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Attending **10:30 a.m.**

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**Welcome!** 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 or need visual, audio, or mobility accommodations, please let a name-tagged usher know. 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!

**About today:** *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.*

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5 p.m., Sunday drive-in (May through October) worship at 8:30 a.m., and Sunday indoor worship at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed).

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 12, 2024**

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**PRELUDE**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Wood

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your  
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy,  
loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy  
Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

**BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES** (See page 17 for bios)

**OPENING HYMN**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**ELW #879**

Pierpoint/Kocher



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.



## 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.**

*Children ages 10 and under are invited to meet our children's leader at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear a Bible story from this week's lectionary in an age-appropriate format and spend some time exploring their faith and creativity together. They will return during the passing of the peace.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs. 4)*

ELW #855

Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world,

that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**FIRST READING Acts 1:15-17, 21-26** *In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 1** *(Please read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due  
season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





Pastor: The holy gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:6-19** *In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE MESSAGE

Pastor Faye Snyder

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

### *Apostles' 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

Assisting Minister: Each petition concludes, *“God of grace,”* and the congregation responds, *“hear our prayer.”*

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another with the words “Peace be with you,” and gestures respecting personal space and comfort levels.)*

*Children return from Children’s Church.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### *The Gift of Love* Adult Choir

arr. Hopson

**Text:** Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

### GENEROSITY MOMENT

We celebrate God's generosity embodied in this community's time, talents, and treasures shared with one another. **Thank you for your presence** in worship today. **Thank you for offering** the "first fruits" of your finances. Offerings may be placed in the baskets near the entrances/exits of the worship space or through online giving on our website. **Thank you for sharing** your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities.

### OFFERTORY

### Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

(Sing Twice)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Risen One,

**All: you call us to believe and bear fruit.**

**May the gifts that we offer here**

be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

## THE MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

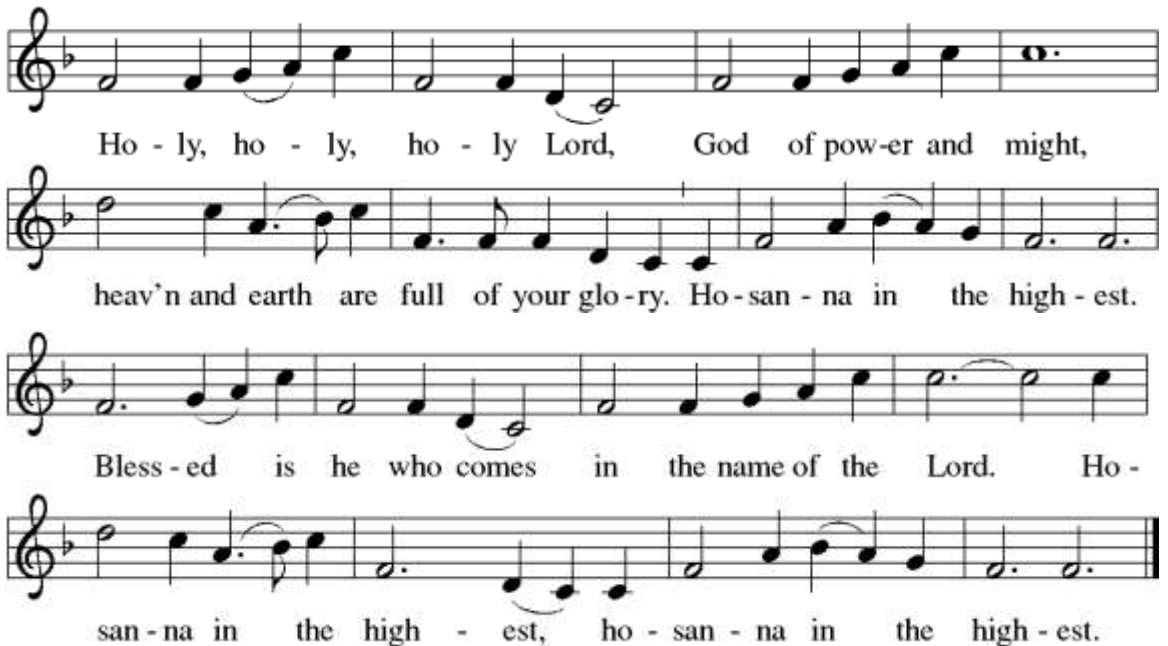
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**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.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn:



