



Rejoice and be glad,  
for your reward is great  
in heaven

MATTHEW 5:12



**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Church Office: 717-637-7101**

**All Saints Day**

**Sunday, November 1, 2020**

**10:45 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](http://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 the third Sunday of each month.



Please tear off and put in the offering basket as you leave:

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Names of everyone attending Sunday, November 1, 2020, 10:45 a.m.:

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Would you like to be added to our email list? Please list your name and email address:

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Please list any prayer concerns you would like lifted up by the staff:

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Out of respect for the health and safety of all members, we respectfully require the wearing of masks and the practice of social distancing (6 feet). If you have forgotten your facemask, one will be provided.

Offering plates will not be passed. There is a basket at each door.

At the conclusion of our service, please allow the ushers to dismiss you and your party individually to assure that social distancing is maintained.

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

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PRELUDE

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
(Handbell Ensemble)

arr. Larson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**All: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Holy One,

**All: we confess that we are not awake for you.**

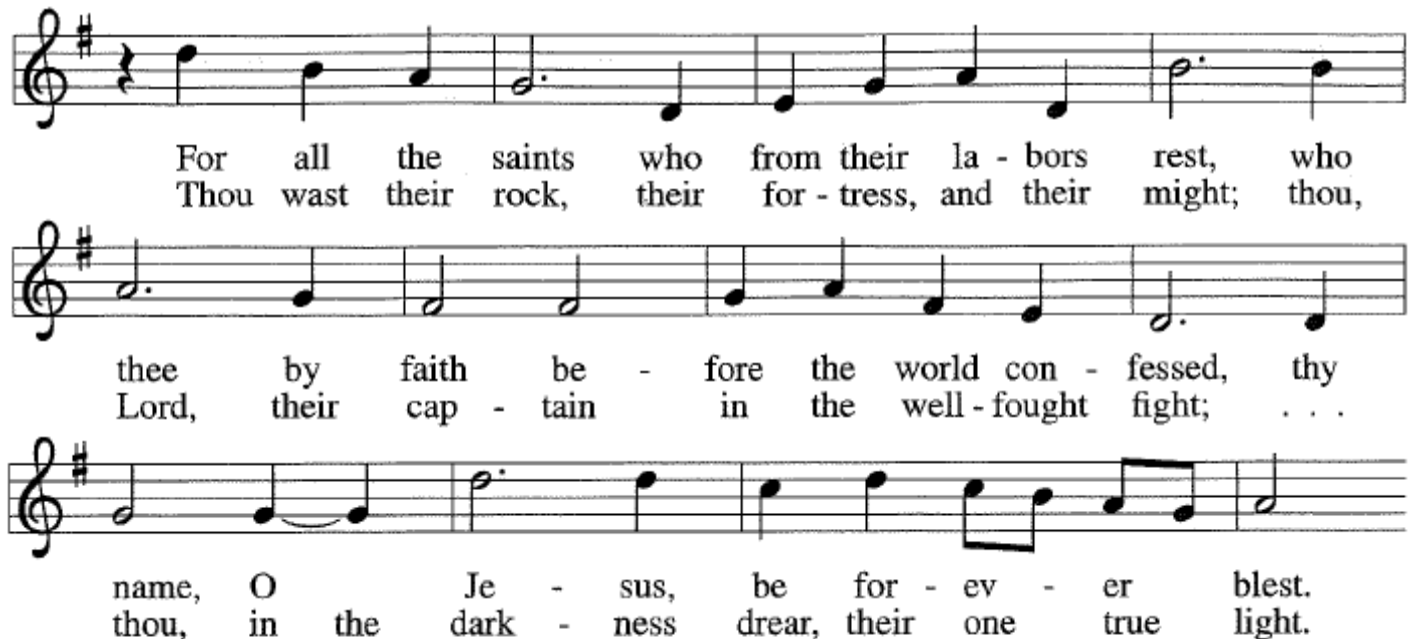
We are not faithful in using your gifts.  
 We forget the least of our siblings.  
 We do not see your beautiful image in one another.  
 We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.  
 Open our hearts to your coming,  
 open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
 open our hands to serve your creation. 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 ..... *For All the Saints* - No. 422**

**(Please hum or follow along silently)**



For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
 thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .  
 name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.



