

St. Matthew's
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

WELS
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.



Joyful Generosity ~ Week Four: First and Proportional

Whether in the Old Testament or the New Testament, the Lord calls believers to put Him first in all we do. Another way to look at it is to view our faithful stewardship as living out the First Commandment. We have no other God who has rescued us from our sin and opened the door of heaven. Through Jesus alone, salvation has come!

What joy! What peace! What a promise! Like Zaccheus, his joyfully and immediately response to the Gospel was to demonstrate that money was not his god. Jesus alone was his Lord and Savior. In our lives as faithful stewards of all things, including the financial blessings God gives to us, may we make that same confession of faith – Jesus alone is our Lord and Savior.

This weekend we conclude our Joyful Generosity series with our Commitment Sunday. Before the sermon, the ushers will direct you forward to the basket by the Baptismal Font to present your Commitment Plans to the Lord. May our gracious Lord bless us as we work together as one ministry - Church, School, and First Steps – to share the Good News of Jesus!

For Your Convenience

- ◊ A Hearing Loop system is available; switch your device to the "T" (telecoil) program to connect. Further instructions are available in the Church Office.
- ◊ 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.

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Hymn 717:1-3 What Is the World to Me

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

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.
We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.
Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn 717:4 What Is the World to Me

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious Father, you have given us all that we need for body and life; and beyond that you have given us your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Move our hearts each day to offer you the first-fruits of all that we say, think and do – that we may honor your holy name, for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading — Deuteronomy 26:1-11

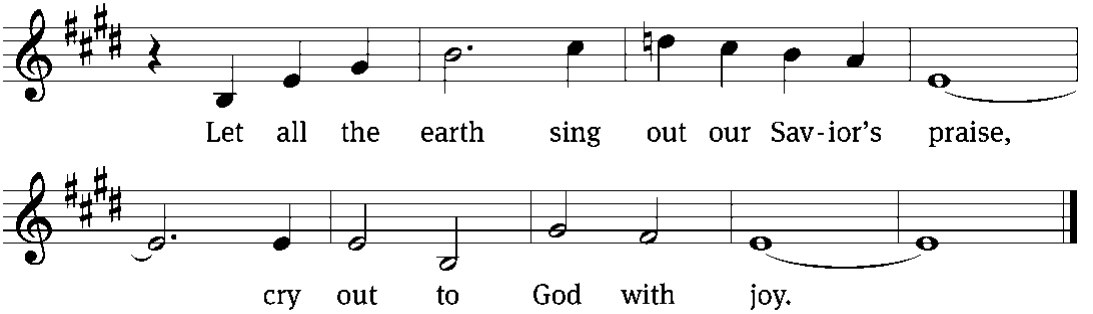
Bringing to the Lord our "firstfruits" is a beautiful expression not only of thanksgiving, but also of our love and trust that the LORD our God will provide just as he has promised.

[1]When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance
and have taken possession of it and settled in it, [2]take some of the firstfruits of all that you
produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a
basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name
[3]and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I
have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." [4]The priest shall take
the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God.
[5]Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering
Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a
great nation, powerful and numerous. [6]But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us
suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. [7]Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our
ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. [8]So the
LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great
terror and with signs and wonders. [9]He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a
land flowing with milk and honey; [10]and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you,
LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before
him. [11]Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all
the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

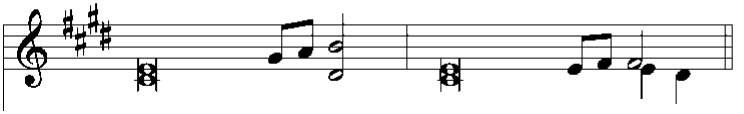
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66C — Let All the Earth Sing Out

Refrain



Tone



Shout for joy to God, / all the earth!
Sing the glory of his name; make his praise / glorious.
Praise our God, all / peoples,
let the sound of his / praise be heard;
he has pre- / served our lives
and kept our feet from / slipping. *Refrain*

Come and hear, all you who / fear God;
let me tell you what he has / done for me.
If I had cherished sin / in my heart,
the Lord would not have / listened;
but God has surely / listened
and has / heard my prayer.
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. *Refrain*

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Second Reading (Sermon Text) *1 Corinthians 16:1-2*

St. Paul reminds us of the importance in planning all things, including our gifts to the Lord. Setting aside that which belongs to the Lord is a wonderful expression of the First Commandment and a joyful statement of faith.