The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.' The third staff starts with 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -' and the fourth staff concludes with 'san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases marked with slurs.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH 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**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. The meal is served in several ways. Choose what is appropriate for you.*

***Individual packets** are available for those wishing to remain in their pew.*

***If you are unable to come forward**, but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.*

***Continuous manner** – Come forward at the direction of the ushers, take the wafer from the pastor, "The body of Christ, given for you", and eat it. (Gluten-free wafers are available) Then move to the next station and take one of the cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) "The blood of Christ, shed for you", and drink it.*

***Children who do not yet receive communion** are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

#### **IN-PEW COMMUNION**

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

**All: Amen.** *(Eat wafer)*

*(Pause)*

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (*Drink wine*)

### LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### COMMUNION HYMN

*Taste and See*

**ELW #493**

Moore Jr.

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Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.  
3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
To - geth - er let us all . . . . praise God's name.  
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;  
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;  
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

*Refrain*



for God has been so good to me.  
from all my trou - bles I was set free.  
in God we need put all our trust.

## **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**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**All: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✝ bless you now and always.

**All: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

**ELW #855**  
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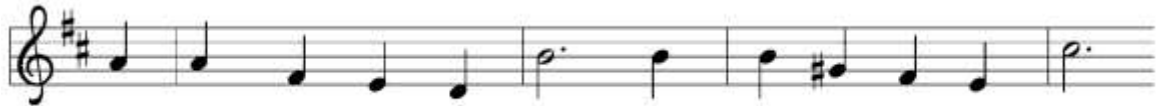




1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

## DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Overture and Rejoicing “From the Royal Fireworks Music”*

Handel/Biggs

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**THIS WEEK** we celebrate God’s love as we honor and remember mothers and those who provide motherly care. Carnations will be offered to women at all services.

**CHOOSE KINDNESS** yard signs are once again available in the Gathering Place! You are able to donate whatever you would like. Let’s remind people that we do have the power to choose kindness.

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

Musicians .....Adult Choir  
Altar Flower Delivery .....Tina Schaffner  
Altar Guild ..... Anna Marchio, Penny Rutters  
Assisting Minister..... Hunter Crabbs  
Children’s Church Leader..... Melissa Smith  
Communion Assistants .....Hunter Crabbs, Roland Kunde  
Communion Preparers..... Martha Hempfing, Debby Seibert  
Couriers..... Roland Kunde  
Greeters ..... Lexi, Barry & Lori Unger  
Lector ..... Darlene Klenk  
Live Stream ..... Tom & Susie Shultz  
Ushers ..... Team 7 – John & Barb Frederick Jr., Tom Bell, Grant Frederick,  
Lance Frederick, Deb Hansford  
Welcome Place ..... Lori Unger

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carlynn Neiderer and Helen Hartman by John Neiderer, Elizabeth Reese, Danni Pittinger, Randy Pittinger and Amily Volleim; and in loving memory of Clarence and Marie Nace by Myrtle Satterfield and family; and in loving memory of Yvonne Bixler by her daughter and son-in-law Carolyn and Joe Markle and her granddaughter Stacy Parsons in celebration of Mother’s Day; and in loving memory of Minnie B. Mummert by her daughter Martha Hempfing.

**THE BULLETINS** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gloria Frederick who would have celebrated her birthday on May 11 by her sons John, Grant and Lance Frederick and families; and in loving memory of Clarence and Marie Nace by Myrtle Satterfield and family; and in loving memory of Yvonne Bixler by her daughter and son-in-law Carolyn and Joe Markle and her granddaughter Stacy Parsons in celebration of Mother’s Day.

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION** was held for Linda (Gotwalt) Striganivicz on May 9 at the Boylan-Glenn-Kildoo Funeral Home in Cranberry Township. 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.

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION** will be held for John (Jack) Shultz on Saturday, May 18 at 10:30 here at St. Matthew Church. Though we celebrate the departure of his life to be with the Lord, we also include in our prayers of support the members of his family and all who are bereaved.