## 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: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please hum or follow along silently)



Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12** *In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Faye Snyder**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

***Maker of All Things***

**Koch/Robinson/Smith**

**(Lea Coppola, Tyler Newman & Brenna Shaffer, 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 AND ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

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

## 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 **with nods and waves**)*

## 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

SOLO

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
(Pastor M. David Kiel, Soloist)

MALOTTE

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

**All: 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.

All: Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.

All: Amen.

## BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN ..... *Blessed Are They* – No. 728  
(Please hum or follow along silently)

Leader or All



Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
Blest are they . . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
king - dom of God. theirs.  
shall . . . be theirs.  
chil - dren of God.  
Blest are they, the  
Blest are they, the  
Blest are they who



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.

*Refrain*  
 All

Re - joice and be glad!

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

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

# RECOGNITION OF SCOTT FREDERICKS' 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT ST. MATTHEW

## DISMISSAL

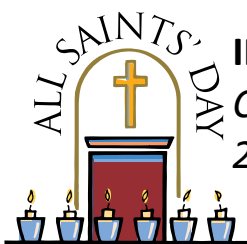
Pastor: Beloved of God,  
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### *For All the Saints*

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(Please remain seated until excused by an usher)



**IN MEMORY OF** *the members of St. Matthew called into the Church Triumphant from November 1, 2019, to November 1, 2020. These loved ones will be commemorated individually in the Prayers of the Church.*

November 2 – John Fowler	April 30 – Nadine Sterner
November 4 – Klaus Molzahn	May 10 – Joyce Hoffman
November 12 – A. Jean Martin	May 11 – Witmer (Jack) Trone
November 19 – Doris Zumbrum	June 6 – Margaret Hankey
November 22 – Sharon Hess	June 13 – David Heese
November 29 – Betty Brenner	July 2 – Paul Fry
December 1 – William (Bill) Herring	July 9 – Robert (Bob) Luckenbaugh
February 15 – Robert Wagner	July 13 – Richard Hershey
February 28 – Elaine Cullison	October 9 – Margaret (Molly) Mancini
March 4 – David Amspacher	October 9 – Joanne Hiner
April 30 – Michael Foreman	

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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

Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –  
Also #A-708989 *One License.net*

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

Musicians ..... Lea Coppola, Tyler Newman & Brenna Shaffer, Soloists;  
Handbell Ensemble: Bryan Doll, Ruth Erb, Diane Hoffman-Neail,  
Roland and Ardis Kunde, Stacy Parsons, Jaime Patterson, Penny Ritter, Doug West  
Emergency Person ..... Doris Deitzel  
Ushers ..... Team 10 – Steve Little, Scott Livelsberger, David Kurtz Jr.,  
Joel Ruths, Irvin Sowers Jr., Karen Sowers, Barry & Lori Unger

***THE ALTAR FLOWERS*** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Neil Kessel Sr. who would have celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 4, by his wife Carol, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

***THE BULLETINS*** have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gerald and Romaine Orndorff by their family.

<b>Attendance:</b>	(10/24)	5:00 p.m. service .....	32
	(10/25)	9:00 a.m. service .....	140
		10:45 a.m.....	103
		<b>Total</b> .....	275

***Prayer List***

Virginia	Bob
Bill & Barb	Nathan
Larry	Dan
Carroll	Joel
Jack	Pastor Ruths
Vicki	Bill & Carole
John	Larry
John	Nan

**RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS** for the week of November 1-8:

Sunday: Matthew 5:1-12

Thursday: Revelation 8:6—9:12

Monday: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Friday: Revelation 9:13-21