[1]Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. [2]On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel *Luke 19:1-10*

Hearing his Savior tell him that forgiveness, life and salvation were his, overwhelmed the heart of Zacchaeus, causing him to reflect joyful generosity. Money was not his god, Jesus was!

[1] Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. **3** He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. **4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." **6** So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

Presenting our Commitments to the Lord

At the direction of the ushers, please come forward to place your Commitment in the basket. During this time, we will sing the following hymns.

Hymn 695 **Take My Life and Let It Be**

Hymn 767 **Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

Sermon **Firstfruits on the First Day of the Week**

Pastor Mark Voss

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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

Retirement of Tim Torgerson (Sunday)

God's rich blessings to Mr. Torgerson as he retires from the teaching ministry after 43 years.

Prayer of the Church

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.

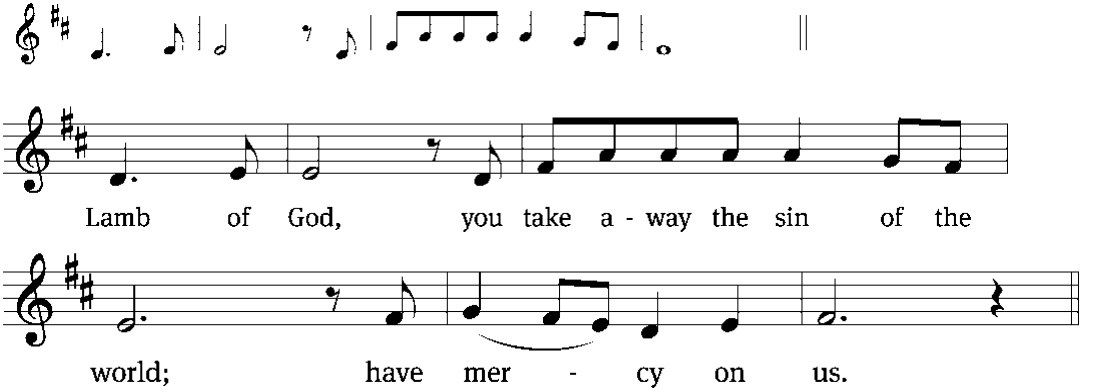
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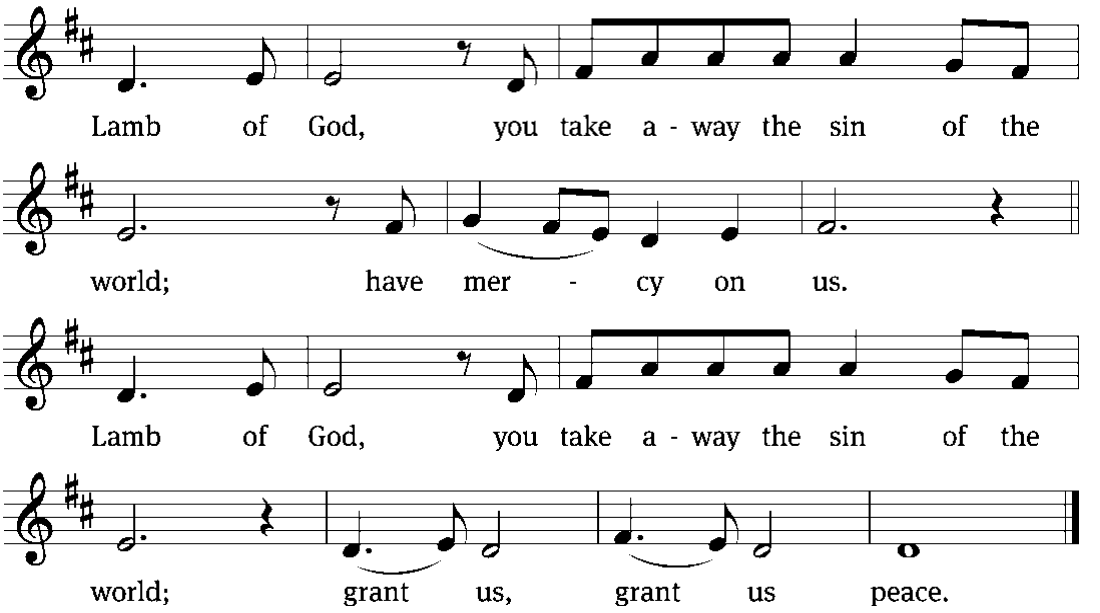
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God





