# St. Matthew Lutheran Church Hanover, PA



# Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real

Sunday, October 13, 2024



# St. Matthew LUTHERAN CHURCH

Where the welcome is wide and the love is real.

# **Our Purpose:**

Welcoming all as we share God's love.

## **Our Core Values:**

Celebrating together in worship

Deepening our faith in Jesus

Engaging Children and youth

Walking with our neighbors

Embracing one another as God created us

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 indoor worship at 8:30 a.m., and Sunday indoor worship at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed).



# Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real.

This is our focus for worship at all of our services through October 27. You are hearing scripture readings that relate to our mission and core values. In these biblical passages we are meeting Jesus in the stranger, joining the voices of all ages in celebration, praying with the apostle Paul for a deepening faith, noticing how the children move from the margins to the center of Jesus' teachings, meeting neighbors in need and discovering that justification by grace is a way of life where the love is real.

# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 2024

(8:30) PRELUDE Here I Am Lord Schrader

(10:30) PRELUDE Mini Ministers Puppets

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

### (8:30) CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, 

→ one God,

who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

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.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Most merciful God,

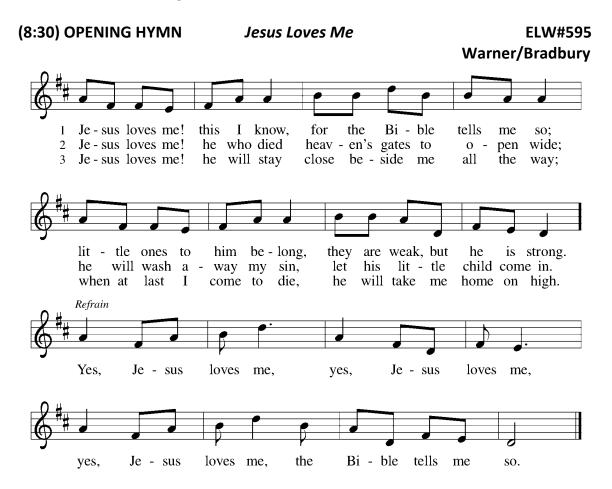
All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk

in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.



(10:30) Please be seated.

# (10:30) CHILDRENS MUSICAL OFFERING

# Jesus Loves Me and This Little Light of Mine Discovery Place Preschool

#### 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.

# (10:30) HOLY BAPTISM

At certain points during the service of Holy Baptism, the congregation will be invited to respond following the Pastor's prompts.

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome Tesla, Patrick, Azura, Iroh, and Ripley into the body of Christ and into the mission we share – welcoming all as we share God's love.

(10:30) Children second grade 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.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of all,

In you, we find welcome and love beyond all measure. You call us to welcome all as you have welcomed us and to love as you have loved us. As we come together celebrating in worship, deepen our faith in Jesus. As we dwell in your word, teach us to engage children and youth, to walk with our neighbors, and to embrace one another as you created us. In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen.

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(8:30) Please be seated.

#### THE READING Samuel 3:1-19

<sup>3</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. 8The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

<sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

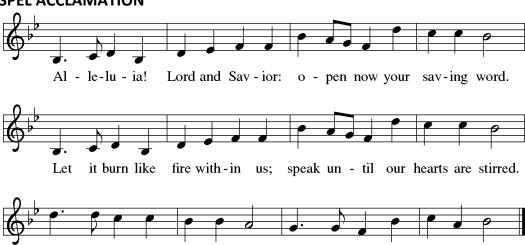
<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



