



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH *of* HANOVER

Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real

Sunday, June 28, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Welcome! Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions or any needs, please let a name-tagged usher know. We hope that you experience God's love during worship today.



Our Purpose:

Welcoming all as we share God's love.

Our Goals:

- Enliven** faith through worship and learning
- Cultivate** shared leadership as disciples of Jesus
- Engage** children, youth, and families
- Bridge the gaps** with home-insecure neighbors
- Build** authentic relationships across differences

About today: We gather as a community to worship God by singing, praying, listening to scripture, hearing a message and celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5:00 p.m., Sunday outdoor worship at 8:30 a.m. and indoors at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed). You can find our livestream on our website or on Youtube (links can be found on the last page of the bulletin).

5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Goodness of God
SoulFire

Johnson

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #840

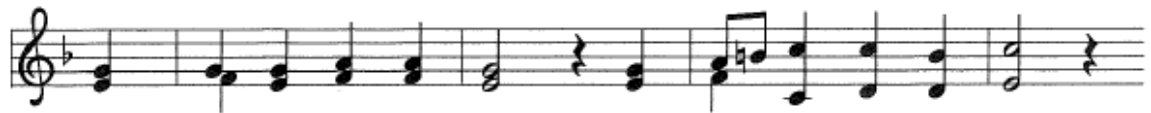
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

HOLY BAPTISM

At certain points during the service of Holy Baptism, the congregation will be invited to respond with the following prompts:

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Maverick and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

All: We do.

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We welcome Maverick into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in our mission by welcoming all as we share God's love.

MUSICAL OFFERING

This Is the Day

Garrett

Children's, Junior and Youth Choirs

Children second grade and under are invited to meet our children's leader at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear a Bible story from this week's lectionary in an age-appropriate format and spend some time exploring their faith and creativity together. They will return during the passing of the peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lector: O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Lector: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God’s Work, Our Hands

**ACS #1000
Wold/Johnson**



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,

rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Leader: Each petition concludes, *“God of grace,”* and the congregation responds, *“hear our prayer.”*

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with the words, “Peace be with you,” and gestures respecting personal space and comfort levels.)

Children return from Children’s Church.

Please be seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Love
Adult Choir

Hagenberg

Text: O Love that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thy ocean depths
Its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to Thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise
Is not vain that morn shall tearless be.
O Love, that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe and in Thy ocean depths
Its flow shall richer, fuller be, that morn shall tearless be.
O Love, that will not let me go.

GENEROSITY MOMENT with Announcements

*We celebrate God’s generosity embodied in this community’s time, talents, and treasures shared with one another. **Thank you for your presence** in worship today. **Thank you for offering** the “first fruits” of your finances. Offering may be placed in the baskets near the entrances/ exits of the worship space or through online giving on our website. See the QR code on the back of the bulletin. You may also text-to-give at 717-613-6204. **Thank you for sharing** your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities.*

Please stand as you are able.

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY

God’s Work, Our Hands

**ACS #1000
Wold/Johnson**

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3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:

prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least,
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Loving God,

All: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding
with us now and forever. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. The meal is served in three ways. Choose what is appropriate for you.

***Individual packets** are available for those wishing to remain in their pew.*

***If you are unable to come forward**, but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.*

Continuous manner – Come forward at the direction of the ushers, take the wafer from the pastor, “The body of Christ, given for you”, and eat it. (Gluten-free wafers are available) Then move to the next station and take one of the cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) “The blood of Christ, shed for you”, and drink it.

Children who do not yet receive communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

IN-PEW COMMUNION (WITH PACKETS)

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. (Eat wafer)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (Drink wine/grape juice)

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

All Are Welcome - Haugen

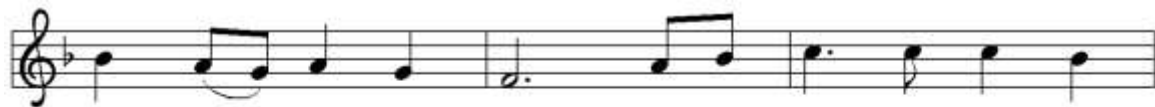
ELW #641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions;
claim the faith of Je - sus;
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

Pastor: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

All: Amen.

HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

ACS #950

African American Spiritual



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

DISMISSAL:

Leader: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In
Deb Smith, Piano and Ethan Draper, Organ

arr. Draper

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –
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THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Kathy on her retirement and all she has done for our church and community by Ed, Linda and Kathy; and in loving memory of Larry J. Alwine who would have celebrated his birthday on July 2 by his wife Judy and family.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Larry J. Alwine who would have celebrated his birthday on July 2 by his wife Judy and family.

RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM this Sunday is Maverick Lee Fisher, son of Elijah and Kaitlyn (Peck) Fisher, with sponsors Allison Lanshe and Mathew Kerstetter. We welcome Maverick into the earthly body of Christ with membership here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

Musicians SoulFire; Children’s, Junior and Youth Choirs;
..... Adult Choir; Deb Smith, Ethan Draper
Altar Flower Delivery Doris Deitzel
Altar Guild Deb Anker, Judy Porowski
Assisting Minister Randy Kline
Communion Assistants Stephanie Klasek, Darlene Klenk
Communion Preparers Martha Hempfing, Debby Seibert
Courier Darlene Klenk
Greeters Hallie Doll, Desiree McFarland
Lector Penny Rutters
Live Stream Hailey Bucher
Ushers Team 5: Jay Bowersox, Hailey Bucher, Jeremy Bucher,
Randy Kline, Jody Ruhlman, Ellen Shenk

PRAYER LIST: In our intercessory prayers we pray for individuals who have offered permission to have their names included. These names will be listed up to a month unless otherwise requested. After that time, prayers will continue for each person through our prayer chain. Newly added names will appear in bold. If you would like to be included in the prayers of the prayer chain **but not listed** in the bulletin, you may contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

Karen Sowers	Pearl Wintrose	Shirley Fleming
Caralyn Mummert	Loretta Cover	Nate Bankert
Jay Cromer	Barb Rebling	Brad Maloney
Patricia Mosely	Mike Mummert	JoAnn Smith
Nancy Leister	Dave Miserendino	Lucas Cherry