



June 4 & 7, 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 Loves Sinners!**

## **Prayer Upon Entering Worship:**

Oh Lord, I thank you for this opportunity to be surrounded by your Word and covered with your love and forgiveness here in your house. Bless all of us today through this worship that our hearts may be uplifted and strengthened to fight temptation and do instead your good and gracious will. Help me to keep my focus on you as I worship that I may better understand your Word and take it to heart. Amen.

## **God's Word for This Week:**

All of God's people, including Moses, David, Peter and Paul were sinners. They never forgot the sins of their past. But God did! He forgave all their sins and called them to proclaim his mercy. All Christians are sinners. Only God's mercy can explain why Jesus brings people to faith, and promises them salvation. Only grace can explain how he calls us to serve as we are able, even in the ministry of the gospel. God loves sinners.

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# SECOND WEEK AFTER PENTECOST

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

### OPENING HYMN

575 By Grace I'm Saved

*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**

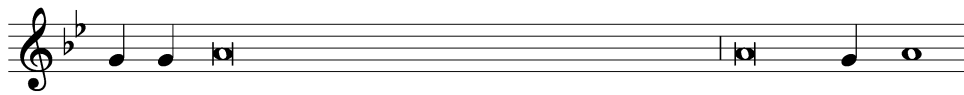
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son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

# LORD, HAVE MERCY


CW 174



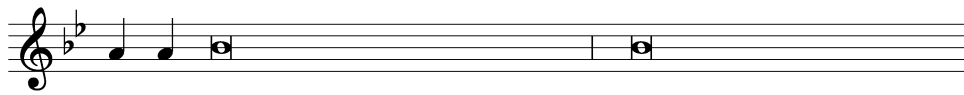
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



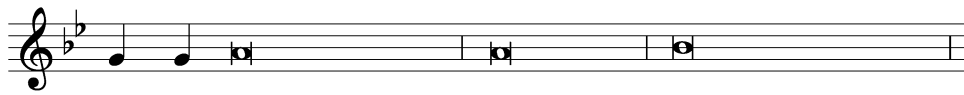
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of




God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

**A - men.**

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**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

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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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

## **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be seated*

## **FIRST READING**

**Exodus 3:1-15**

### **Moses and the Burning Bush**

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

<sup>4</sup>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."

<sup>5</sup>"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

<sup>12</sup>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."

<sup>13</sup>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?"

<sup>14</sup>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.' "

<sup>15</sup>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 OF THE DAY

# Psalm 119C

## Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

## Tone

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

1 Timothy 1:12-17

### The Lord's Grace to Paul

<sup>12</sup>I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 9:12,13

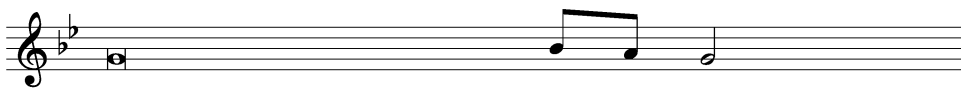


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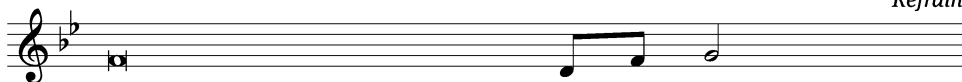


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*Tone*



It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.



I have not come to call the righteous, but sin - ners.

*Refrain*

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## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 9:9-13**

### **The Calling of Matthew**

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup>On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup>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!**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE\***

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**578 Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

### **SERMON**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

## God Gives Gifts to Sinners

*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,**

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**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**

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

**Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.**

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

**Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.**

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

**Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.**

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

**Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.**

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

**Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.**

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. ... Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

**Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

## **654 Jesus Sinners Does Receive**

*Please Stand*

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Almighty God, we pray that you would give to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes from above, that your Word may not be bound but have free course and be proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and boldly declare your name until life's end; 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

**931 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise**

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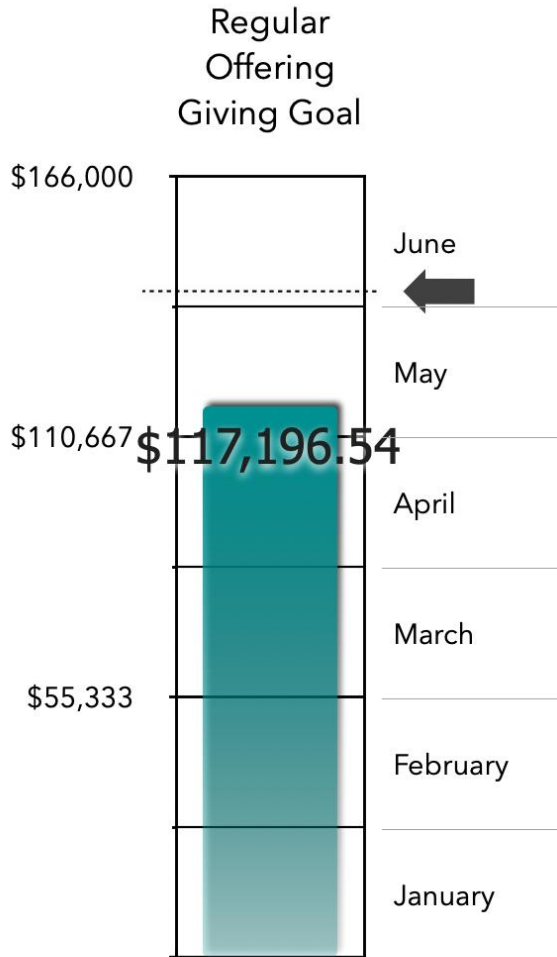
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## **OUR THANKS**


We thank the following people for serving us in worship today:  
Sunday Worship Accompanist: Bill Ross  
Usher Thursday: Loren Michel; Sunday: Nathan Semke  
Greeter: Ardell Helke  
Acolyte: Brantley Proksch

## **SERMON NOTES**

# LAST WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S



As of June 4

	WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	BIBLE CLASS	SUNDAY SCHOOL	LIVE STREAM	OFFERINGS NEEDED PER WEEK: \$6,615	SPECIAL GIFTS & MEMORIALS
MAY 31	62	—	—	23	\$4,686.06	\$300
THURSDAY	17	ESTIMATED LIVE WEEKEND WORSHIPERS:		125	AVERAGE PER WK 2026:	\$5,327

# 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](http://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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:director@keepchristfirst.com) or 507-895-5704. We would love to make you part of our team!

# OUR WEEK IN THE LORD

**JUNE 7 - JUNE 14, 2026**

## **Sunday**

9:00 AM - Worship Service  
1:30 PM - Bible Information Class

## **Monday**

District Convention at Luther Prep

## **Tuesday**

District Convention at Luther Prep  
2:30 PM - Food Pantry Open

## **Wednesday**

5:30 PM - Church Council Meeting

## **Thursday**

6:30 PM - Worship Service - Lord's Supper

## **Friday**

## **Saturday**

## **Sunday**

9:00 AM - Worship Service - Lord's Supper  
1:30 PM - Bible Information Class