for

the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing

### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-16

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

**THE MESSAGE** 

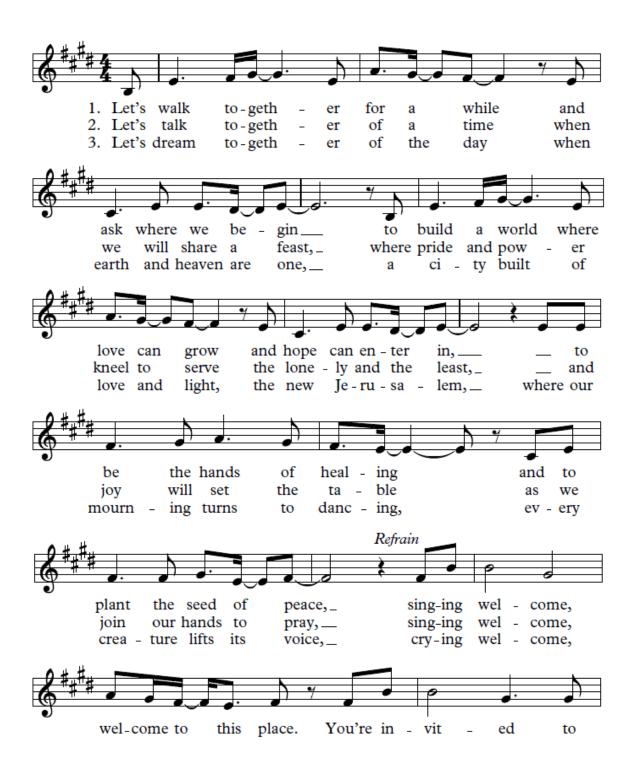
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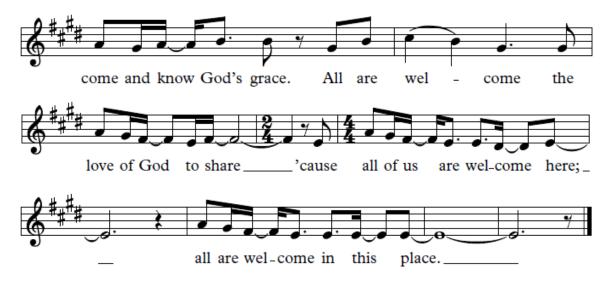
**SERMON HYMN - Verse 3** 

Welcome

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Please stand as you are able.

# 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, "Lord, in your mercy," 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.)

(10:30) Children return from Children's Church.

(10:30) MUSICAL OFFERING 10,000 Reasons Redman/Sorenson Adult Choir

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

Refrain – Bless the Lord, O my soul, worship His holy name, Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

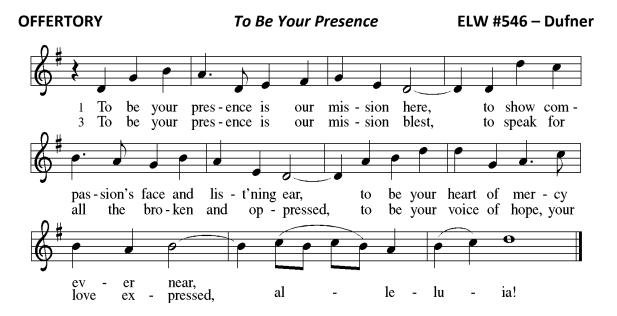
You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind, For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain*.

And on that day when my strength is failing; the end draws near, and my time has come; Still my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years, and then forevermore! *Refrain*.

#### **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

Please stand as you are able.



#### THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things,

All: Through your goodness and love,
you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
as we walk with our neighbors
and share God's love with the world. Amen.

#### THE MEAL

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

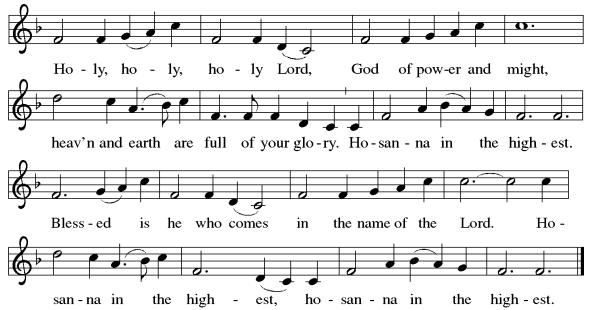
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(10:30) Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### THE 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

Please be seated.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. The meal is served in three 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



- Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 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. guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray. you set us free from e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

# Children of the Heavenly Father

FI W#781 Berg/Olson



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra.

- 1 Chil dren of the heav'n-ly Fa ther safe ly in his bo som gath er;
- his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho ly courts they flour ish.
- 3 Nei ther life nor death shall ev er from the Lord his chil-dren sev er;
- 4 Though he giv eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for sak eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la-fäs-tet, få-geln ej kän-da näs-tet. nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en. e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them. un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth. the lov-ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

#### 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: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal

and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others

and to embrace one another with your love and peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give + you peace.

All: Amen.

