



May 28 & 31, 2026

Welcome to St. Matthew's!

ARE YOU A GUEST WITH US TODAY?

Welcome to worship! We are very glad you are here, and we pray that you enjoy your visit here with us today. I hope that you will be encouraged in trusting Jesus, better equipped to serve him, and more aware of his grace in your life every day.

Pastor Silas Schmitzer



Theme of Today's Service:

Say It Out Loud: God Is Triune

Prayer Upon Entering Worship:

What a privilege I have, Lord, to worship you in your house today! I thank you that you have revealed yourself to us in Holy Scriptures. Wow else could I believe something so incomprehensible as the Trinity? Creator, cleanse my heart. Redeemer, forgive me my sins. Spirit of God, keep my wayward mind focused on your Word, and strengthen my trust in the God of my salvation. Amen.

God's Word for This Week:

At the festival of Holy Trinity we celebrate that God revealed to us the mystery that he is one God in three persons. The triune God wants to teach this its truth and purity. This festival of the Holy Trinity begins the second half of the Church Year as God's people joyfully proclaim that we are baptized and blessed in the name of the only true God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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HOLY TRINITY

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN

624 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

CW 173

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

CW 172

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

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST*

CW 176



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your


* Omit for Thursday Evening Service



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



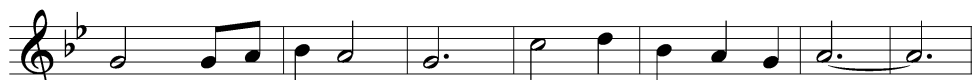
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



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,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
 peo - ple on earth.

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The Word

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

The Beginning

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water."

⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 8A

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Final Greetings

¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All God's people here send their greetings.

¹⁴May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 6:3



Refrain



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GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The Great Commission

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

586 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

SERMON

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Guest preacher, Pastor Jon Tesch, retired

Please stand

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.**

Please be seated

OFFERING

The members of St. Matthew's have promised to bring offerings out of thanks to God and for the support of the gospel ministry. Our guests and visitors need not feel obligated to give. Please take a moment to sign the black Friendship Registers and pass them down the pew so others may sign them as well.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort.

We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.

HYMN

805 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Please Stand

CLOSING PRAYER

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

AARONIC BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another and serve the LORD with gladness.

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 his favor † and give you his peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

612 How Great Thou Art

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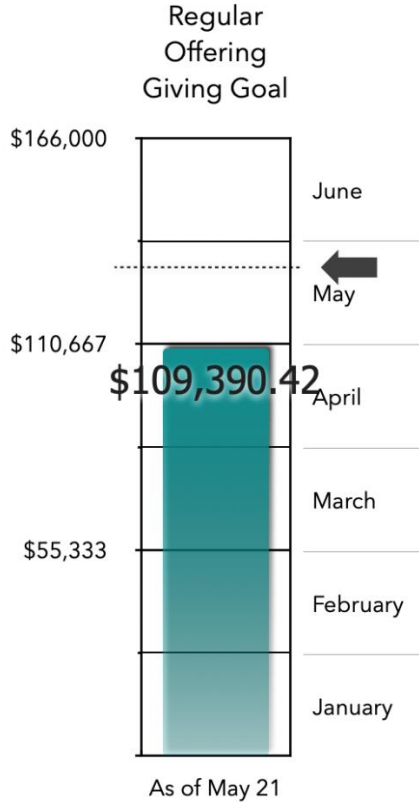
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OUR THANKS

We thank the following people for serving us in worship today:
 Sunday Worship Accompanist: Sue Wrobel
 Usher Thursday: Loren Michel; Sunday: Hatherly's
 Greeter: Linda Phillips
 Acolyte: Mason Hatherly

LAST WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S



	WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	BIBLE CLASS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	LIVE STREAM	OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$6,615	SPECIAL GIFTS & MEMORIALS
MAY 17	95	13	8	22	\$4,409.06	\$0
THURSDAY	14	ESTIMATED LIVE WEEKEND WORSHIPERS:		153	AVERAGE PER WK 2026:	\$5,470