Tuesday: Acts 13:1-12

Saturday: Matthew 24:1-14

Wednesday: Matthew 15:1-9

**HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (HACC) NEWS**

**PAL:** Spaghetti Sauce, Ranch and Italian Dressing, Sauerkraut, Stovetop Chicken Stuffing, Individual Fruit Cups, Butter, Breadcrumbs

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

**Changing Lives Shelter:** Large Debris Trash Bags, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Medium Size Gloves, Disinfectant Wipes/Sprays

**HACC general (benefits all ministries):** Lysol Spray/Disinfecting Spray

**Clothing bank:** New Children's Socks

Volunteers are needed in many areas at HACC. Call their office to find out where you could help, 717-633-6353.

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!

**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.

## St. Matthew Calendar for November 1 - 8, 2020

Sun.	Drive-In Worship with Holy Communion.....	9:00 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	10:45 a.m.
	Youth Group (Rm. 304) .....	6:00-8:00 p.m.
Mon.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
	Girl Scouts (Gym) .....	6:00-7:30 p.m.
Tues.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
	Women of the ELCA Bible Study (Lounge) .....	6:00-7:30 p.m.
	Cub Scouts (Gym).....	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wed.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45-11:45 a.m.
	Book/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.
	Boy Scouts (Gym) .....	6:00-9:00 p.m.
	Book/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).....	7:00-7:30 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringer Rehearsal (2).....	7:35-8:00 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.
	Congregation Meeting (Nave) .....	11:45 a.m.

**A NEW MEMBERS CLASS** is scheduled in November for three weeks. If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew, please contact Stacy in the church office, 717-637-7101, or email her at [sbrodbeck@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:sbrodbeck@stmattlutheran.org).





**THIS Sunday, November 1,** marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being the St. Matthew Minister of Music for Scott Fredericks. We will not be able to honor Mr. Scott with a luncheon, but we will have a basket available at each weekend service for cards for anyone who would like to give him one, or they can be sent to the church office to his attention. We will have a presentation for him at each worship service and at the conclusion of the 10:45 service.



**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.



Copies of the budget will be available at all services this weekend 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, or you can email our Treasurer Karyn George at [treasurer@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:treasurer@stmattlutheran.org).

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.

**Last Chance!**



## **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*

**"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 Jr. 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 Kindness!"



We will be holding our **7<sup>TH</sup> 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@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:info@stmattlutheran.org). Proceeds will benefit our Global Mission Outreach.



**A BOOK STUDY/BIBLE 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, 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. On November 4, we'll discuss chapters 1-4 about Ruth, Naomi and Abraham. November 11, we'll focus on Hagar and Joseph in chapters 5-8. We'll conclude with chapters 9-11 on November 18. Just a few books remain, but we can order more if needed. A copy is also available in the church library. Please contact Deacon Jan at 717-637-7101 or [jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org) for the Zoom link.

**YOUTH** in the 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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@stmattlutheran.org](mailto: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!



**THE ADVENT SOCIAL** will include making Advent wreaths to take home. We will need empty toilet paper rolls to make the candles. If you have any to donate, please bring them to the church office during the week or to any weekend service. Thank you!

**PRAYER SHAWLS AND QUILTS** will be blessed during the services the weekend of November 14 and 15. Our shawl and quilt creators are invited to bring them in to the church office by November 12 so we may display them.



They may also be brought to the service you usually attend. These brightly colored shawls and quilts are given to people in need of prayer and a tangible way to feel God's love surrounding them. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet a prayer shawl, please contact Jan Davis at 717-637-7101 or [jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:jdavisaim@stmattlutheran.org). To assist with our quilt ministry, please contact Carol Smeltzer at 717-451-7337.