**SENDING HYMN** 

Here I am, Lord

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#### **DISMISSAL:**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Share the love of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Go Down, Moses (with Wade in the Water)

Shackley

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**RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** on Sunday morning at 10:30 is Iroh and Ripley, children of Tesla Ardis and Patrick Ardis, with sponsor Missy Smith. We welcome Iroh and Ripley into the earthly body of Christ with membership here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

**RECEIVING AN AFFIRMATION OF HOLY BAPTISM** on Sunday morning at 10:30 is Azura, Patrick Michael Ardis, and Tesla Ardis with sponsor Missy Smith. We welcome Azura, Patrick, and Tesla into the earthly body of Christ with membership here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

Communion Preparers	8:30 Barb Rupp, Sally Staub
	10:30 Diane Hoffman-Neail, Debby Seibert
Couriers	8:30 Sara Staub, Lee Baughman
Greeters	8:30 Gail Mummert, Ken & Gloria Koontz
	10:30 Alan & Pam Cashman, Martha Hempfing
Lector	
Live Stream	Jody Ruhlman, Doug West
	8:30 Team 7 – John Frederick Jr, Tom Bell, Barb Frederick,Grant Frederick, Lance Frederick, Deb Hansford
	10:30 Team 8 – Irvin Sowers Jr., Karen Sowers, Keith Troup,
	Ryder Troup, Barry & Lori Unger
Welcome Place	Mary Jones

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Utz who would have celebrated her birthday on October 12 by her loving daughter Bev Stevens; in loving memory of Lester L. and Lena J. Hamm by Bert Elsner and family; in loving memory of Janet Bowman by her family and Mim Staub by her daughter Linda.

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

**PRAYER LIST:** In our intercessory prayers we pray for individuals who have offered permission to have their names included. These names will be listed up to a month unless otherwise requested. After that time, prayers will continue for each person through our prayer chain. Newly added names will appear in bold. If you would like to be included in the prayers of the prayer chain **but not listed** in the bulletin, you may contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

<b>Bobbie Lidard</b>	Brad King	Harold Kepler
Chuck Ehrman	Tiffany Rudisill	Tom Zimmerman
Laurel Bell	Dan Weigle	Dennis Jensen
Crystal Klein	Nancy Leister	

#### **DEATHS:**

Josie Luckenbaugh

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be held for Josie Luckenbaugh here at St. Matthew Church on October 19. 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.

# **RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS** for the week beginning October 13:

Sunday: Mark 10:13-16	Thursday: Romans 15:7-13
Monday: Revelation 7:9-17	Friday: Revelation 17:1-18
Tuesday: Revelation 8:1-5	Saturday: Luke 22:24-30

Wednesday: Luke 16:19-31

Attendance:	(10/05)	5:00 p.m. Service	31
	(10/06)	8:30 a.m. Service	84
		10:30 a.m. Service	101
(09/30-		0/06) Online views	212
		Total	428



Scan to give to Hurricane Helene And Milton relief

**WE ALL CAN HELP!** One of our ministry partners is Lutheran World Relief, and they are equipped and ready to help those impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Check the link to see more information: **lwr.org/helene-relief**. You may give in a couple of different ways.

- You can give directly through the link above.
- You may write a check to St. Matthew and earmark it for Hurricane Helene/Milton.
- You may give online via our website www.stmattlutheran.org or through the QR code above



Discovery Place Preschool would like to thank everyone for their donations from the helping hands board. We appreciate you!

Last November we hosted our "Election Day Bake Sale" to benefit Discovery Place Preschool. It was a BIG success, thanks to your donations of delicious baked goods! We



predict more voters will anticipate the sweet treats and we will be ready for them. If you are willing to help with donations, we are requesting baked goods to be bagged for sale at 50 cents OR \$1 per baggie (at your discretion). Our preschool is a "nut-free" zone, so please be sure to mark any donations that contain nuts accordingly. Donations can be dropped off at the church office on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support.

# SIGN-UP FORMS

Please fill out the pertinent part(s) for you, tear off this page and put in the offering basket or email the church office at *info@stmattlutheran.org*, listing what you are signing up for and the information requested.

See Announcements Page for more details.

I'm interested in joining the Faith	Connections teaching team. (Provide name, e-mail,
and phone number below)	
I'm interested in attending the Ne	w Member Orientation Breakfast on October 20.
(Provide your name and e-mail below)	
All Saints (Provide the information	n below)
I'm interested in attending the Ve	terans Breakfast on November 10. (Provide name,
e-mail, phone number, and number of pe	ople attending)
	pdates and/or newsletter in the mail. (Provide
name, e-mail, and/or mailing address)	
I am a member of St. Matthew an	d here is updated contact information.
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Name	Phone Number
E-mail	Number of People Attending
	(For Veterans Breakfast Only)
Mailing Address	
ALI	L SAINTS NAMES
(Immediate family members dec	ceased November 1, 2023-November 1, 2024)
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Your Name	Phone Number
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Deceased Name/Date of Death	Relationship to you

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