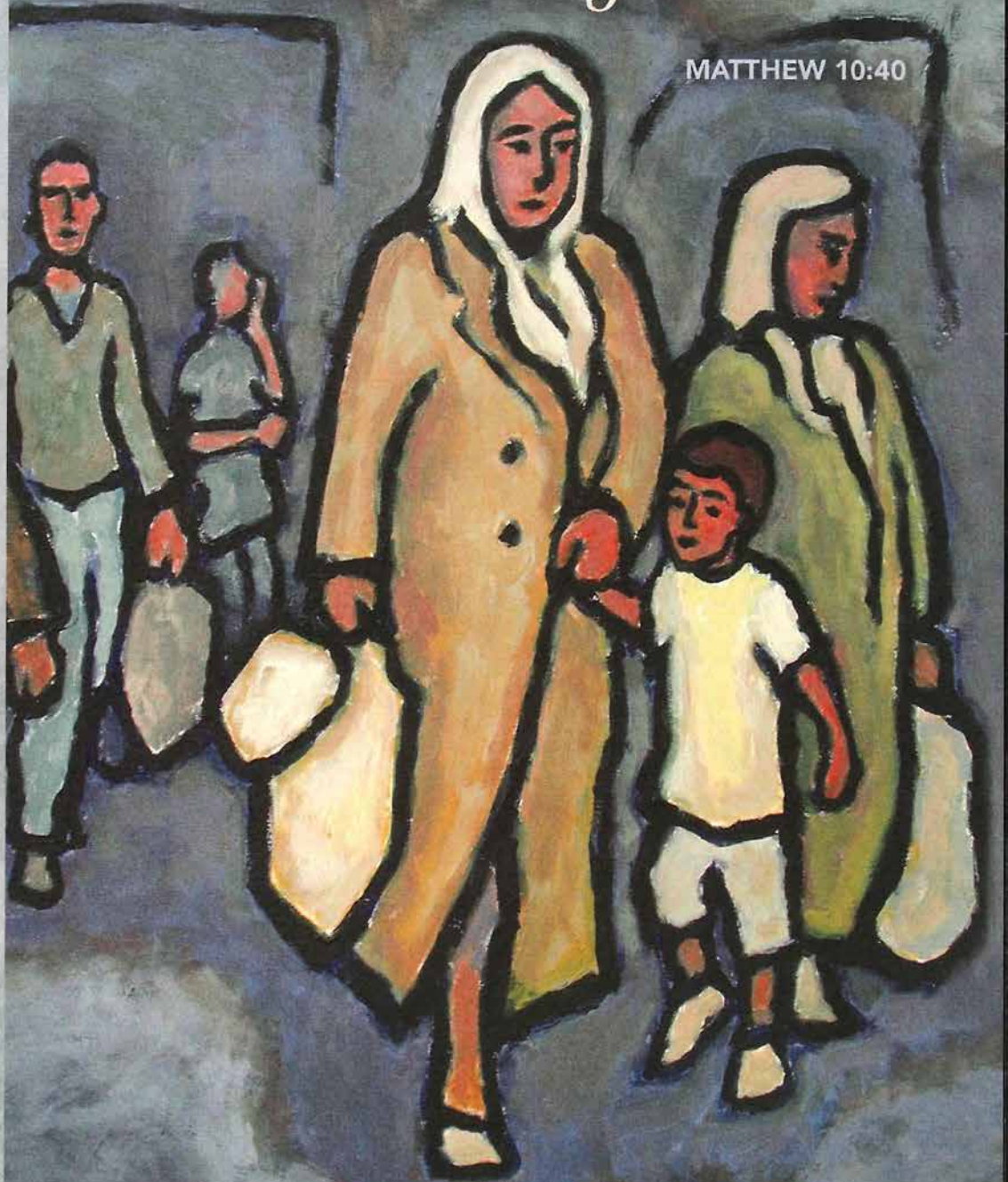


Whoever welcomes you  
welcomes me


MATTHEW 10:40



**WELCOME! ARE YOU NEW?** We are a group of people gathered together to make a difference. We seek to make a difference in ourselves, in our neighborhoods, and in our world. We are thankful that you are here today. If you would like to be a part of our community that seeks to make a difference, then you are welcome, because at Saint Matthew, ALL ARE WELCOME HERE. Check out our website at [www.stmattlutheran.org](http://www.stmattlutheran.org), where you can find out more about Saint Matthew and get connected into our community.



**WHAT TO EXPECT.** Saint Matthew is a church with a big vision. We expect big things because our God is that big! Our services are designed to be relevant and meaningful. Whether you have been here many times or have never been to church before, you can anticipate an encouraging, enlightening, and uplifting experience.