**PRAYER LIST:** God hears and understands our prayers. Fully putting our trust in God, we lay our requests before him. Our next prayers are in gratitude, knowing that God is already at work in our situation. Names will stay on our Prayer List for a maximum of 30 days. If you would like us to remove your name sooner, please notify the office. You may also access our Prayer Chain by contacting Beth Koontz at 717-968-1207.

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|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Alexandra Stein | Bill Schlitzer | Tami Furr      |
| John Neiderer   | Susan Clark    | Diane Wagaman  |
| Harold Kepler   | Tom Bell       | Jamickh Harris |

**DEATHS:** Linda (Gotwalt) Striganivicz  
John (Jack) Shultz

**RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS** for the week beginning May 12:

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| Sunday: John 17:6-19       | Thursday: 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49 |
| Monday: Philippians 1:3-11 | Friday: 1 Corinthians 15:50-57    |
| Tuesday: Titus 1:1-9       | Saturday: John 7:37-39            |
| Wednesday: John 16:16-24   |                                   |

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| <b>Attendance:</b> | (05/04)       | 5:00 p.m. Service .....  | 41         |
|                    | (05/05)       | 8:30 a.m. Service .....  | 56         |
|                    |               | 10:30 a.m. Service ..... | 154        |
|                    | (04/29-05/05) | Online views .....       | 129        |
|                    |               | <b>Total</b> .....       | <b>380</b> |

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church Calendar**  
**May 12 - 19, 2024**

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|--------|---|-----------------|
| Sun.   | Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot).....                  | 8:30 a.m.       |
|        | Faith Connections .....   | 9:30-10:20 a.m. |
|        | Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....                         | 10:30 a.m.      |
| Mon.   | Discovery Place Classes.....                                    | 8:45-11:30 a.m. |
|        | Devotional Biking/Walking Group (Moul Field parking lot) .....  | 6:00 p.m.       |
|        | Girl Scouts .....   | 6:30-7:30 p.m.  |
| Tues.  | Discovery Place Classes.....                                    | 8:45-11:30 a.   |
|        | Cub Scouts.....   | 6:30-7:30 p.m.  |
|        | All Committee Night (Fellowship Hall).....                      | 7:00 p.m.       |
| Wed.   | Discovery Place Classes.....                                    | 8:45-11:30 a.m. |
|        | Boy Scouts.....   | 6:30-8:00 p.m.  |
| Thurs. | Discovery Place Classes.....                                    | 8:45-11:30 a.m. |
|        | Last Preschool & Primary Choir Rehearsal .....                  | 4:15-5:00 p.m.  |
|        | Vocal Workshop (Fellowship Hall) .....                          | 7:00-8:00 p.m.  |
| Fri.   | Discovery Place Farewell Program (Nave & Fellowship Hall) ..... | 10:30 a.m.      |
|        | Set-up for Personal Care Kits (Fellowship Hall) .....           | 12:00 p.m.      |
| Sat.   | Worship Service (Fellowship Hall) .....                         | 5:00-6:00 p.m.  |
| Sun.   | Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot).....                  | 8:30 a.m.       |
|        | Packing Personal Care Kits (Fellowship Hall) .....              | 9:30-10:20 a.m. |
|        | Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....                         | 10:30 a.m.      |
|        | Youth Connections (Rm. 304) .....                               | 6:00-8:00 p.m.  |

***JOIN US AS WE PACK PERSONAL CARE KITS!***

**NEXT Sunday, May 19 at 9:30 a.m.** Faith Connections and the Women of the ELCA are joining forces to pack as many care kits as possible!



**Set-up will occur at noon on Friday, May 17 and we can use some help to set up tables and get the items ready for Sunday. Come**



be a part of the fun and fellowship as we help others in need. Monetary donations may be made to help purchase bulk items (checks should be made payable to *St. Matthew Lutheran Church* with "Care Kits" in the memo line).



Pentecost

**ST. MATTHEW WILL CELEBRATE PENTECOST** with Bishop Jim Dunlop. He will be with us by preaching at our worship services **NEXT** weekend May 18 & 19.

