

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH Church Office: 717-637-7101 18th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, October 4, 2020 9:00 a.m.



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. Check out our website at <a href="https://www.stmattlutheran.org">www.stmattlutheran.org</a>, where you can find out more about us and get connected into our community. If you would like a call from one of the pastors, give a pastor or a parking attendant your name and phone number and a pastor will contact you, or call the church office, 717-637-7101, and leave a message for Pastor Kathy or Pastor David.

**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 year.



Please tear off and put in the offering basket as you leave:
Names of everyone attending Sunday, October 4, at 9:00 a.m.:
Would you like to be added to our email list? Please list your name and email address:
Please list any prayer concerns you would like lifted up by the staff:
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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!

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

GATHERING MUSIC Special Music Deb Smith

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and

all of creation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Faithful God,

All: have mercy on us.

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God hears the cries of all who call out in need,

and through his death and resurrection,

Christ has made us his own.

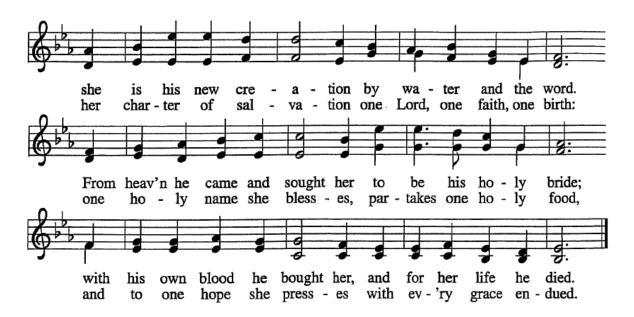
Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness

to do God's work in the world.

All: Amen.





## **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: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help

us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

**HOLY GOSPEL**: **Matthew 21:33-46** *Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.* 

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor M. David Kiel

MUSICAL OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC Deb Smith

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

## Apostle's Creed

Assisting Minister: 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, "Lord, in your mercy," and the congregation responds, "hear our prayer."

## **PEACE**

Assisting Minister: 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: Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink. Amen.

#### RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND WINE

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you. (Eat wafer)

(Pause)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you. (Drink juice)

#### **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. We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by

the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

#### **BLESSING**



#### **DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve in Jesus' name.

All: Thanks be to God.

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:

Musician	Deb Smith
Emergency Person	Darlene Klenk
Parking Attendants	Jeremy Bucher, Jan Davis, Roland Kunde, Tim Peck, Barb Rupp, Tom Shultz, Linda Wheeler
Worship Assistants	Joan Belt, Ardis Kunde, Gail Mummert

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Smoke Sanders by his loving wife Kim, children Bri, Rafe, Ryan, Craig, Katelyn and granddaughter Raelynn; and in loving memory of Robert W. Mummert and in honor of Cameron Robert; and in loving memory of Lela Brillhart's 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday by her daughter and son-in-law Sandy and Don Fuhrman.

**THE BULLETINS** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Smoke Sanders by his loving wife Kim, children Bri, Rafe, Ryan, Craig, Katelyn and granddaughter Raelynn; and in loving memory of Burnell (Reds) Weaver on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 5, by his children Mike, Tina, Karen, Lori and families.

Attendance:	(09/26)	5:00 p.m. service	27
	(09/27)	9:00 a.m. service	151
		10:45 a.m	64
		Total	242

# HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC) NEWS

**PAL**: Spaghetti Sauce, Zip top sandwich bags, Clam shell (hinged foam) containers, Plastic food prep gloves

HACC general (benefits all ministries): Lysol spray/ disinfecting spray

**Meals-on-Wheels**: prayer cards/ words of encouragement for our shut ins, large print word find or crossword activity books

Please place the HACC items in the box near the elevator or bring them to the Church Office. For Ruth's Harvest, place your donation in the shopping cart in the Gathering Place. Thank you for your support!

**HACC** also is in need of volunteers:

Provide A Lunch (PAL) - packing and serving

Shelter – AM and PM

Meals-On-Wheels (MOW) – runners and drivers

Front Desk – Tuesday and Friday reception help

Cleaning - Wednesday

Ruth's Harvest – times, volunteer needs, and needed items to be announced

Please contact the HACC office, 717-633-6353, if you can help.

There are enlarged copies of the bulletins available for each service.

Please see an usher if you need any assistance.

**OUR NEXT MESSENGER** will cover October and the first two weeks of November. You should find it in your mailbox or email the week of October 12.

