

Welcome

TO ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions, please find a name-tagged usher.

We're excited about the many ministries of St. Matt's, and we hope you'll find a way to plug in that makes sense for you! We worship weekly in person on Saturdays and Sundays and livestream a service on our YouTube channel. Our Faith Connections hour begins with refreshments in the Gathering Place at 9:30 a.m. Music ministries for children, teens, and adults rehearse at various times throughout the week. Youth Group for grades 6-12 meets twice a month.

We gather as a community for worship around Word, wine, and water. Put another way, in worship we meet Christ in scripture proclaimed in speech & song, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism celebrated or remembered, and in community gathered together.

We're glad you're here!

Pastors Kathy, Taylor, and Faye

CONTACT INFORMATION

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FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

@StMattHanover

- Indoor worship in the Nave (Sundays, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.)
- Casual worship in the Fellowship Hall (Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.)
- Seasonal outdoor & parking lot worship (Sundays, 8:30 a.m.)
- Livestream worship via YouTube (at and after 10:30 a.m. Sundays)
- Children's Church in the PrayGround (Sundays, 10:30 a.m.)



For Visitors

BATHROOMS

Bathrooms can be found in the hallway that is perpendicular to the nave and adjacent to the fellowship hall. Follow signage or ask a name-tagged usher to point you in the right direction.

ACCESSIBILITY

If you need visual or mobility accommodations, please let a name-tagged usher know. Handicap parking and entrances are located on the south side of the building (on Franklin street) and a handicap entrance is located at the north portico entrance (on Chestnut Street) with easy drop-off access. The elevator at the Franklin Street entrance can be used to access all levels of the building. Large print bulletins are available by request from the ushers.

FAITH CONNECTIONS

Throughout life, God forms our faith through learning, relationships, and rituals. We offer opportunities for some of those faith connections for all ages on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

- Splash Class (occasional only) | 9:45-10:15 | PrayGround | ages 3 months-36 months with parent or caregiver
- Faith Connections | basement classrooms | ages 3 years through 5th grade
- Confirmation Class | Youth Suite | ages 6th through 8th grade
- Pastor's Class | Upper Room | adults and teens who have been confirmed | rotating topics
- Generations Class | Parlor | adults and teens who have been confirmed | exploring current events through a faith lens



HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to encounter Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome to participate. We serve this Meal in a few different forms as outlined in the bulletin. Gluten free wafers are available by request from Communion assistants, who are also prepared to offer a verbal blessing to those who are not yet receiving Communion.

CHILDREN

Here at St. Matt's, we welcome children and all the movement, messiness, and noise they bring along to worship. Children's bulletins are available every week from the ushers at all worship services. At the 10:30 service on Sundays, we invite children 10 years old and under to join our Children's Ministry Team Leader, Ms. Stacy Parsons, for Children's Church when indicated in the bulletin. We ask that children who are not yet potty trained to bring an adult along with them.

You are welcome here even if:

- You're messy.
- Your family doesn't fit a mold.
- Church has not been comfortable for you before.
- You're not from here.
- You're not sure about all this.
- You need a beloved community.