

St. Matthew's

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 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.

SAY IT OUT LOUD

"God Loves Sinners!"

They never forgot their past. Moses never forgot how he killed a man in a fit of anger. Paul never forgot how he had savaged the Church of God. Matthew never forgot how, as a tax collector for the Roman Empire, he was considered a traitor to his people.

But God forgot their past. He forgave all their sins and called them to proclaim his mercy. Christians are sinners whom God has mercifully called. Only mercy can explain why Jesus brings people to faith and promises them salvation. Only grace can explain how he calls them to serve as they are able, even in the ministry of the gospel. God loves sinners.

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- ◊ Restrooms are located down the hallway on the left.
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- ◊ A Mother's room, located in the parents' room, offers privacy for nursing mothers.
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- ◊ St. Matthew's is on Instagram. You can follow us @St.MatthewsOconomowoc.

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THE SERVICE: SETTING TWO

Hymn 575:1-3 **By Grace I'm Saved**

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.

Hymn 575:4-5 **By Grace I'm Saved**

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading — Exodus 3:1-15

The LORD chooses Moses to lead the Israelites.

[1]Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and
he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
[2]There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses
saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. [3]So Moses thought, "I will go over
and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

[4]When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the
bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

[5]"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you
are standing is holy ground." [6]Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he
was afraid to look at God.

[7]The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard
them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.
[8]So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them
up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—
the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. [9]And
now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are

oppressing them. [10]So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

[11]But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

[12]And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

[13]Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

[14]God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

[15]God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119C — Teach Me, O LORD



Do good to your / servant
according to your / word, LORD.
Teach me knowledge and good / judgment,
for I trust / your commands.
Before I was afflicted I / went astray,
but now I o- / bey your word. *Refrain*

You are good, and what you / do is good;
teach me / your decrees.
It was good for me to be af- / flicted
so that I might learn / your decrees.
The law from your mouth is more pre- / cious to me
than thousands of pieces of sil- / ver and gold.
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 Timothy 1:12-17*

God demonstrates mercy and patience by calling a sinner into the ministry.

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me
trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and
a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and
unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the
faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into
the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was
shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his
immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive
eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and
glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation — Matthew 9:12,13



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Gospel — *Matthew 9:9-13*

Tax collectors were considered among the worst of sinners. To demonstrate grace, Jesus called one to be his disciple.

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax
collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.
10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and
sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they
asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.
13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not
come to call the righteous, but sinners."

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

Hymn 578 — Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Sermon

Say It Out Loud - God Loves Sinners!

1. Sinners – who are not worthy
2. Sinners – who have been shown His Mercy
3. Sinners – who have been appointed to His Service

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



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WELS Connection Video

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.

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 816:1-3 I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

Ministry Update

In Our Prayers: We rejoice with **Devin and Stephanie Splinter** whom the Lord blessed with a baby girl, **Charlie Lynn Splinter**, this past Sunday. May God comfort the families of **Beth Pruess** and **Sandi Benzel,** who were called to home to heaven this past week. God's healing be with **Jennifer Manssen** who is recovering from knee replacement and suffering injuries from a fall on Wednesday.

Christian Funeral: Sandi Benzel was called to her eternal home in heaven last week. The service of victory in Christ will be on Wednesday, June 10 with visitation from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and the service at 11:00a.m.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Adult Bible Class – *on pause this week*

- This week, 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.

Sunday Adult Bible Study – *The Ten Commandments*
Starting June 21, join us Sundays at 9:15 a.m. between services as we study the Ten Commandments and their relevance for our faith and daily lives. Students entering 5th grade and older are welcome to join the class. All are welcome!

Summer Childcare Available During Adult Bible Study – Starting June 7th
Sunday School and Teen Study are on summer break. Childcare is available for infants through 4th grade and will meet in the 3K classroom, located in the farthest wing of the school building. Children in 5th grade and older are welcome to join the Adult Bible Study.

Men's Bible Breakfast – 2nd Saturdays of the Month
Calling all men 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 the topic, "Connecting Sinai to Calvary."

Women's Wednesday Bible Study – in July
We invite all women to join our Bible Study in July entitled, ***"Rejoice in the Lord – a study of the Book of Philippians."*** We'll meet in the Gathering Space at 6pm.

Thank you for Serving our Savior and Us		
	This Weekend	**Next Weekend –** June 13 & 14
Ushers	**Saturday** – Tony Kobusssen **Early –** Jason Cox **Late –** Todd Helwig	**Saturday –** Tom Plitzuweit **Early –** Joel Watson **Late –** Sam Weiss
Greeters	**Early** – Stu & Deb Schramm **Late** – Mike & Joy Lenz	**Early** – Curt Delie & Mary Beth Williams **Late** – Andy & Carrie Rosenau
Hospitality	**Saturday** – Jon & Kessia Boche **Early –** Tom & Beth Plitzuweit **Late –** Bob & Dorlene Schroeder	**Saturday** – Char Bouche **Early –** Tim & Sandy Torgerson **Late –** Brian & Kari Winkelman
Organist	Char Bouche/ Lucas Krogmann	Joy Elowski
Special Music		
Flowers	Scott & Debby Kuklinski – 45th Wedding Anniversary	Dennis & Diane O'Brien – 50th Wedding Anniversary
Projection	**Saturday** – Molly Kalma **Early –** Kylee Glorioso **Late –** Matthias Uttech	**Saturday** – Krista/Sam D'Amore **Early –** Dan Metzger **Late –** Kendra Lauersdorf
Sound	**Saturday** – Kathy Goggins **Early –** Steve Vasatko **Late –** Charlie Bagdassian	**Saturday** – Char Bouche **Early –** Julia Watson **Late –** Jacob Kopplin
Livestream	Tim Taubenheim	Jason Cox