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week of Sept. 27-Oct. 4:

Sunday: Matthew 21:33-46 Thursday: 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

Monday: 1 Peter 2:4-10 Friday: James 4:4-10
Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Saturday: Mark 2:18-22

Wednesday: John 11:45-57

## GOD'S WORK OUR CANS

October 10 - Nov 1, 2020

GOAL: 1,000 Cans of Corn

for New Hope Ministries Thanksgiving Food Drive



Each year, New Hope Ministries provides groceries for area families in need so they can enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal at home with their loved ones. Area churches and community groups pitch in by collecting large quantities of a specific Thanksgiving food item. Here at St. Matthew we will continue our tradition of collecting canned corn. Our goal this year is 1,000 cans! Beginning October 10, there will be a large collection bin in the Gathering Place, and one outside for the outdoor service, for you to

drop off your cans. If you prefer to make a financial donation to this

ministry, please make your check payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church" and write "Canned Corn" in the memo line. Cash donations should be placed in an envelope marked "Canned Corn."

Thank you in advance for your support! ~ The Social Ministry Committee

WE WERE NOTIFIED OF CHANGES from the Community Aid Thrift Store & Donation Center. Their collection bin service has not proved cost effective for their business. Many of their collection bins will be removed, including the one in our St. Matthew parking lot. We will maintain a partnership with them and encourage you to take clothing and small household items to the Community Aid Store drive-up donation center on Baltimore Street. Specify that you want your donation credited to St Matthew Lutheran Church in Hanover. The church will receive \$.06 per pound of the donations quarterly.

ANYONE CAN SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR BULLETINS for the weekend services. You may give them in "memory," "honor," and/or "in celebration of a special event." The cost is \$15 each for flowers or bulletins. You may sponsor the flowers and bulletins both for the same bulletin, which would be a total of \$30. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please contact the church office, 717-637-7101.



DAILY DEVOTIONS CHANGES: The ministerial staff of St. Matthew is offering a daily devotion Monday through Friday, via the phone line. The devotion will change at approximately 9 a.m. 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!



**A BOOK STUDY ON** "The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Belong" by Karen Gonzalez will take place via Zoom on Wednesdays, November 4, 11 and 18, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Gonzalez blends the story of her family's immigration from Guatemala with the Biblical stories of Ruth, Hagar and others. Copies of the book are now available in the church office for \$10.

**DISCIPLE TRAINING CAMP** is now underway for 2 year olds through 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Kits for each age group are available in Fellowship Hall. Each kit contains the weekly activity sheets, craft materials, craft ideas, prayers and more. The weekly Bible story will be told by one of our storytellers and will be available on the St. Matthew YouTube channel. Please pick up your Kit today in Fellowship Hall or in the church office during the week.

**YOUTH** in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are meeting on the first and third Sunday of each month. Watch your REMIND texts for details about up-coming events. Please e-mail youth@stmattlutheran.org to be added to the text/e-mail lists.

**SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL** is meeting from 10:00 to 10:30 in the yard beside the Education building each Sunday morning. Bring your chair and your mask and talk about faith issues together. If the weather is bad, the class will move inside to the youth suite. (room 303/304). Donuts will be there, too!

**OUR DRIVE-IN WORSHIP** is planned to continue, weather permitting, through October at 9:00 a.m. We will also have worship Saturday at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and Sunday in the Nave at 10:45 a.m. This will, of course, depend on any changes in state safety regulations. If it is raining, we will cancel the Drive-In Worship service. A determination will be made by 7:00 a.m. and cancellation will be

posted on Facebook and on our website and there will be a message on the office phone.



# Weekly Bible Study continuing on Wednesdays, at 10-11:00 a.m.in person in Fellowship Hall AND 7:00-8:00 p.m. by Zoom

It is not too late to join this down to earth, back to the basics Bible study. The approach that we will take as we read the Gospel of Matthew is the following:

The Gospel of Matthew is a training manual for disciples of Jesus who want to understand and be

prepared for Christian life within the believing community and Christian mission outside the community.

With this approach, we can appreciate both how this Gospel functioned in Matthew's own community and also, in a similar fashion, how it can serve as a discipleship manual for us today as well. (Thank you to Dr. Mark Vitalis Hoffman, Professor of Biblical Studies at United Lutheran Seminary, for the Bible Study resources.)

October 7 Whose Side Are You On?—What is our Calling?

Matthew 11-17

October 14 New Community, Same Old World—What is our Vision?

Matthew 18-23

October 21 Sent with a Promise—What is our Commission?

Matthew 24-28

Sign up by contacting Pastor Kathy at *pastorkathy@stmattlutheran.org* or by calling 717-637-7101 ext. 231.

## FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7 [not printed]

#### Psalm 80:7-15

## SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. 34When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. 35 But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' 39So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" 41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read

in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. 44The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. 46They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.