**ORDINATION CELEBRATION** May 26 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Pastors Joanne and Eric Stenman. Warm congratulations to them on this milestone from our St. Matthew congregation. On Sunday, May 26 at the 10:30 service, we will have the opportunity to offer our gratitude for their faithful service as pastors.

**ST. MATTHEW SCHOLARSHIPS** are offered to students who are voting members of our congregation. Information, guidelines and applications are on our website or in the church office. Applications, grade transcripts and letters of reference are due in the office by June 1 and personal interviews will be scheduled the last week of June. You may apply for most of the scholarships twice. If you have any questions, contact Randy Kline at [rldkline@yahoo.com](mailto:rldkline@yahoo.com)



## Summer fun for elementary age youth!

### Day Camp at St. Matthew!

June 17-21, 2024, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday, for children entering grades 1 through grade 5 in the fall of 2024

Registration forms are available in the church office or on the website or use the QR code! Contact Tim Peck with any questions, [youth@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:youth@stmattlutheran.org) or by phone, 717-637-7101, ext. 230.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

June 24-27, 2024, 9 a.m.-12 noon



Join us while we dive deep into finding the ways God is always with us! We welcome children who are 4 years old through 5th graders. Registration forms ARE available at the church and on the website or use the QR code. **We need volunteers!**

Contact Missy Smith with questions or to volunteer at [msmith@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:msmith@stmattlutheran.org) or call the church office, 717-637-7101, ext. 229

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Youth Connections-** May 19 6-8 p.m. in Youth Suite, 3rd floor

**Faith Formation** for all Middle and High Schoolers, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Youth Suite

**May 19** - Youth help with the **Personal Care Kits** during Faith Formation



**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR MILESTONE SUNDAY** is this Sunday. There will be a milestone celebration during the 10:30 service.

Contact **Tim Peck** with any questions, [youth@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:youth@stmattlutheran.org) or by phone, 717-637-7101, ext. 230.

## GIVING TREE

**Give a little... Give a lot!**

Support our youth traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July. **Find the tree in the Gathering Place, pick as many envelopes as you wish, insert the amount written on the outside of the envelope.** Return via the offering basket, the Youth Drop Box in the Gathering Place or mail to the church office. Make checks payable to: *St. Matthew Lutheran Church* and in memo line put *Youth Gathering Fundraiser*.







**A VOCAL WORKSHOP** on singing basics with our own Dr. Charlotte Aiosa is coming in May. It will be held Thursdays May, 16, 23 and 30, at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you have ever been curious about how to sing better and use better technique, this is the class for you!

The graphic for St. Matthew Music Camp has a dark blue background with colorful musical notes and stars. The text is white and yellow. On the left, it lists activities and provides a registration link. On the right, it gives dates, times, and details about a performance.

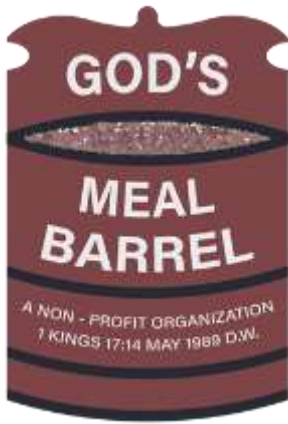
**ST. MATTHEW  
MUSIC CAMP**

- Music Games
- Play Instruments
- Snacks
- Fun!

Register Today  
[www.stmattlutheran.org](http://www.stmattlutheran.org)

Monday, August 5-  
Friday, August 9  
9-11 am in Fellowship Hall  
Ages 5-12  
We will perform our  
musical on Sunday,  
September 15. Stay tuned  
for the name of the  
musical!

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FAMILY CHOIR SERVICE!** On Sunday, May 19 at 10:30 a.m., choir members big and small will be providing special music with their families. If you would like to be a part of this, please let Ben, Deb or Lindsay know. There is a place for everyone in our family choir. You won't want to miss it! For anyone interested in participating, we will have a rehearsal on Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m. in the Nave. Any questions? Contact Ben, Deb or Lindsay at: [bboellner@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:bboellner@stmattlutheran.org) ; [dsmith@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:dsmith@stmattlutheran.org) ; or [Lindsay.ampacher@gmail.com](mailto:Lindsay.ampacher@gmail.com)



