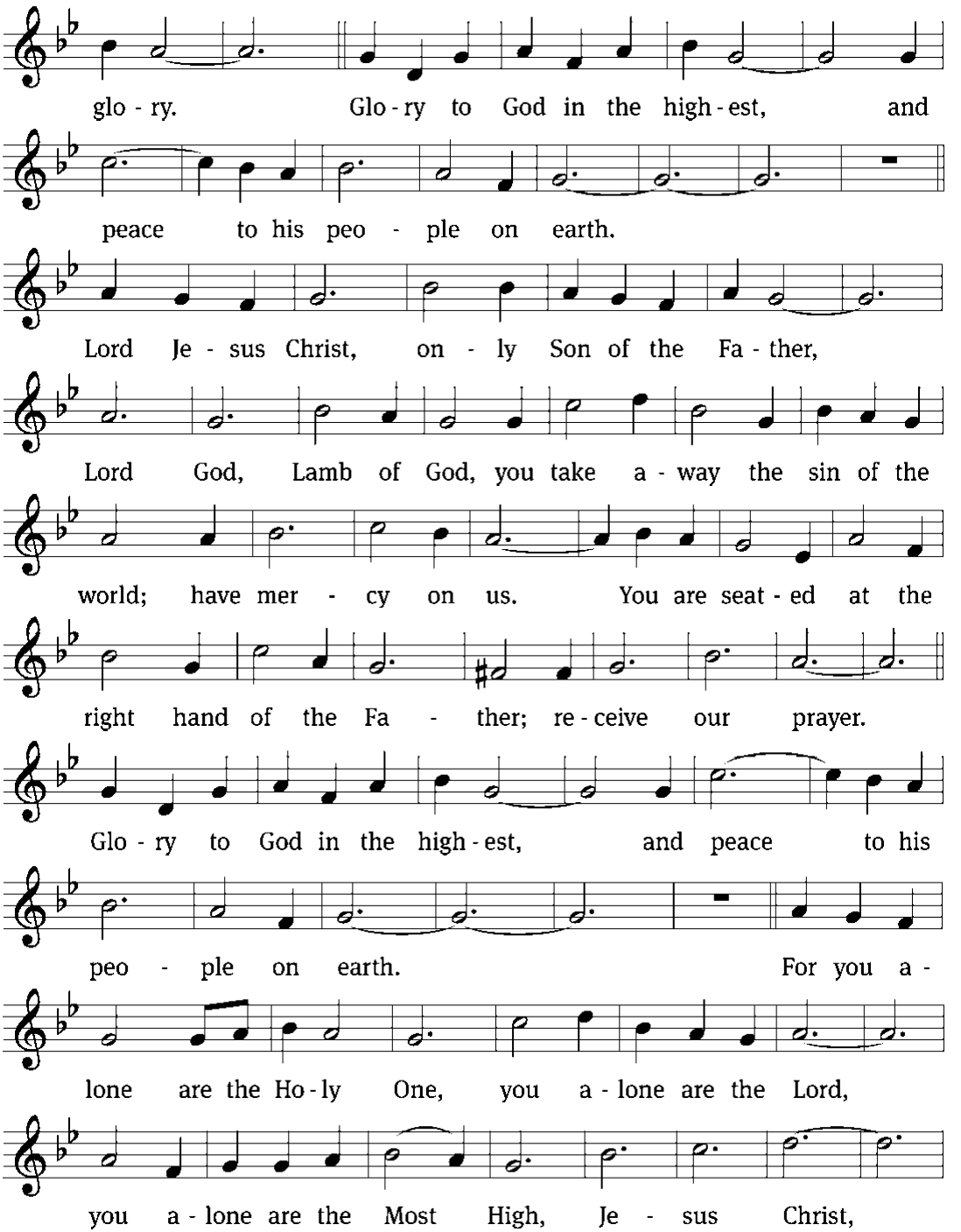


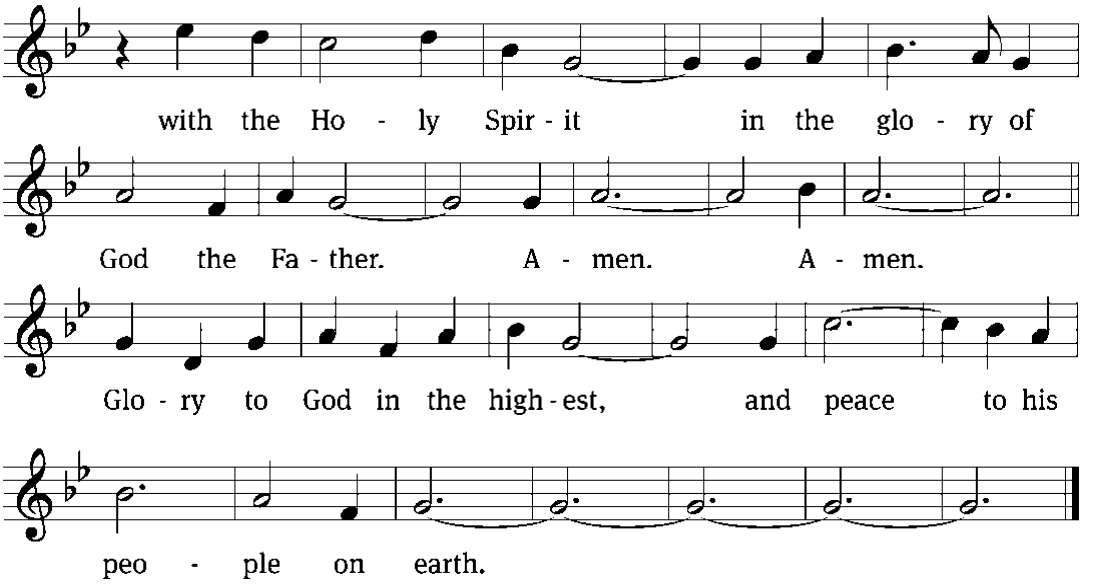


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Glory to God in the Highest *CW 176*




glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. For you a -
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer to thank you for 175 years of blessings on WELS. Continue to speak the peace and forgiveness of Christ through us as he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Baptism (Sunday 10:30am) Natalya Yurivna Soloviyov

We rejoice with Yuri and Sadie Soloviyov as their baby girl is baptized this morning!

First Reading — Deuteronomy 6:1-9

The Lord speaks his Word to our children and grandchildren through us.

[1]These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach
you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, [2]so that you,
your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you
live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may
enjoy long life. [3]Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you
and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the
LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

[4]Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. [5]Love the LORD your God
with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. [6]These
commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. [7]Impress them on your
children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road,
when you lie down and when you get up. [8]Tie them as symbols on your hands and
