

St. Matthew's

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 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

"Keep the Faith"

Believers in God and their ministers have always been persecuted. Religious leaders in Jerusalem tried to muzzle the truth, but they only succeeded in sending people to preach the Word throughout the land. The Roman Empire persecuted Christians with stakes and lions, but God's Church exploded with growth. In Martin Luther's day, both pope and emperor tried to limit the gospel movement that was spreading from Germany, but God led many people to speak his truth. God wants his people to keep the faith and preach the Word even in the face of opposition.

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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THE SERVICE: SETTING TWO

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

Hymn 874 **Preserve Your Word, O Savior**

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.

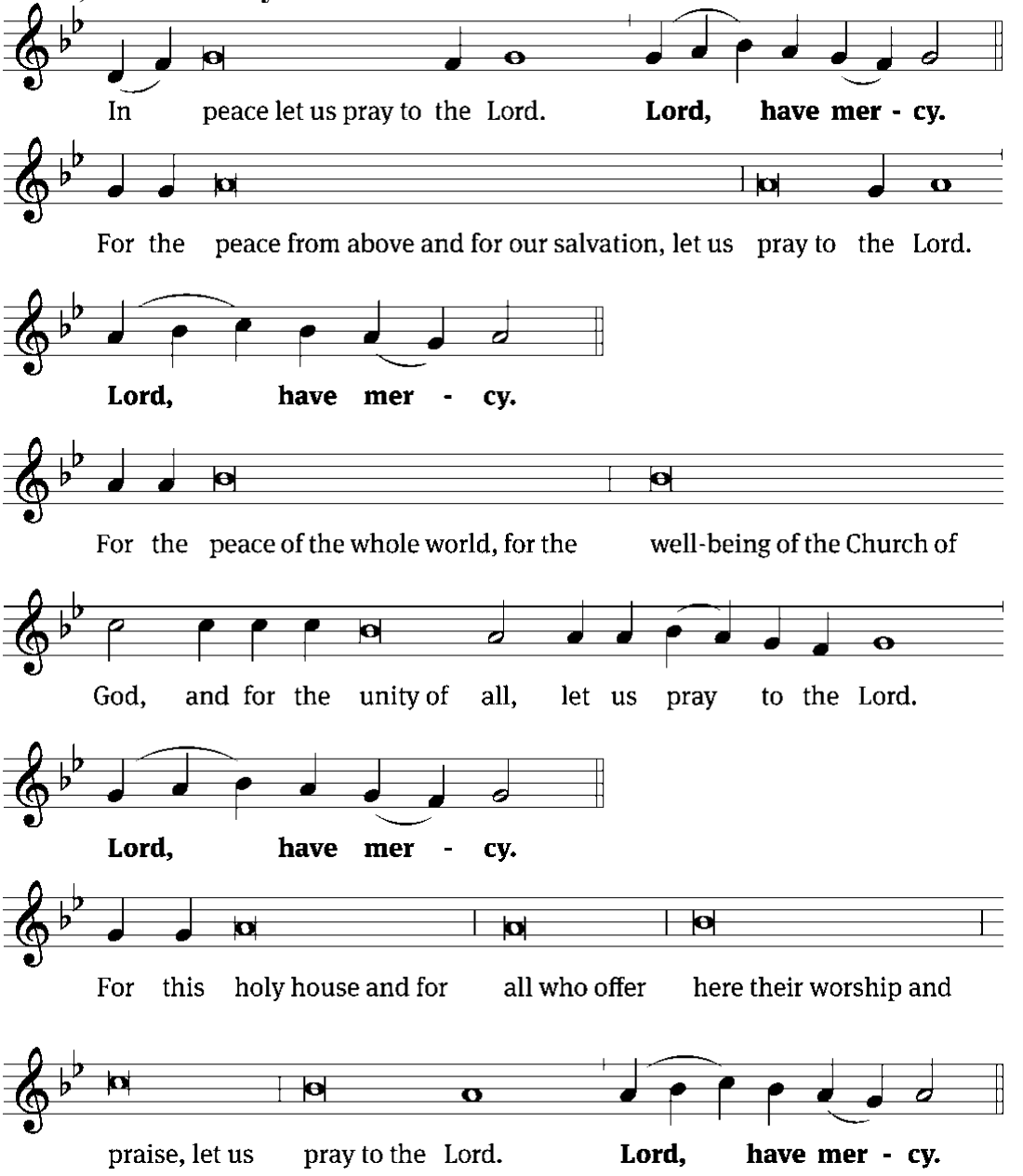
Silence for meditation and reflection

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

CW 174



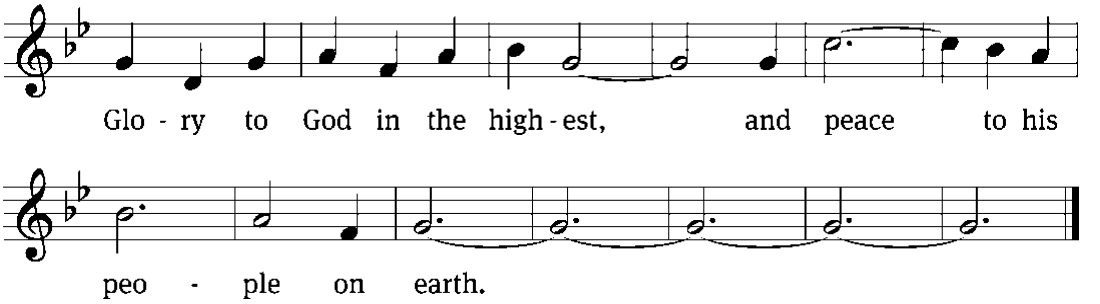


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Glory to God in the Highest *CW 176*




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,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading — Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah refuses to abandon the faith even when beaten and put in stocks.

7 You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I
am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. 8 Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming
violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all
day long.

9 But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," his word is
in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I
cannot. 10 I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce
him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him."