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have an announcement placed in the bulletin, please submit it to

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JULY 11

Mark your calendars for a day of fun this summer at our Vacation Bible School. Saturday, July 11 from 9am-2pm we will be competing and learning about God's AmazinGRACE. Go to StMatthews-WELS.com to register your kids and grandkids. Invite your neighbors, nephews and nieces, to enjoy this fun filled, Bible focused event. We also need lots of helpers to keep an eye on the kids, prepare and serve food, and man stations. If you're interested in helping with VBS please contact Pastor or Beth Moline.

CAN YOU HELP PANTHER PRIDE?

Due to some future complications, Panther Pride has decided to retire our Cow Pie Bingo fundraiser. This was not an easy decision to make because of its success, but we are excited to see what other opportunities the Lord has in store for our fundraising efforts. This does not mean our annual Harvest Hoedown event is going away though. In fact, please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27th 11AM-1PM. We will still have games, music, food, fellowship, and our silent auction! We want to explore the possibility of replacing Cow Pie Bingo with meat raffle if we can find willing donors. If you are able to help by donating a portion of a cow or a pig or broiler chickens, please speak with Jenny Smith, Panther Pride Fundraising Coordinator. She can be reached at 563.568.9074.

JAMMING ON THE GREEN IS BACK!

Jam sessions on the greenspace are back at St. Matt's! Everyone is welcome, BYO snacks & a blanket to enjoy the show. Third Wednesdays of the month at 6pm:

June 17

July 15

August 19

Questions? Talk to Karen Schmitzer or Doug and Lynn Miller

EVANGELISM FOR EVERYONE - SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Aaron Wakeman, Executive Director of Friends Network will share the evangelism model that he has used to train hundreds of evangelists - average lay people like us. He will offer encouragement and practical tools to help us remove the stigma, guilt, and fear around the topic of evangelism. And by God's grace, you will leave the session ready to be good news tellers in your lives and communities. All St. Matthew's members are invited to this interactive training session at Good Shepherd, Holmen. 1500 Sand Lake Road. The event is free. Coffee and donuts will be provided. It will be on Saturday, June 6 from 9 am to noon. Please register for this event by emailing: pastor@gsholmen.org.

LEARNING CENTER DIRECTOR - 1ST LUTHERAN LACROSSE

First Lutheran Church in La Crosse is hiring an individual to serve as director of the First Light Early Learning Center. We are looking for a WELS member with strong Christian values and excellent servant leadership abilities. This person must excel at relationship building and will serve as the primary operational decision maker for First Light Early Learning Center Applications and position descriptions are available in the 1st Lutheran School office office@firstlacrosse.org. Applications and resumes must be returned by Mon, May 4th.

HOLMEN PRESCHOOL PART-TIME POSITION

Little Lamb Preschool, a part of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Holmen, WI, is looking to hire a part-time assistant for our full-time preschool classroom. The hours are Monday - Friday, 9AM-1PM. If you are interested in this position, you can email the director, Tammy Melott, at tmelott@gsholmen.org to set up a meeting to discuss the position in more detail.

LA CRESCENT LEARNING CENTER POSITION

We are looking for a qualified Toddler Teacher at First Steps ELC! We offer competitive pay, bonus pay after 60 days, dental and vision insurance, AFLAC benefits, holiday pay, and 403b. If you love children and have state required education and experience, please contact us at director@keepchristfirst.com or 507-895-5704. We would love to make you part of our team!

OUR WEEK IN THE LORD

MAY 31 - JUNE 7, 2026

Sunday

9:00 AM - Worship Service

Monday

5:30 PM - School Board Meeting

Tuesday

2:30 PM - Food Pantry Open

Wednesday

4:30 PM - VBS Leaders Meeting

6:30 PM - Elders' Meeting

Thursday

6:30 PM - Worship Service

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

9:00 AM - Worship Service

1:30 PM - Bible Information Class