bind them on your foreheads. [9]Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on
your gates.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100C — We Are His People

Lead by Rejoice!

Ostinato Refrain *(a refrain that continually repeats throughout the song)*
We are his people, the flock of the LORD.
We are his people, the flock of the LORD.

Verse 1 (sung over ostinato refrain)
Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the lands, all the lands!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Ostinato refrain

Verse 2 (sung over ostinato refrain)
Know that the LORD who made us,
the LORD who made us is God.
We are the LORD's and the people of God,
and we are the sheep of his pasture.
Ostinato refrain

Verse 3 (sung over ostinato refrain)
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
his courts with praise!
Give thanks and bless the LORD,
give thanks and bless his name!
Ostinato refrain

Verse 4 (sung over ostinato refrain)
For the LORD is good,
and his steadfast love endures forever.
God is faithful,
faithful to all generations.
Ostinato refrain

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Second Reading *2 Corinthians 5:18-21*

God makes his appeal through us as ambassadors for Christ.
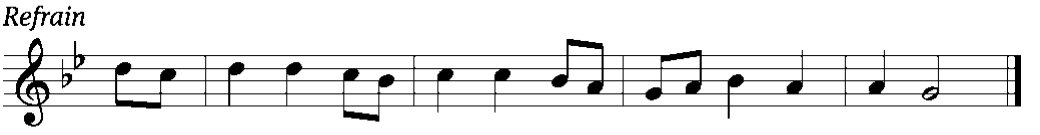
[18]All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: [19]that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. [20]We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. [21]God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *1 Peter 5:7*