[11]But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. [12]LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, for to you I have committed my cause.

[13]Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91B — My Dwelling Place

Verse 1: Soloist
My dwelling place is God Most High;
My refuge and my fortress.
When plague and pestilence draw nigh,
I'm hidden in his presence.
When terrors fall and arrows fly,
His shield will be my safety;
When stones across my pathway lie,
On angels' wings I'm carried.

Refrain: Soloist
Wonderful, powerful, my hope and my defender.
Mighty God, Emmanuel;
My dwelling place forever.

Verse 2: Congregation and Soloist
My dwelling place is God Most High;
A present help in danger.
I rest secure in love's pure light,
Beneath my Master's favor.
He freed me from the fowler's snare,
Where sin and shame had bound me;
Deceived, I'd made my refuge there,
Till fearless he came for me.

Refrain: Congregation and Soloist
Wonderful, powerful, my hope and my defender.
Mighty God, Emmanuel;
My dwelling place forever.

Verse 3: Congregation and Soloist
My dwelling place is God Most High;
I'll never seek another.
For I am his and he is mine;
My heart he'll keep forever.
I know the name on whom I call;
He promises to answer.
With life he satisfies my soul,
And crowns me with his pleasure.

Refrain: Congregation and Soloist
Wonderful, powerful, my hope and my defender.
Mighty God, Emmanuel;
My dwelling place forever.

Wonderful, powerful, my hope and my defender.
Mighty God, Emmanuel;
My dwelling place forever.

Soloist
My dwelling place forever.

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Second Reading (Sermon Text) *2 Timothy 4:1-8*

Paul encourages us to keep the faith even in the face of difficulty.

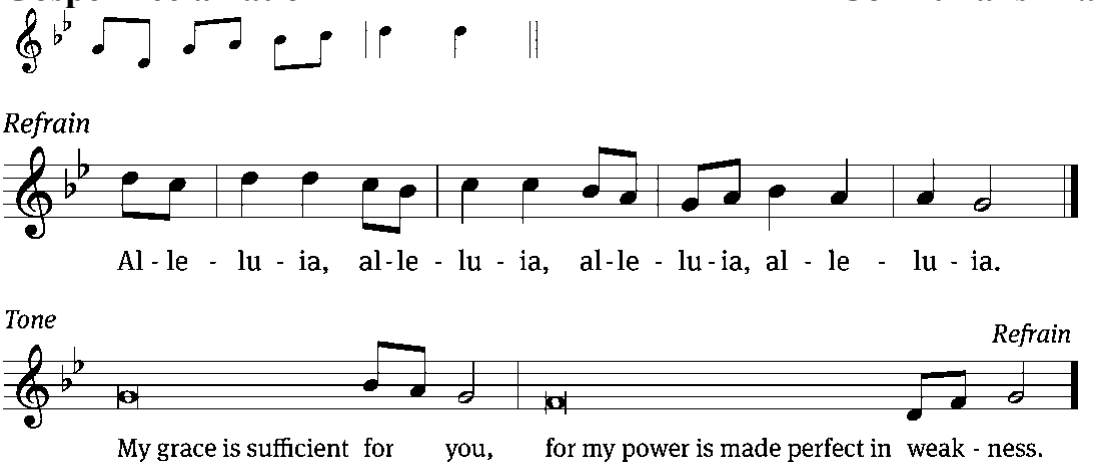
[1]In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: [2]Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. [3]For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. [4]They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. [5]But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