 **WE LOVE** having children in worship. Jesus said “let the little children come to me ... for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” We will have children’s sermons on occasion through the summer.

**We hope you find these outdoor worship services meaningful. If you are concerned about your car battery, you can bring a battery operated radio and use that in your car. It will save your car battery! But also know, we have people on the premises with battery cables should the need arise.**

If you leave your vehicle for any reason, please be considerate of others and wear a mask. Thank you!

SAINT MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Office: 717-637-7101

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 28, 2020

9:00 a.m.

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+ Celebrating God's Love - Serving in Jesus' Name +

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GATHERING SONG

*Sanctuary*

Thompson/Scruggs

Voice

5 Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and

9 true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - ry for

13 1. You. Lord, pre - You. Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu -

16 ar - y, pure and ho - ly tried and true. With thanks -

19 giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - ry for You.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Reconciling God,



**All:** we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
 and we deny your presence in our lives.  
 We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.  
 We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.  
 We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
 We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us.  
 We sin in thought, word, and deed.  
 By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;  
 and in your Spirit, lead us;  
 so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

**Pastor:** Beloved of God,  
 by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
 we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,  
 through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
 Our sins are forgiven.  
 Let us live now in hope.  
 For hope does not disappoint,  
 because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
 through the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**OPENING HYMN.....*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* – No. 533**



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;

where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

**APOSTOLIC 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

**All:** Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 10th chapter.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42** *When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

**Pastor M. David Kiel**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Shine On Us*

**Smith**

(Ben Newman, Tyler Newman and Scott Fredericks, Soloists)

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Apostle's Creed*

Pastor: 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

Each petition concludes, "*Hear us, O God.*" and the congregation responds, "*Your mercy is great.*"

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another in your own cars  
with the words "Peace be with you.")  
You may also honk your horn to greet others!*

## THE MEAL

### 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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

Pastor: Christ has prepared this feast. Receive this bread and wine with hope and joy.  
**Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his  
grace. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us  
with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to  
bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and  
Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN

### *Blest Are They*

No. 728

(Ben Newman, Tyler Newman, Griffin Kuhn and Scott Fredericks, Leaders)

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
3 Blest are they . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
4 Blest are they . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
cause . . . of me. Re - jice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
pure of heart; they . . . . shall see God.  
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*  
All

Re - jice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - jice and be glad!

Yours is the king-dom of God!

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –  
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**Our warm thanks** to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

Emergency Person ..... Linda Wheeler

Parking Attendants ..... Jeremy Bucher, Jan Davis, Roland Kunde, David Kurtz Jr.,  
Tim Peck, Barb Rupp, Tom Shultz, Linda Wheeler

Worship Assistants ..... Joan Belt, Ardis Kunde, Carolyn Markle, Gail Mummert

**RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS** for the week of June 28-July 5:

Sunday: Matthew 10:40-42

Thursday: Romans 7:1-6

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Friday: Romans 7:7-20

Tuesday: 1 John 4:1-6

Saturday: Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday: Matthew 11:20-24

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed **THIS Friday, July 3.**



**PRAYER TIME WITH THE PASTORS - Thursday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.**

All are welcome to join Pastor Kathy, Pastor David or Pastor Faye for a Zoom conversation and prayers. You will find the link and information on the website and Facebook page.



**DAILY DEVOTIONS OFFERED:** The ministerial staff of St. Matthew is offering a daily devotion everyday via the phone line. All you have to do is call the church office at 717-637-7101. If it is after hours (between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.) simply follow the prompts to listen (Press 3 for the daily devotion.) If you call during office hours, tell the secretary you want to hear the daily devotion and they will connect you. It's as simple as that!

**OUR DRIVE-IN WORSHIP** is planned to continue through the summer at 9:00 a.m.

Beginning this Sunday, June 28, we will also have worship in the Nave at 10:45 a.m., and no 11:00 Drive-In Worship. This will, of course, depend on any changes in state safety regulations. If it is raining, we will cancel the Drive-In Worship service(s). A determination will be made by 7:00 a.m. and cancellation will be posted on our website, on WHTM Channel 27 and on our office telephone system.



**GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.  
OUR TRUCK. YOUR FOOD.  
COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE**

in the St. Matthew **PARKING LOT.**  
July 25, 26. 9 am – 12 Noon.



Sponsored by St. Matthew's Social Ministry Committee. Come support those who are even more disadvantaged, now, because of the Coronavirus.

Your check is also welcome – Made out to St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Look for our truck...let's fill it up for the needy!

