



St. Matthew LUTHERAN CHURCH

Where the welcome is wide and the love is real.

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!

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

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).



The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 9, 2025

(8:30) PRELUDE Abide With Me Geschke

St. Matthew Ringers

(10:30) PRELUDE Bread of Heaven Marrolli

Owen Dozier, Soloist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of

our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

Pastor: Merciful God,

All: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors.

We resist your call to oppose injustice.

We assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults, and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.

Pastor: God proclaims these words of assurance:

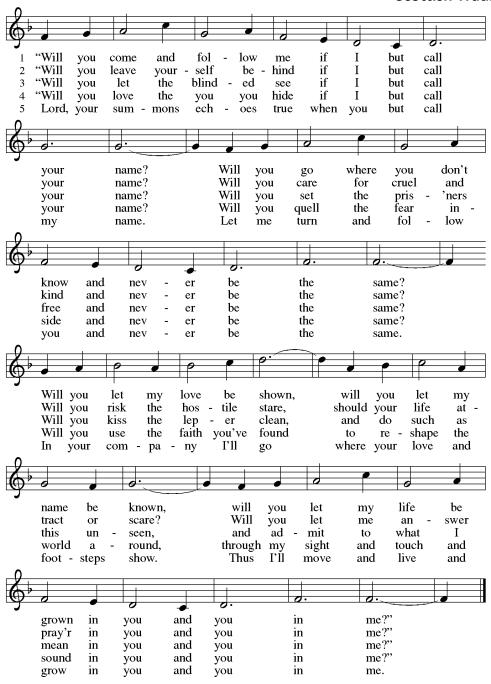
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit,

you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

All: Amen.

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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.

Please be seated

(10:30) During the singing of the Hymn of Praise, 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.

(10:30) HYMN OF PRAISE



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

十 THE WORD 十

THE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 (Read Responsively)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

- ³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,

that great is the glory of the LORD.

- ⁶ The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.
- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
 - 8 You will make good your purpose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 5th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

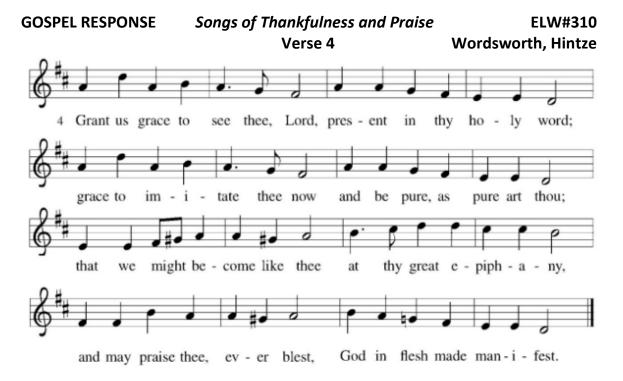
HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

Jesus' teaching of God's word has begun to draw great crowds. For Simon, James, and John, Jesus' teaching inspires hospitality, then obedience, and then risk. After Jesus' creative power is revealed, fear and amazement leads these three fishermen to leave everything behind to become apostles.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.



Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

Assist. Min: 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

Assist. Min: 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.)

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

(8:30) MUSICAL OFFERING Bread of Heaven Marrolli
Owen Dozier, Soloist

(10:30) MUSICAL OFFERING My Lord What a Morning

Adult Choir

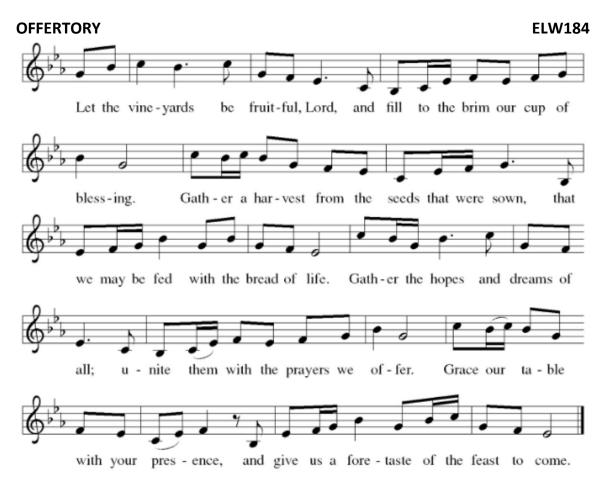
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My Lord, what a mornin',
Oh, my Lord, what mornin' when the stars begin to fall.
I'm done with all my worldly ways,
Joined that heav'nly band,
Oh, my Lord, what mornin' when the stars begin to fall.

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

Assist. Min: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,

All: And your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,

now and always. Amen.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

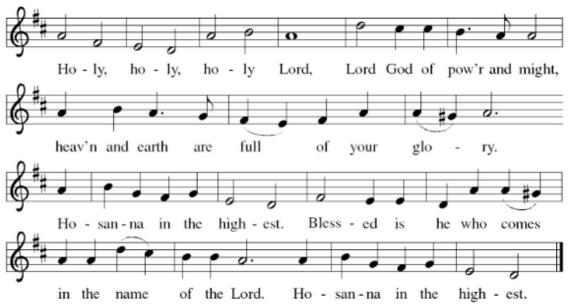
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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 (WITH PACKETS)

