

A young boy with a blue headband and a blue shirt is holding a small blue bell-shaped flower. He is standing in front of a purple wall. The background is blurred, showing a wooden fence and some greenery. The text is overlaid on the image.

Give to God
the **things**
that are
God's

MATTHEW 22:21

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Office: 717-637-7101
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 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 www.stmattlutheran.org, 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 18, 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:

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

For Everyone Born

Mann

(Scott Fredericks, Soloist, singing verses)

[Refrain]

and God _____ will de-light when we are cre-

a - tors of jus - tice and joy, _____ com-

pas - sion and peace: _____ yes, God _____ will de-light when we are cre-

a - tors of jus - tice, _____ jus-tice and

joy! _____

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.

OPENING HYMNAs the Deer - Nystrom/Shanfelt



As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af-ter thee.
You're my friend and you are my bro-ther, e-ven though you are a king.

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship thee.
I love you more than an-y o-ther, so much more than an-y-thing.

You a-lone are my strength, my shield; to you a-lone may my spir-it yield.

You a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I long to wor-ship thee.

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: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by
you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for
your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22 *After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.*

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

MUSICAL OFFERING

One Step He Leads
(Rhonda Smith, Soloist)

Choplin

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

CLOSING HYMN *You Servants of God – No. 825*



You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

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 –
Also #A-708989 *One License.net*

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Phone: 717-637-7101

General mailbox ext. 221

Email: info@stmattlutheran.org www.stmattlutheran.org

The Rev. Kathryn Vitalis Hoffman, Lead Pastor, ext. 231

The Rev. M. David Kiel, Interim Associate Pastor, ext. 229

The Rev. Faye C. Snyder, Cong. Visitation Pastor

Deacon Jan M. Davis, Minister of Christian Education, ext. 232

Scott G. Fredericks, Minister of Music, ext. 235

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

Musician..... Rhonda Smith, Soloist

Emergency Person Linda Wheeler

Parking AttendantsJeremy Bucher, Jan Davis, Roland Kunde,
Tim Peck, Barb Rupp, Tom Shultz, Linda Wheeler

Worship AssistantsJoan Belt, Ardis Kunde, Gail Mummert

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory Janet Bowman and Mim Staub by Linda Staub; and in loving memory of Eva Newman by daughter June Kessler and family; and in loving memory of Helen S. Blocher by the Larry Blocher family; and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wetzel by Dorothy Schriver and family; and in loving memory of Jean Bollinger by her daughter Kim Beard.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eva Newman by daughter June Kessler and family.

THE SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be held for Joan Hiner on Thursday, October 22, at 11 a.m., here at St. Matthew Church. Though we celebrate the departure of her life to be with the Lord, we also include in our prayers of support the members of her family and all who are bereaved.

Attendance:	(10/10)	5:00 p.m. service	22
	(10/11)	9:00 a.m. service	142
		10:45 a.m.....	52
		Total	216

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!

OUR NEXT MESSENGER will cover the end of October and November. You should find it in your mailbox or email the week of October 19.

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week of October 18-25:

Sunday: Matthew 22:15-22	Thursday: Titus 1:5-16
Monday: Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20	Friday: Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
Tuesday: Revelation 18:21-24	Saturday: John 5:39-47
Wednesday: Matthew 17:22-27	

OUR SUNDAY 9 A.M. worship service will remain outdoors as long as weather permits. We will evaluate on a week-to-week basis. Once we can no longer be outside, the service will be moved indoors with the indoor guidelines of social distancing and masks being required. The change to indoors will be communicated through our website, our Facebook page and the office phone. Pews will be cleaned between the 9:00 and 10:45 service.



St. Matthew Calendar for October 18-25, 2020

Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	10:45 a.m.
	Youth.....	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Mon.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
Tues.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
	Discovery Place Board Meeting (Library)	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
	Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	10:00-11:00 a.m.
	Primary Choir Rehearsal	4:20-5:00 p.m.
	Junior Choir Rehearsal	4:45-5:30 p.m.
	Bible Study (Zoom).....	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
	Preschool Choir Rehearsal	6:15-7:00 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringer Rehearsal(1).....	7:00-7:35 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringer Rehearsal (2).....	7:40-8:15 p.m.
Fri.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:30-11:45 a.m.
Sat.	Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion(Nave).....	10:45 a.m.

WE ASK THAT EVERYONE please enter the building no more than 15 minutes before any indoor services to minimize the amount of time spent in the building.

Masks are required in the building.

Please do not congregate in the hallways. Meet up with your friends and fellow members outside the building!

We ask that everyone practice social distancing (at least 6 feet, excluding households) when in the church building.

Seating will be as directed by the Worship Assistants.

The ushers will release everyone a row at a time.

“CHOOSE KINDNESS” Yard Signs are now available! Inspired by our Youth, these attractive and meaningful signs may be placed in your yard to spread the message of kindness. The signs include our church name and website and a remembrance of Bryan Doll, Jr. Purple was his favorite color. Each sign is a suggested donation of \$10. Proceeds will go to Olivia’s House, our local grief center for children and their families, and the Bryan Doll Memorial Foundation. Signs are available in the church office or following weekend worship services. Please make checks payable to *St. Matthew Lutheran Church* with *Yard Sign* on the memo line. Thank you as you “Choose Kind!”



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*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A BOOK STUDY/BIBLE STUDY on “The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Belong” by Karen Gonzalez will take place on Wednesdays, November 4, 11 and 18, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom. 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. A copy is also available in the church library. Please contact Deacon Jan at 717-637-7101 or jdavisaim@stmatthlutheran.org for the Zoom link.