This Week at St. Matthew's		
Saturday	5:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service Open Forum
Monday	 5:30 pm	District Convention First Steps Staff Meeting
Tuesday	 7:00 pm	District Convention Voter's Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 am	Shorehaven Service
Thursday	8:00 am 6:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due Board of Trustees
Saturday	7:30 am 5:30 pm	Men's Bible Breakfast Communion Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Communion Service Adult Bible Study

Highlights and Announcements

<u>This Month's Ministry Highlight: ADULT MINISTRY: 20/30s GROUP</u>
This month we highlight the Adult Ministry: 20/30s Group, which serves young adults who desire to connect with others, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships. We gather throughout the year for casual events like game nights, Bible studies, fun events, and conversations centered on faith and life, offering something for everyone.

This summer, join us for our ***"Bible by the Fire"*** **Bible Study on three Friday evenings—June 12, July 31, and August 21—at 6:00 PM.** We'll gather around bonfires for Scripture, fellowship, and conversation in a welcoming, relaxed setting. This summer, we'll be studying the book of Habakkuk. Please bring along a Bible. Whether you're new or have attended before, you are invited to come as you are. Feel free to bring a beverage and a snack to share.
For more details and the latest updates, *visit SMLS.org/Events.*

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.

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.

Help Needed!
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.

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.

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. Tickets are $20 each, with $10 supporting St. Matthew's School. To purchase tickets go to https://www.gofevo.com/event/StMatthewsHC26

Note: The Fellowship Committee will also be planning their annual DockHounds Night at a separate date (TBD), providing another opportunity for St. Matthew's church and school families to enjoy a summer evening together at a game.

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

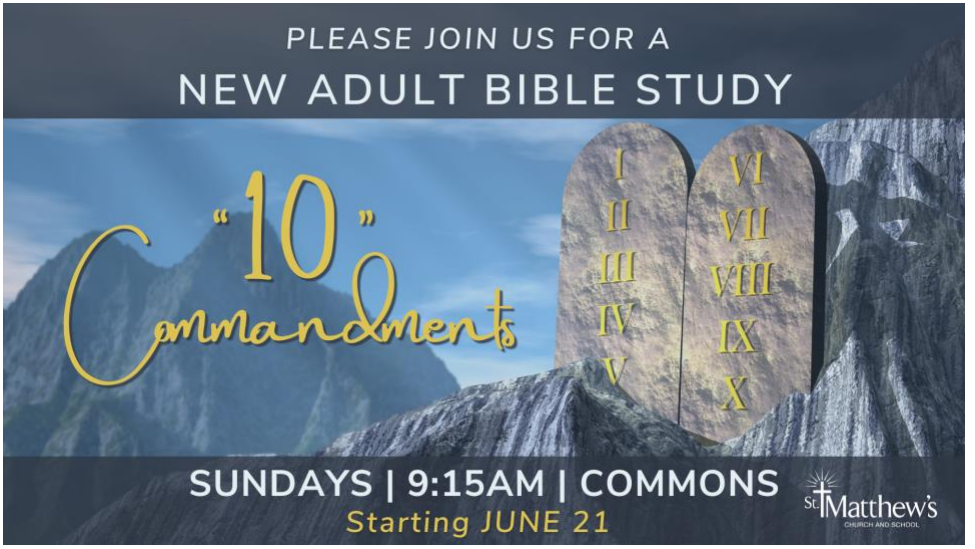
Early Sign UP: Fall Planting Event at Ebert's
Join us for a hands-on workshop on **Saturday, September 13 at 2:00 PM** where we'll learn how to design and plant beautiful fall planters together at Ebert's Greenhouse. St. Matthew's members may sign up early—only 15 spots are available. Once Ebert's releases pricing and the official registration link, participants will receive full details by email. Sign up at smls.org/events.

Youth Confirmation Classes
Confirmation classes for our public school and homeschool students begin for those in 6th grade. Initial information was sent out to parents whom we know have children entering 6th-8th grade. If you didn't receive information and have a rising 6th-8th grader in public school or homeschool, please contact Pastor Voss at mvoss@smls.org with the name(s) or your child(ren) and with your contact info. Thanks! Tentatively, we're looking at having an informational meeting for parents and students on **Wednesday, August 26 at 5 pm** in the school commons.

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!




-Please Join Us-
Africa Mission Presentation
by Pastor Mark
SUNDAY, JUNE 14
9:15am | Commons
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY
"10" Commandments
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SUNDAYS | 9:15AM | COMMONS
Starting JUNE 21
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St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School seek to reach out to our families, community and world, using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian faith and life.

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