## May Food Drive to Support God's Meal Barrel

St. Matthew has a history of helping to feed those in need — Ruth's Harvest, the Biennial Meal Packing event, our Annual Corn Drive for New Hope's Thanksgiving Meals, our support for World Hunger through the Synod, PAL Lunches, our Community Garden and our periodic food drives to aid local agencies such as the Hanover Area Council of Churches. We are holding a drive to collect food for

**God's Meal Barrel** through the end of **May**. They are in need of Spaghetti and Sauce, boxed Mac and Cheese, Tuna, Peanut Butter, canned Beans, canned Vegetables (corn or green beans), Fruit cans, Snack pack Pudding or Jello, and canned Beef Stew or Spam. Please remember God's Meal Barrel and those they serve and give as you are able. Collection bins are in the Gathering Place.

**DISCOVERY PLACE NEWS!** We are currently registering for our **FALL 2024 classes**. We have availability in our 3s MWF class, 4s MWF class and 4s T/TH class. Our **SUMMER DISCOVERY 2024 CAMPS** for children age 4-6 have been announced for the month of June, and many of our camps are already filling up! Information for both fall preschool and summer camps is available at the church office and on the church website on the preschool pages. Discovery Place information can be found under the "Connect" tab from the website menu.





**CHURCH DIRECTORY** For many of us, spring brings thoughts of green grass, flowers, dogwoods in bloom, birds singing, the Orioles back at Camden Yards, and of course updating our St Matthew Church Directory.

With our on-line *Instant Church Directory*, it's never too late to register for inclusion in the directory; and changes for your listing for things like addresses, phone numbers, email, even photos may be done at any time and the updates appear on your listing typically the same day.

Our plan is to print an updated spiral bound directory sometime around Labor Day or shortly after. That gives everyone time to get their fam together during vacay, summer picnics, or after worship on Sunday for the latest and greatest family pic. If you don't have a digital picture, no problem; I am happy to meet with you a take your picture for the directory....FREE !!!

**Directory registration forms may be found on the Hospitality Desk in the Gathering Place. Please complete the form front & back, and place in the offering basket or return to the church office.** If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to contact: Mike Jones, email: [majones91914@outlook.com](mailto:majones91914@outlook.com) or cell, 717-965-6680. **No need to fill out a form if your information is already in the online directory and is all correct.** You can update your picture at any time!

**The Devotional Biking & Walking group** joins together **Mondays at 6:00 p.m.** at the Moul Field parking lot. For questions or more information, please reach out to Amy Schlitzer via text or phone call 717-515-8133, or email [asms1210@gmail.com](mailto:asms1210@gmail.com)



**Our bulletins** serve as an excellent week-long resource with prayers, scripture and important information regarding our congregation's ministries. Recycle bins are at the doors for the bulletins that are not taken home.

**The East Berlin Community Singers** will present 'A Tapestry of Music' under the direction of Jane D Johnston, May 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 129 Charles Street, Hanover. They will be collecting non-perishable items to donate to a local food bank.



**Heart-Felt Card (Creating) Group  
will meet on Wednesday, May 22,  
1:00 p.m. in the Upper Room**

Our fun group's purpose is to create compassionate greeting cards to be used in ministry at St. Matthew. We'd love to have you join us.

All materials will be supplied and training is available as needed.

Interested? Need more Information?

Call the church office or email [nicksong@comcast.net](mailto:nicksong@comcast.net) or  
fill out the form below and  
drop in the offering plate or email/send to church office.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**PENTECOST IS May 19** - You may again purchase red geraniums to be placed in the Chancel to highlight this important festival for just \$4.50 per plant. You will have the option of donating your geranium(s) to be planted around the Church and Education Building or taking your plant(s) home. Please return the form to the

church office **by May 20**. No listing will be printed.

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***Geraniums for Pentecost***

\_\_\_\_\_ # of plants

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

Use my plant(s) as needed.  I will take my plant(s) immediately after the 10:30 service.

I will help plant geraniums around the church. Please call the church office by May 19 if you can help.

I will help with summer gardening (deadhead/watering) on a rotating basis.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_



**FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>“So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**Psalm 1****SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13**

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**GOSPEL: John 17:6-19**

[Jesus prayed:] “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

**Next Sunday’s Readings:** Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.

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