CYBER WOMEN invites all women to talk about faith issues via Zoom on Monday, October 19, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. We will use the articles found in *Café*, the on-line magazine of the Women of the ELCA. *Café* may be found at www.boldcafe.org. This month’s articles about grounding rituals and relaxation are inspiring for these stressful times. If you do not have the Zoom link, please contact Jan Davis at 717-637-7101 or jdavisaim@stmatthlutheran.org with your name, e-mail address and request for Cyber Women’s Zoom link.



DISCIPLE TRAINING CAMP is now underway for 2 year olds through 6th 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 7th through 12th grade are meeting on the first and third Sunday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Watch your REMIND texts for details about up-coming events. Please e-mail youth@stmatthlutheran.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!



The Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America THANKOFFERING SERVICES will be held the weekend of November 14 & 15. Women of the ELCA are a community of women whose mission and ministry impacts the whole church, men and children included. For Christian disciples, giving thanks involves

acknowledging our responsibility to give. Thankoffering is one way that Christian women have encouraged the link between gratitude and giving. Begun in the late 19th century, the Thankoffering tradition encourages women to take a daily account of God's blessings. Thankofferings support all the ministries of Women of the ELCA – from advocacy and education to discipleship and outreach. The Women of the ELCA combine their individual collections to support mission and ministry in the church. The service will be presented by Deacon Jan Davis. This is an opportunity for people of all ages to give thanks for their blessings. Please make checks payable to "Women of the ELCA." Thank you!

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 - Join us for the last session of 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 21 *Sent with a Promise—What is our **Commission?*** Matthew 24-28

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



**Congregational
MEETING**

THIS ANNOUNCEMENT SERVES AS OFFICIAL NOTICE that we will hold our Congregation Meeting on Sunday, November 8, immediately following the late worship service (approximately 11:30 a.m.) The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2021 and elect four new council members and a youth representative. If you would like to participate in this meeting but are not comfortable or able to attend in person, please contact the church office, 717-637-7101, to make accommodations. Ushers will seat anyone who comes after the service is over, maintaining social distancing. Masks will be required.

Once a 2021 budget is approved by Council, copies will be available at all services the weekend of October 31/November 1 and November 7/8 ahead of the Congregation meeting. If there are questions regarding the budget, members of the Finance Committee will be available in the Gathering Place before the Congregation meeting to answer any questions.

New Council members to be voted on include Andrea Hersh, Randy Kline, Tom Shultz, Bob Strangfeld and youth representative Adam Farmer.

All voting (active) members of the congregation are asked to attend this important meeting.

We will be holding our **7TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK** this year on Saturday, December 5. It will be a Cookie Walk - Covid Style. Here's how it will work: We will be selling the boxes of cookies baked by church members, already packed by us! They will all be assorted – still \$10 a box. Instead of the close quarters of the Fellowship Hall – they will be sold from a table in the hallway (socially distanced!). If you would like to bake cookies for the walk, please contact Andrea Hersh, 717-968-7094, or email the church office at info@stmatthlutheran.org. Proceeds will benefit our Global Mission Outreach.



DISCOVERY PLACE PRESCHOOL may be smaller in number this year, but we are off to a **GREAT** start! We are so thankful that our preschoolers have been fantastic about our extra safety measures to help prevent germ-sharing. A big **THANK YOU** to whomever donated hand sanitizer and paper towels. We appreciate donations very much! We are always looking for sanitizing wipes, which have been scarce in our community lately.



One item we need in late October is approximately 10-12 small-to-medium pumpkins, so our 3's preschoolers can have a "Pumpkin Painting Party" with a parent. If anyone knows where we can get pumpkins at a discounted rate, please let us know.

Thank you again for your prayers and support! Please check out our Facebook page periodically to catch a glimpse of what our preschoolers are doing!

Cheerfully in Christ,

Martha Lobaugh

discoveryplacehanover@gmail.com 717-637-1864 (preschool office)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
 to subdue nations before him
 and strip kings of their robes,
 to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
 and level the mountains,
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
 so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name,
 I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the
 sun
 and from the west, that there is no one
 besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things.

Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]**SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the
 Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
 Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you
 and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³re-
 membering before our God and Father your

work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness
 of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know,
 brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has
 chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel
 came to you not in word only, but also in power
 and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;
 just as you know what kind of persons we proved
 to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became
 imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of
 persecution you received the word with joy in-
 spired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an
 example to all the believers in Macedonia and in
 Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded
 forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia,
 but in every place your faith in God has become
 known, so that we have no need to speak about
 it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about
 us what kind of welcome we had among you, and
 how you turned to God from idols, to serve a liv-
 ing and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from
 heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus,
 who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus]
 in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to
 him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher,
 we know that you are sincere, and teach the way
 of God in accordance with truth, and show def-
 erence to no one; for you do not regard people
 with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it
 lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But
 Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you
 putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show
 me the coin used for the tax." And they brought
 him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose
 head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered,
 "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give
 therefore to the emperor the things that are the
 emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."
²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and
 they left him and went away.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

Cover: Girl presenting a single bell flower, Sylt Island, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Photo copyright © LOOK-Info/Superstock.

Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible with Apocrypha, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Revised Common Lectionary copyright © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), admin. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Please visit our Web site at www.augsburgfortress.org.

Copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced. Printed in U.S.A.

Tracks 1 and 2
 ELCA-R