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TO THE WEDDING BANQUET



MATTHEW 22:9

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Office: 717-637-7101
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 11, 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 11, 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

All Good Gifts

Martin

(Judy Porowski and Helen Smith, Soloists)

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 HYMN *We Are Called* – No. 720

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in

Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.

Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14 *Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *More Than Just Showing Up* Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

MUSICAL OFFERING *The Table of Peace* arr. Nordmeyer
(Judy Porowski and Helen Smith, Soloists)

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 HYMNThe Peace of the Lord – No. 646



1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
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DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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

MusiciansJudy Porowski and Helen Smith, Soloists

Emergency Person Erika Kovacevic

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 Kenneth Bollinger who passed away on October 9 by Kim, Duane, Justin and Jared Peterman; and in loving memory of Mary Utz who would have celebrated her 95th birthday on October 12 by her loving daughter Bev Stevens; and in loving memory of Katie Zinn by her daughter Anna Trone; and in loving memory of Lester L. and Lena J. Hamm by Bert and Joyce Elsner and family; and in loving memory of Bruce Yelland by Sally (Yelland) Ehrhart and family; and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William Hann and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hann and loved ones.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bruce Yelland by Sally (Yelland) Ehrhart and family; and in loving memory of Anna E. Baker by her son Philip Zinn; and in loving memory of John Charles Frederick Sr. who would have celebrated his birthday on October 14 by the Frederick family.

Attendance:	(10/03)	5:00 p.m. service	23
	(10/04)	9:00 a.m. service	157
		10:45 a.m.....	66
		Total	246

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!

**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 19.

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

Sunday: Matthew 22:1-14	Thursday: 3 John 9-12
Monday: Jude 17-25	Friday: 1 Peter 5:1-5
Tuesday: Philippians 3:13—4:1	Saturday: Matthew 14:1-12
Wednesday: John 6:25-35	

St. Matthew Calendar for October 11-18, 2020

Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	10:45 a.m.
Mon.	NO Discovery Place Classes	
	Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall).....	10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tues.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m.
	All Committee Night (Fellowship Hall).....	7:00 p.m.
Wed.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45 a.m.-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.
	9 th Grade Confirmation (Zoom)	12:00-12:30 p.m.
	9 th Grade Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)	4:00-6:00 p.m.
	Youth Group (Zoom)	6:00-8:00 p.m.



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!

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*

THE WOMEN OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA will hold their **THANKOFFERING SERVICES** 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 Thankoffering services will be presented by Deacon Jan Davis.

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.



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!

OUR DRIVE-IN WORSHIP is planned to continue through October at 9:00 a.m. We will also have worship 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 this page, our website and on our office telephone system.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – Registrations for the November 13-15 retreat at Camp Nawakwa are due by noon on October 18. For more information, contact Tim Peck at tjpeck@comcast.net.

Emmanuel

Matthew's Story of Jesus

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 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@stmatlutheran.org or by calling 717-637-7101 ext. 231.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade
from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a
winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will
make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged
wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged
wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

⁸Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears
from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take
away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Psalm 23**SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9**

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GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22.

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