The list of needs ( for Hanover area Council of Churches) is below:

Scalloped /Au Gratin potatoes	Mustard
Canned Chili	Italian, Ranch or French Salad Dressing
Salt & Pepper	Regular Pam spray
Granulated Sugar	To-go beverage solo cup
Brown Sugar	Tea bags
Canned Carrots	Ground coffee
Canned fruit salad	Mayonnaise
Cream of chicken soup	Catsup
Cream of celery soup	



**YOUTH GROUP** meets via Zoom every Sunday evening at 8:00. All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to share this time together. Weekly activities are being scheduled for Wednesday evenings in places where we can social distance. Tim Peck will send out a REMIND text for the locations. If you have not received the link or are not on REMIND, please e-mail [youth@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:youth@stmattlutheran.org).

**YOUTH ALUMNI** welcomes post-high school through about 24 year olds or so to their weekly Zoom meeting Sunday evenings at 9:00 p.m. Connect with youth you knew back in high school or meet new friends. Great time to talk about living your faith in the world.

**WHY NOT** say all lives matter? What does white privilege mean? How am I racist if I don't see color? Maybe you have asked these or similar questions. We'll look for answers in our **BOOK STUDY** on "Understanding and Dismantling Racism: The Twenty-First Century Challenge to White America" by Joseph Barndt will begin on Wednesday, July 8. We will meet by Zoom from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This book is available on Amazon, both in paperback and on Kindle. Please note that there is an older version of the book with the different title of "Dismantling Racism." We will be using the updated

version, published in 2007. We will cover a chapter each week. We have one copy in the church library for you to borrow. Copies are also available for purchase in the church office. They are \$20.



**VBS CRAFTS** require some work ahead of time. We are looking for discs cut from one ply cardboard (like from Amazon boxes). They should be about four inches in diameter. If you have some boxes at home and can cut some discs, we'd appreciate it! The open end of a Solo-type cup makes the perfect pattern size.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will **CLICK** in August! Our theme of **CLICK—Children Live in Christ's Kingdom**. Our theme has taken on another meaning as we have all be "clicking" our phones, iPads and computers more during the pandemic. We invite you to **CLICK** as you are able this summer!

Our VBS will be a **FAMILY VBS**, each evening from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 6. Each family will have your own **CLICK** table in Fellowship Hall where you will work together on crafts and games and other activities. The nightly Bible story and Puppet Show will be presented from the stage. There will be a snack time, too!

We will require at least one parent or relative to attend with the family. Older siblings may also attend and siblings in at least high school may serve as the "parent" for VBS.

In light of safety regulations, masks will be required to attend. Also, early registration is highly encouraged as we will have to limit the number of families who will be able to fit into Fellowship Hall. We will continue to accept registrations as long as tables are available.

Please complete the VBS registration form and return it to the church office as soon as you can so you can enjoy a week of **CLICK** faithful fun and adventure in August!



**VBS** may be a bit different this year, but we will still need adult and youth leaders to make it all happen. We will be filming the Bible story and the puppet show a week or two ahead of VBS so we may use it in a video for those unable to attend. We'll be putting the craft packets together ahead of time as well. Storytellers, puppeteers, snack servers and more will be needed the week of VBS. If you are able to be a VBS leader any or all of the evenings of August 2 through 6 or available ahead of time, please contact Jan Davis at [jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org), 717-637-7101 or by completing a registration form indicating your availability. Let's **CLICK**!



**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Vacation Bible School 2020  
Sunday, August 2 to Thursday, August 6  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Name(s) and ages/grade of children attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of adult(s) attending: \_\_\_\_\_

(Adults may be a parent, grandparent or other relative or sibling in at least high school. Families will sit together as a table group throughout VBS. Safety measures such as masks and social distancing will be observed. Registrations will continue to be accepted until the capacity of the room is reached.)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical issues we should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/guardian)

Please check here ☐ if you do NOT want your child's photo used on Facebook, the St. Matthew website or other media outlets. No children's names are ever attached.

Please mark T-shirt size for each child and adult attending: \_\_\_\_child small \_\_\_\_child med  
\_\_\_\_child large \_\_\_\_adult med \_\_\_\_adult large \_\_\_\_adult XL \_\_\_\_adult XXL

For youth in grades 7-12 and adults, please indicate how you can help us at VBS! (Anyone 18 or over must be a member of St. Matthew for a minimum of 6 months.) You will be contacted with more information about dates and times for assisting.

Story Teller ☐ Puppeteer ☐ Crafts ☐ Snack Server ☐ Daily Cleaning ☐

Registrations will continue to be accepted until the capacity of the room is reached.

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

**Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18**

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

<sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin,

which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>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; <sup>42</sup>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."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

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