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We celebrate the Lord's Supper today. In his Word, God makes it clear that Holy Communion is to be shared by people who proclaim a common faith (1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Without judging anyone's hearts, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our congregation or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) to receive the Sacrament. See page 295 in the front of Christian Worship for a guide for preparation. Guests, please speak with one of the pastors about instruction in our Christian faith and this Sacrament so you will be ready to partake of this wonderful meal in full unity with us after that instruction. Thank you for respecting the way we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Distribution – Communion distribution procedures will be announced by the Pastor. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Cups of non-alcoholic wine (light in color) are in the center of each tray.

Distribution Hymn 661 Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord

Distribution Hymn 663 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Personal Prayer after communion: *Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.*

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Prayer

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 750 We Give Thee but Thine Own

In our Prayers: May our Gracious Lord grant his healing to: **Sandy Benzel** who has been hospitalized this week; **Lily Ramme**, who suffered a broken arm; and **Jennifer Manssen**, who will be having knee surgery on June 1. We rejoice with **June Abendroth** as she celebrates her 88th birthday, and **Paul & Brenda Pillard**, as they celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Adult Bible Class – *on pause this week and next*

- This week, in between our Sunday services, we will take the time celebrate with Mr. Tim Torgerson who is retiring from 43 years in the Teaching Ministry. Join us for cake and fellowship in the Gathering Space.
- On June 7th, we will hold an Open Forum, sharing the details for Next Year's Ministry Plan.
- On June 14th, we will welcome Pastor Mark Onunda from Africa. In March a group from St. Matthew's traveled to Africa for the dedication of the church which was built for his congregation. Join us to learn more about the Gospel Ministry in Africa.
- On June 21st, we will begin a Summer Series on the Ten Commandments.

Summer Childcare Available During Adult Bible Study

Sunday School and Teen Study are on summer break. However, childcare is available for infants through children in 4th grade. Childcare will meet in the 3K classroom which is in the farthest wing of the school building. Children in 5th grade and older are welcome to join the Adult Bible Study.

Thursday "Women in the Word" Bible Class

This coming week, we will conclude our study of the book of Esther. Class will resume in August.

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Thank you for Serving our Savior and Us		
	This Weekend	**Next Weekend –** June 6 & 7
Ushers	**Saturday** – Scott Heins **Early –** Eric Wegner **Late –** Toby Brandenstein	**Saturday** – Tony Kobussen **Early –** Jason Cox **Late –** Todd Helwig
Greeters	**Early** – Dave & Betty Reul **Late** – Eric & Beth Ziel	**Early** – Stu & Deb Schramm **Late** – Mike & Joy Lenz
Hospitality	**Saturday** – Dan & Liz Schmidt **Early –** Tim & Sandy Torgerson **Late** –	**Saturday** – Jon & Kessia Boche **Early –** Tom & Beth Plitzuweit **Late –** Bob & Dorlene Schroeder
Organist	Pastor Jon Kehren	Char Bouche / Lucas Krogmann
Flowers	Paul & Brenda Pillard – 30th Wedding Anniversary	Scott & Debby Kuklinski – 45th Wedding Anniversary
Special Music		
Projection	**Saturday** – Chris Shaw **Early –** Lily Winkelman **Late –** Grace Heins	**Saturday** – Molly Kalma **Early –** Kylee Glorioso **Late** – Matthias Uttech
Sound	**Saturday** – Char Bouche **Early –** Heather Bigelow **Late –** Kathy Goggins	**Saturday** – Kathy Goggins **Early –** Steve Vasatko **Late –** Charlie Bagdassian
Livestream	Tim Taubenheim	Tim Taubenheim

This Week at St. Matthew's		
Saturday	5:30 pm	Communion Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am	Communion Service
Monday	5:30 pm	Childcare Committee
Tuesday	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Board of Outreach Board of Elders
Wednesday	10:00 am 5:30 pm	Shorehaven Services Board of Stewardship
Thursday	8:30 am	Women in the Word
Saturday	5:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service Open Forum

Highlights and Announcements

NEW! Children's Giving Envelopes
Children's Giving Envelopes are now available on the table near the Guest Center. We encourage and invite families to pick up a box and use it as a simple way to help teach children the joy of giving to God's church and supporting His work together.