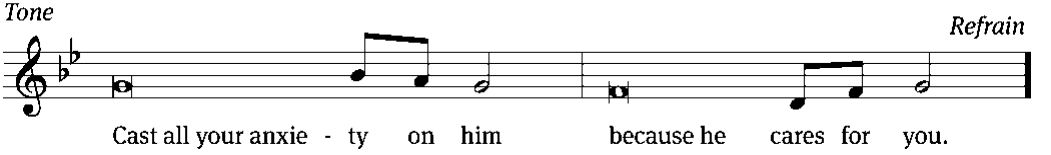


Refrain



Tone

Refrain



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Gospel (Sermon Text) ***Luke 5:1-11***

Christ calls us and grants his blessings through us.

[1]One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding
around him and listening to the word of God. [2]He saw at the water's edge two boats, left
there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. [3]He got into one of the boats, the one
belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and
taught the people from the boat.

[4]When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let
down the nets for a catch."

[5]Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything.
But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

[6]When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to
break. [7]So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they
came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

[8]When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord;
I am a sinful man!" [9]For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish
they had taken, [10]and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." [11]So
they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn 716 **O Christ, Who Called the Twelve**

Sermon **Trade Your Hook for the Book**

Professor Aaron Christie

Apostles' Creed

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.

Connection Cards and Offerings

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today and we would love to stay connected with you. To help us do so, please fill out the Connection Card in the seat back. You may place it in the offering plate as the offering is gathered or hand it to one of the ushers. You also have the ability to record your worship or give a gift using the appropriate QR code below. Those who have downloaded the St. Matthew's App can check-in and give offerings directly through the app. You may also text GIVE to 833-921-6451.

Guest Form

St. Matthew's App

Give Online

Prayer of the Church

Gracious God, the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, has redeemed us from sin, and the work of your Spirit in our hearts has brought us to faith. According to your promise, preserve us in faith through your Word and sacraments. Accept our humble thanks for

these rich blessings, and help us to rejoice in them and use them faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have brought us together in a church body in which your Word is proclaimed faithfully, the message of reconciliation through Christ is the central focus of ministry, and the mission is to reach the lost and strengthen the saved. For this gift of your grace, we give you thanks. Work in us by your Holy Spirit to rekindle our zeal for the work you have set before us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, you have given us opportunities to proclaim your Word in our nation and throughout the world. Move the hearts of more young people to prepare for the teaching and preaching ministry. Help us view them as your precious gifts. Bless the work of our schools that prepare them for ministry and provide the opportunities for them to serve in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, you have brought us together as a church body that we may proclaim your praise. Inspire us by your grace to let our light shine so that more people may be led to glorify you. Forgive us when we fall short of living and working together as your people. Renew in us a godly determination to serve you and one another in love. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Hear us, help us, and hold your guiding hand over us that in all our service your saving name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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.
Amen.

Closing Hymn 855 The Church's One Foundation

In Our Prayers: We rejoice with **Myron and Darlene Sankey** who are celebrating their 13th Wedding Anniversary. May our Lord strengthen **Grandma Chris Backus** who is recovering from a mild stroke.

We thank Pastor Aaron Christie for sharing God's Word with us today. Pastor Christie serves at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary as Professor of Worship and Homiletics, Dean of Chapel and Directs the Seminary Choir. For this year, he will also be serving as our Preaching Assistant on a once-a-month basis. There is an information sheet in the Gathering Space that shares the rationale for the Preaching Assistant Position.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Adult Bible Study @ 9:15am
Our Adult Bible Class begins a historical journey looking generation by generation, seeing how God has blessed WELS over these past 175 years!