**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.



### ***ANGEL TREE TRADITION TO CONTINUE:***

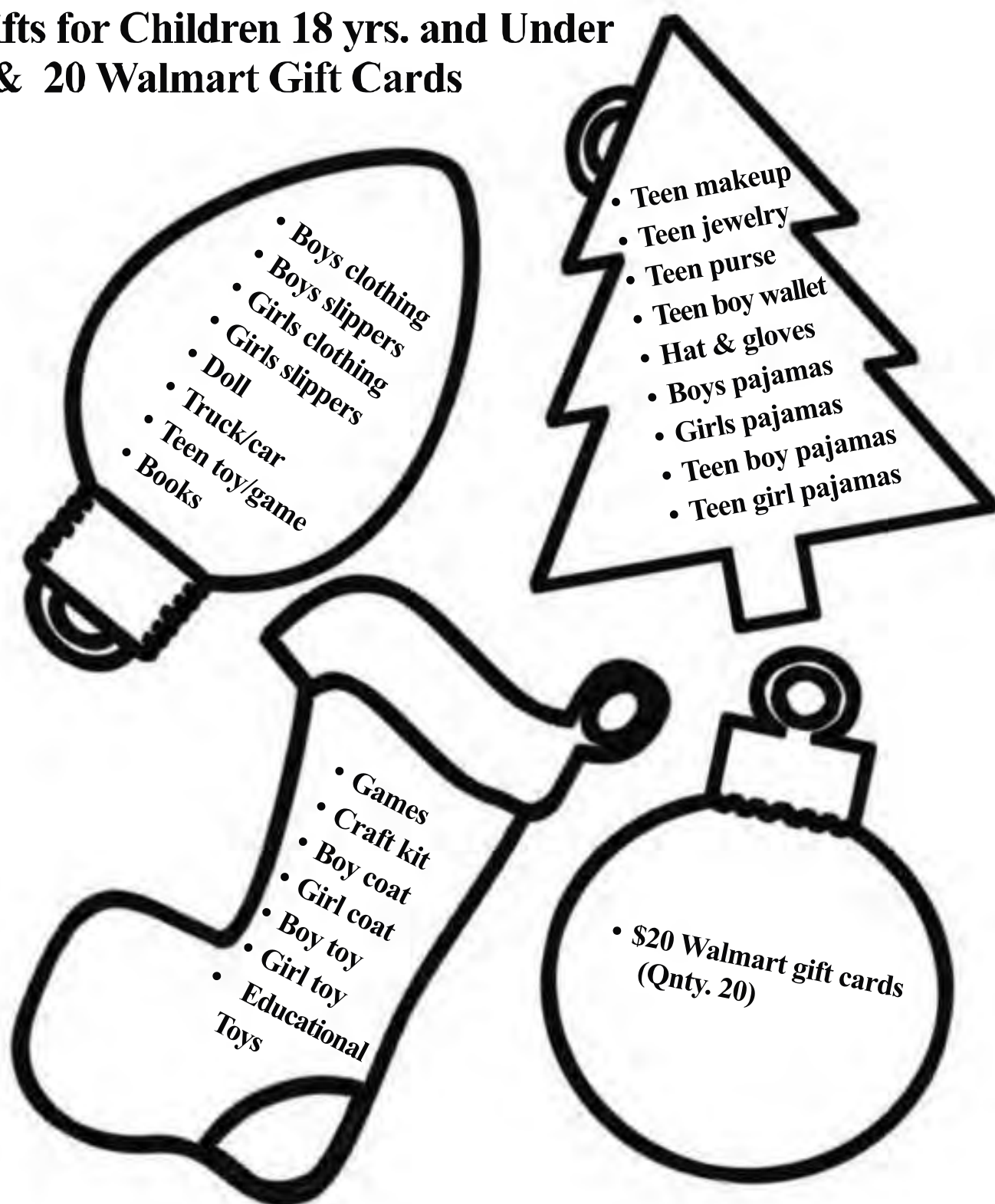
2020 has been a year unlike any other. Fortunately, some traditions, although different, will continue. The St. Matthew Angel Tree will once again be a part of our Christmas celebration as we collect gifts for Hanover children age 18 and under. The Angel Tree will be outside during Drive-In Worship and then displayed either in the Gathering Place or the Elevator Lobby during the month of November. Instead of removing an ornament from the tree as in past years, please choose a gift from the list printed on the ornaments in the bulletin. Return the unwrapped gifts and place them in the bin alongside the Angel Tree by Sunday, December 1. Our donated gifts will be delivered to New Hope Ministries, who will share them with Hanover area families in need. We are also again collecting \$20 Walmart gift cards for residents of HUD's Oakview Terrace apartments. Please take the gift cards to the church office by Monday, December 2 at 9 a.m. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of local families and making this year a brighter Christmas.