Summer Meditations Available
Meditations is an inspiring, personal devotional booklet offering daily Scripture based studies of God's Word. *Meditations* booklets can be found on the information table.

Blue Butterfly Work Night: June 1
Join us for our monthly Blue Butterfly Work Night on June 1 (skipping July) from 4–6:30 PM! Please contact Bev Fulmer by call or text at 262-569-1969 to let her know you're coming.

OPEN FORUM – Sunday, June 7
An Open Forum and detailed ministry plan update will take place between services on Sunday, June 7. If you can't make the Open Forum, a brief 8–10 minute ministry plan update will also be provided following Saturday evening and Sunday morning services.

Voters' Meeting – Tuesday, June 9 | 7:00 PM
All voting members are encouraged to attend the Voters' Meeting.

ACTS Pool Party
All teens in 7th–12th grade are invited to an afternoon of summer fun at the **Lenz's house on Sunday, June 7 from 12–3 PM!** Come enjoy lunch, swimming, yard games, and time with friends. Please RSVP on Sign-up Genius to let us know you're coming!

Help Needed!
Help serve behind the scenes! We are need of help across all three of our A/V teams—livestream, soundboard, and projection. Students in 7th grade and up are welcome to join the projection team! If you're interested in learning more about soundboard, livestream, or assisting with projection, please contact the church office at jmanssen@smls.org. All volunteers will receive training and will serve alongside an experienced team member for their first two services.

20/30s Join Us for Bonfire & Bible Study
All St. Matthew's 20s/30s adults, join us for three Friday evenings this summer—**June 12, July 31, and August 21—at 6:00 PM** for bonfires, Bible study, fellowship, and conversation. Locations and topics are still being finalized, but we wanted to share the dates so you can plan ahead. Whether you've joined us before or this would be your first time, we'd love to have you there. Feel free to bring your own beverage and a snack to share if you'd like. More details coming soon!

Canticum Novum Concert
Canticum Novum will be performing at St. Matthew's on **Friday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m.** They are a WELS chamber choir devoted to proclaiming Christ through sacred choral music, seeking artistic excellence that reflects the Gospel and encourages others in their musical service. More details will be shared soon!

VBS Registration is Open!
July 20–24 | 8:30 AM–12:30 PM
Get ready for an exciting week at **St. Matthew's Vacation Bible School**, where kids will *"Ride the Wave"* and discover how God is with us through every challenge and joy, based on **Isaiah 43:2**. This fun-filled experience includes Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and friendship. Join us to "Ride the Wave" this summer! **Registration is open now - June 29**

VBS Teen Volunteers
We are looking for volunteers to be *Cabin Leaders for Vacation Bible School the week of July 20 - 24 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.* This is a super fun week and we would love for you to be a part of it. If you are interested in helping or have any questions please email Beth Plitzuweit at bplitzuweit@smls.org.

Special Guest Pastor Mark Onunda & Africa Presentation
Pastor Mark Onunda will join us for a worship on Sunday, June 14 as our guest preacher and share with us the exciting gospel work taking place in Kenya during the Bible study hour. Pastor Onunda is the Presiding Bishop of the LCMC-Kenya (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, which declared fellowship with the WELS in 2019). This church body has 5,800 members in 98 congregations in Kenya. In March, a group from St. Matthew's traveled to Kenya for the dedication of a church constructed by their support and others from St. Matthew's. Plan to join us and learn more about the exciting gospel work in Kenya.

Sip Into Summer Wine Tasting Event
All members age 21+ are invited to a relaxed afternoon of fellowship at our *Sip into Summer Wine Tasting Event* on **June 28, 2026, from 2:00–4:00 pm**. We'll meet at Edwin Brix Vineyard for wine tasting and conversation. Bring a chair, and feel free to bring a snack to share. Questions? Contact Jill Sharp. Sign up by JUNE 20 at smls.org/events.

Family Night at the DockHounds
Join St. Matthew's families for a fun night at the ballpark as the DockHounds take on the Milwaukee Milkmen on **Tuesday, June 23 at 6:35 PM** at DockHounds Ballpark.

We've already sold over 150 tickets! Thanks to that amazing support, everyone who purchases tickets through our portal will receive a free DockHounds hat, hotdog, and drink (soda or draft beer). Tickets are $20 each, with $10 supporting St. Matthew's School. To purchase tickets go to https://www.gofevo.com/event/StMatthewsHC26


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SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

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