[6]For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. [7]I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. [8]Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge,

will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation — 2 Corinthians 12:9



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Gospel — *Matthew 10:5a,21-33*

Jesus makes us brave to confess him in public.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

21 "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel
against their parents and have them put to death. 22 You will be hated by everyone
because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 23 When you are
persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going
through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

24 "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is
enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the
head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his
household!

[26]"So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. [27]What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. [28]Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. [29]Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. [30]And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. [31]So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

[32]"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. [33]But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

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

Hymn 797 — I Know My Faith Is Founded

Sermon — Keep the Faith

Pastor Mark Voss

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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New Member Welcome

Patricia Baker; Pat Grover; Dean & Karen Fredrick; Dugan, Marie, Reagan & Harper Hettich; Scott & Debra Hoeft; Elizabeth Isham; Philip Kussmann; Matt, Kristin, Gracelynn & Colton Lange; Sally Marsalek; Adam, Hannah, Stella & Turner Moranchek; John & Lori Paliafito; Shawn Rossmann; Chad Schraufnagel; Dan, Erin, Chase & Eden Silkey; Weston & Annaliese Sterwald; David Wilson

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 884 **Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See**

In Our Prayers: May our gracious Lord continue to watch over **Debbie Thurow** who was hospitalized this past week battling infection.

Family Night at the DockHounds – This Tuesday

Nearly 300 have already signed up… join your 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

Bible Study Opportunities

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
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."

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Thank you for Serving our Savior and Us		
	This Weekend	**Next Weekend –** June 27 & 28
Ushers	**Saturday** – Andy Andress **Early –** Jim Fulmer **Late –** Eric Ziel	**Saturday –** Scott Heins **Early –** Tim Taubenheim **Late –** Andy Rosenau
Greeters	**Early** – Dave & Betty Reul **Late** – Mike & Jeanne Ward	**Early** – Joe & Jill Sharp **Late** –
Hospitality	**Saturday** – Jim & Karen Spiegelberg **Early –** Tom & Mary Thiele **Late –**	**Saturday** – Char Bouche **Early –** Ralph & Tracy Schmidt **Late –**
Organist	Melody Ryan	Linda Smith
Special Music	Cynthia Lange / Aleah Dovnik	
Flowers		Mike & Jeanne Ward – 58th Wedding Anniversary
Projection	**Saturday** – Andrew Bessert **Early –** Jon/Henry Peterson **Late –** Toby Brandenstein	**Saturday** – Emily Stewart **Early –** Ava Hillmann **Late –** Harper Gerczak
Sound	**Saturday** – Vickie Wilson **Early –** Joel Aldinger **Late –** Kathy Goggins	**Saturday** – John Stewart **Early –** Rik Krahn **Late –** Kathy Goggins
Livestream	Mike Bouche	Andy Hillmann

This Week at St. Matthew's		
Saturday	5:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Worship Service Adult Bible Study; Child Care
Wednesday	10:00 am	Shorehaven Service
Thursday	8:00 am	SCRIP Orders Due
Saturday	5:30 pm	Communion Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am 9:15 am	Communion Service Adult Bible Study; Child Care

Highlights and Announcements

VBS Donations
We are looking for craft, food and gift card donations for our upcoming Vacation Bible School. If you would like to donate please use the Sign Up Genius link https://bit.ly/SMVBSdonate All donated items can be **dropped off at First Steps**. Craft items should be dropped off by Friday, July 10**.** Food Donations can be dropped off the week of July 13. Please contact Beth Plitzuweit (bplitzuweit@smls.org) with any questions. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

OUR MISSION *COMPELLED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST,*

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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WORSHIP SERVICES SATURDAY: 5:30 PM
SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Christian Education For All
SUNDAY 9:15 AM

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