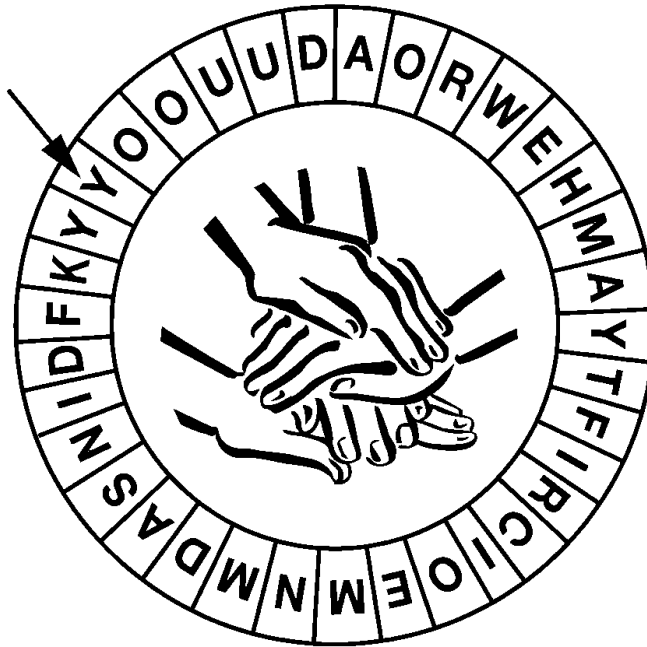
# **ANGEL TREE**

**Gifts for Children 18 yrs. and Under  
& 20 Walmart Gift Cards**



# Puzzle!

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below to discover what Jesus says about his friends.



“ Y

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_”

JOHN 15:14, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command.” John 15:14, NIV

**THANKOFFERING WEEKEND, November 14 & 15,**

**2020:** Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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. To help support the national Women of the ELCA and give thanks to God for his blessings to us envelopes will be available on the table with the bulletins. Place envelopes in offering plate or send to the church office. Please make checks payable to the *Women of the ELCA* (no Thankoffering boxes this year because of Corid-19). The Thankoffering service will be presented by Deacon Jan Davis.

***SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS*** - **I learned that others are struggling too. I am not Alone!** Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving a loved one's death. It will be held in the Upper Room on Saturday, November 21, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Call 717-451-0851, with questions or to register.



***THE ADVENT SOCIAL*** is planned for Sunday, November 29, the first Sunday of Advent. We will change it up a bit to make it safer with social distancing and masks and also more family-friendly. To do this, your registration will be more important, although we hope to have space for last-minute participants.

**ADVENT** As you enter Fellowship Hall, your family or table-mates will go to your assigned table. There will be a craft there to begin to work on as you wait for your table to be called to the lunch table. After we finish eating, an Advent wreath craft will be handed out for you to complete. Then we will have an Advent devotion and will “light” our first candle. We need empty toilet paper rolls for the craft.

Those without children or youth may choose to sit with a friend or other relative. Please mark your table-mate on your registration form. We can put up to four at a table. If you have more in your family, we will combine tables to seat you together. We will not combine tables for those who are unrelated. Please complete your Advent Social Reply Form and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Space may become limited.



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## ADVENT SOCIAL REPLY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: Children (under 12) \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Names of table mates who are not family members: (limit of 4 non-related persons per table)

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Please return as soon as possible as space may become limited.



**FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22****SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Amos 5:18-24 or Wisdom 6:12-15; Psalm 70 or Wisdom 6:17-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

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