Sunday School and Teen Study
Sunday School is for children in PreK-6th grade. Teen Bible Study is open to 7th-12th grade. All are welcome so please invite your children's friends to join us as well! Sunday School will be working through the Christ Light curriculum, supplementing what is being taught in St. Matthew's school. We thank Dan Taubenheim and Mariah Kneser for lead teaching again. Teen Bible Study will be looking at apologetics which will equip our teens to defend the Christian faith as taught in the Bible. Pastor Voss will be leading the Teen Bible Study.

Grounded in God
SHINE Women's Ministry would like to invite all St. Matthew's women and friends to join us for Coffee and Devotion, "Grounded in God". Join us in the Gathering Space at Church at 7:45 a.m., conveniently after school drop-off. Children are welcome!

Thursday "Women in the Word" Bible Class
Our first series will look at "How to Study the Bible". For many the Bible can seem intimidating. Where do I start? How do I start? How do I approach it? How can I understand what it is saying? If this describes you or you have ever asked those questions this study is for you! We will look at what God promises us when we read his Word and equip you with the necessary tools for reading the Bible. If you have studied the Bible for years this is a great refresher and will provide some new insights into studying Scripture. Join us on Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

Men's Bible Breakfast – 2nd Saturdays of the Month
Calling all fellows to come for a great breakfast and a study of God's Word. Breakfast starts at 7:30am on the second Saturday of each month. Pastor Bigelow is leading a topic called, "Connecting Sinai to Calvary."

Wednesday Women's Bible Study: *Living a Chocolate Life*
Join us **Wednesdays, Oct 8 & 22, Nov 5 at 6:30 PM in the Gathering Space** for this chocolate-themed study! Savor God's abundant grace, explore life's bittersweet moments, and discover how the Holy Spirit fills us with faith in Christ—the only true source of lasting satisfaction.

Thank you for Serving our Savior and Us		
	This Weekend	**Next Weekend – October 25 & 26**
Ushers	**Saturday** – Andy Andress **Early –** Jason Cox **Late –** Todd Helwig	**Saturday –** Scott Heins **Early –** Joel Watson **Late –** Sam Weiss
Greeters	**Early** – Stu & Deb Schramm **Late** – Mike & Joy Lenz	**Early** – Ralph & Tracy Schmidt **Late** – Ralph & Tracy Schmidt
Hospitality	**Saturday** – Dwight & Janet Sandvold **Early –** Paul & Brenda Pillard **Late –** Rudy & Chris Dovnik	**Saturday** – **Early –** Tom & Beth Plitzuweit **Late –** Jon & Ginny Kehren
Flowers	Myron & Darlene Sankey – 13th Anniversary	
Organist	Diane Erdman	Char Bouche
Special Music	Rejoice!	Choir / Brass
Projection	**Saturday** – Dan Shaw **Early –** Ava Hillmann **Late –** Nolan Bagdassian	**Saturday** – Krista/Sam D'Amore **Early –** Dan Metzger **Late –** Kendra Lauersdorf
Sound	**Saturday** – Scott Heins **Early –** Joel Aldinger **Late –** Joel Aldinger	**Saturday** – Kathy Goggins **Early –** Rik Krahn **Late –** Charlie Bagdassian
Livestream	Andy Hillmann	Mike Bouche

This Week at St. Matthew's		
Saturday	5:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am	Worship Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; Teen Bible Study
		Usher Captain Meeting
	2:30 pm	Packer in the Barn Party
	6:30 pm	Laudate Dominum Rehearsal
Monday	6:30 pm	SHINE Activities Team Meeting
Tuesday		Pastors' Conference
	7:45 am	Grounded in God
Wednesday		Pastors' Conference
	9:00 am	Preschool Power Hour
	10:00 am	Shorehaven Service
	5:00 pm	Non-school Catechism
	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Thursday	8:00 am	SCRIP Orders Due
	8:30 am	Women in the Word
	6:00 pm	Rejoice!
	7:00 pm	Choir
	8:00 pm	Men's Chorus
Friday	6:00 pm	Lower Grade Musical
Saturday	10:00 am	Trunk or Treat
	5:30 pm	Communion Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am	Communion Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; Teen Bible Study
	11:45 am	Call Meeting
	6:30 pm	Laudate Dominum Rehearsal

WELS Area Reformation Service

The 2025 Area Reformation service will be on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at 4 pm in the Luther Prep Chapel. This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the marriage of Martin and Katie Luther.



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Highlights and Announcements

Usher Captain Meeting – This Sunday
Captain usher meeting in Chapel between services on Sunday October 19th. If you are unable to attend, please send a representative.

Annual Packer Barn Party at the Klug's! – this Sunday Afternoon!
Join us this **Sunday, October 19** for an afternoon of football, fellowship, and fun at the **Klug's Barn**. Festivities begin at **2:30pm**, with **kickoff at 3:25pm**. Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverages. All are welcome—don't miss this great tradition!

Call Meeting – Oct. 26
Following Late Service on **Sunday, October 26** we will have a Call meeting to extend three calls. 1) A 6th Grade teacher to replace Mr. Torgerson who is retiring at the end of this school year; 2) An additional 4th Grade teacher as we follow our Ministry Plan of offering two classes per grade; 3) A Lead Teacher for the Toddlers at FirstSteps.

New Fall Bible Information Class!
A new Bible Information Class *"Your Questions? God's Answers!"* will begin on Monday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Conference Room. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew's, want a refresher and review of the basic teachings of the Bible, or just want to learn more about God, the Bible, Jesus, etc., this is the class for you! Contact Pastor Bigelow at pbigelow@smls.org to register and we will see you on Oct. 27th!

Stewardship Focus – Month 4
This month, the fourth in our six-month stewardship series, we focus on giving that is thoughtful and intentional. Make sure to read the full article in this week's *Weekly Word* which helps us evaluate our giving habits as we seek to further God's Kingdom. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7: *"Each of you should give what you have* ***decided in your heart*** *to give…"* Being a faithful steward calls for intentional reflection of the gifts God has given to us and how we can offer our time, talents, and treasures to support the Gospel Ministry, sharing God's wonderful love in Jesus.

Save the Date – Friday, October 24!
Grades 1–4 present "The Granny Awards," a showbiz-themed award ceremony for fairy tale characters. Join us at 6 PM in the gym—all are welcome!

Board of Outreach: Building Faith Across the Globe
Thanks to the generosity of St. Matthew's members and the efforts of Tom Thiele and his mission trip team, $13,000 was raised to help cover the building materials for a new church in Kenya! A group of 13 travelers will journey to Kenya in March 2026 to visit the church and take part in its official dedication. This incredible project is a shining example of how our Board of Outreach brings God's love to communities around the world—and how our gifts and prayers make a real, lasting impact.

Save the Date! 8th Annual Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 25 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Join us for a morning of free family fun—door prizes, a photo booth, coffee, snacks, a petting zoo, and trunk or treating! Together we can make this community event a success! **How you can HELP –** Sign up today to donate treats/snacks or to decorate a trunk using the QR Code.

REGISTRATION is OPEN! | Advent by Candlelight: *Take Me to the Manger*
Sunday, Nov. 30 | 3 PM | St. Matthew's Church. In the quiet days before Christmas, enjoy an afternoon of reflection, music, and poetry as we prepare our hearts for Christ. **New this year:** No need to worry about decorating or hosting—just sign up individually, enjoy the event, and bring a dessert to share if you'd like! ***Register NOW*** *- open through Nov 16.*

Lift Up Our Cardinals: DONATE TO SOAR 2026!
St. Matthew's School is looking forward to **Soar: A Night Benefiting Cardinal Scholars on Saturday, March 7, 2026**! This special evening supports our students through a fun night of fellowship and giving. Make sure to mark your calendars!

We're currently seeking **donations** such as gift baskets, event tickets, unique experiences, or services that can be featured in our fundraising activities. Every contribution helps our Cardinals continue to learn, grow, and thrive. If you or your business would like to donate or sponsor the event, please contact us at soar@smls.org. Thank you!

The Rock River Area OWLS will meet Tuesday October 21 at 1:30 pm at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 615 Jones Street, Watertown. St. Mark's is served by Pastors James Backus, Michael Jensen, Karl Walther, and Peter Wells. SO WHAT DOES A STAFF MINISTER DO? Mr. Dave Hochmuth will tell us all about it. He's the staff minister at St. Mark's in Watertown. That will happen at the next OWLS meeting on Tuesday, October 21, at St. Marks. OWLS meetings are handicapped accessible, last about two hours, with treats and time to socialize with others. Seniors who are retired and/or 55+ years are invited and guests are always welcome. If you'd like a ride, directions, or just find out more about OWLS, ask one of our members: Paul Manssen, Darlene Sankey, Aleda Brensel, and Pat Porter.

Taco 'bout a Good Cause!
Feed your appetite. Fund their adventure! Join us for Tacos for Teens on **Wednesday, October 29, from 4–8 PM** at **Contento Mexican Restaurant** (627 Genesee St., Delafield). When you mention St. Matthew's, 20% of the proceeds go to support our youth attending the **WELS National Youth Rally** in Bowling Green, Ohio, July 14–17.
Good to know:

- Take-out orders count, too!
- Dine in early or later in the evening to avoid the dinner rush.
- Contento's owner, *Manolo Ramirez,* is a proud parent of two St. Matthew's students. Thank you for his generous partnership!

Shorehaven Helpers
We need volunteers to help gather residents at Shorehaven for WELS/ELS chapel services. Currently we have enough regular volunteers but need more people who can substitute when a regular volunteer is unavailable. For the months of January through April, there will be a need on a more regular basis as some of our regular volunteers are away on travels. Services are at 10:00am each Wednesday morning. Volunteers can gather in the volunteer office on 2nd floor around 9:30am. Services are finished around 10:30am and residents are returned to their rooms. At most it's about a 2-hour commitment. Please contact Debby Kuklinski (414-520-6642) for more information.

Everyone Outreach Key Takeaways

On Saturday, Oct. 4th we hosted an Everyone Outreach workshop with 51 people learning how our congregation can grow in an intentional outreach mindset and culture. Here are some key takeaways to establish an "all in" congregational mindset and outreach culture:

- Moving from an "over there/others do outreach" to a "me/we do outreach here"
- Moving from a mindset "resistant/reluctant to change" to "joyfully embracing changes as needed to reach the lost"
- Moving from "hesitant to reach the lost because of challenges" to "compelled to reach the lost despite whatever challenges we need to overcome"
- Moving from "outreach might happen by some" to "outreach is an intentional focus for all"
- Moving from "all are welcome" to "all are welcomed"
- *Interested in furthering the discussion? An Everyone Outreach Brainstorming Session will be planned soon.*

New Website Launch!

We're excited to announce that St. Matthew's has launched our brand-new website!

STILL SEEING THE OLD ST. MATTHEW'S WEBSITE? Here's How to Fix It
Many have reached out saying they cannot access the new site. If your browser is showing the old **welcome.smls.org** site, it's likely due to cached data. The site has been fully redirected to **smls.org**, so clearing your browser cache should resolve the issue.

How to clear your cache:

- **Chrome:** Settings → Privacy & Security → Clear Browsing Data → Cached images and files → Clear data
- **Edge:** Settings → Privacy, Search, and Services → Choose what to clear → Cached images and files → Clear now
- **Safari:** Safari menu → Clear History → All History → Clear History
- **Firefox:** Settings → Privacy & Security → Cookies and Site Data → Clear Data → Cached Web Content → Clear

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2025 Blue Butterfly Ministries' Gala | *Following Jesus in a Me-First World*
Join us Saturday, October 25, at the Wisconsin Brewing Company in Oconomowoc, home of the Lake Country Dockhounds. Doors open at 3:00 pm for the silent auction, raffles, wine pull, and Christmas Pop-up shop, with dinner at 5:00 pm. This year's keynote speaker, **Amber Albee Swenson** (Time of Grace podcast *Little Things*), will share biblical wisdom on prioritizing soul care in today's noisy world. Tickets are $50/person or $375/table of 8. **Register by October 18 at** givebutter.com/2025BBGala. Can't attend? Donations are welcome online or by mail to 2 E. Main Street, Watertown, WI 53094.

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