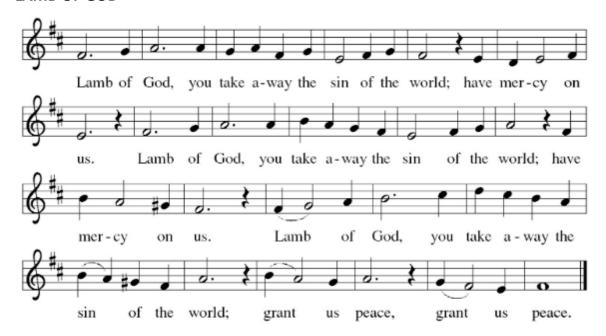
Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. (Eat wafer)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (Drink wine)

LAMB OF GOD

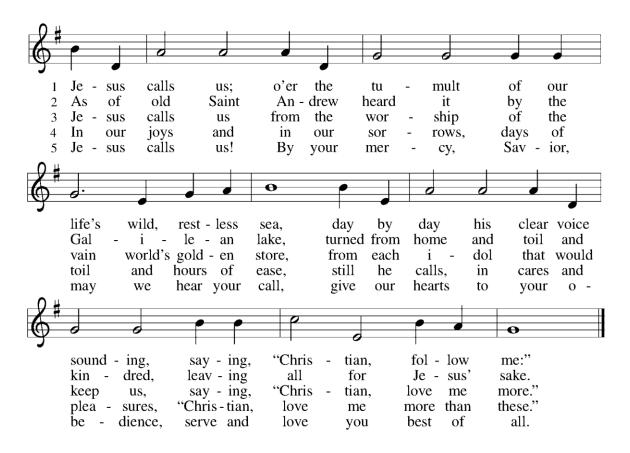


COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

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Please stand as you are able.

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

Assist. Min: Nourishing God,

at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.

Strengthen us for service,

and send us out to embody your good news

of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray,

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: Almighty God, Father,

Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you with joy,

anoint you with compassion,

and send you in love.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

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DISMISSAL:

Assist. Min: Go in peace. Live in hope.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Postlude in G Stanley

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

| Musicians | 8:30 St. Matthew Ringers, Owen Dozier | |
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| | 10:30 Owen Dozier, Adult Choir | |
| Altar Flower Delivery | Tina Schaffner | |
| | Diane Hoffman-Neail, Nancy Oppedal | |
| Assisting Minister | 8:30 Linda Wheeler, 10:30 Randy Kline | |
| | Missy Smith | |
| | 8:30 Lee & Nadine Baughman | |
| | 10:30 Charley Lidard, Randy Kline | |
| | 8:30 Sara & Meredith Staub | |
| | 10:30 Martha Hempfing, Nancy Oppedal | |
| Couriers | 8:30 Lee Baughman, Darlene Klenk | |
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| Greeters | 8:30 Debby Seibert, Maria Martin | |
| | 10:30 John & Barb Frederick | |
| Lector8:30 Debby Seibert, 10:3 | 0 Scout Isaac Conzel, Scout Gavyn Stouter | |
| Live Stream | Doug West | |
| Ushers8:30 Teal | m 9 – Tim Peck, Hunter Crabbs, Tyler Fett, | |
| Elijah Fisher, Aaron Smith, Addyson Trostle, Landen Zinneman | | |
| 10:30 Team 1 – Tom Shultz, Bob & Kit Curlen, Sean Huston, John Mancini | | |
| Welcome Place | Mary Jones | |

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wetzel by Dorothy Schriver and family; in loving memory of Ruth Fritz by Mary Ann Harman.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth Fritz by Mary Ann Harman.

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week beginning February 9:

Sunday: Luke 5:1-11 Thursday: Acts 13:26-34 Monday: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40 Friday: 1 Peter 1:17-2:1 Tuesday: 1 Timothy 3:1-9 Saturday: Luke 11:24-28

Wednesday: Luke 5:27-32

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.

| Robert Mosely | Megan Kim | Ardis Family |
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| Dolly Topper | Isaiah Walter | Laurel Bell |
| Fred Kauffman | Peggy Warner | Tom Bell |
| Rich Carson | Faye Snyder | Nancy Leister |

PASTOR FAYE has had surgery on Wednesday, January 15. We ask that you keep her in your prayers for a full recovery. She will be unable to minister to members during her convalescence, through the end of February. If anyone is in need of pastoral care, please call the church office, 717-637-7101, and Pastor Kathy or Pastor Alex will be available. Thank you for your understanding.

ANNUAL REPORTS are available at the Hospitality Desk.



GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP MEETING

There will be a meeting on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 16</u>, <u>after the 8:30 service (about 9:40) in Fellowship Hall</u> for those already signed up and/or interested in joining us in October 2025 as we travel to Guatemala to visit the Hogar Miquel Magone Orphanage and attend Graduation at Hope Academy. Come meet fellow travelers, discuss the trip and costs and have all your questions answered. If you **might** be interested but aren't sure yet, come to the meeting to find out what it's all about. Contact Bobbie Lidard, 717 634-7362 or bclidard@comcast.net_with any questions.

ST. MATTHEW SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

St. Matthew is offering an exciting opportunity for young adults by offering two paid internship positions. During this 9 week internship, the interns will:



- Gain leadership skills in a variety of ministries
- Enhance the summer ministries of St. Matthew
- Increase our Community Outreach with children, youth and young adults
- Grow in Faith and Service

High school graduates with at least one year of college are invited to apply for these paid summer internships and must be a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hanover PA. Job descriptions and application forms are available by contacting Tim Peck, St. Matthew Youth Ministry and Community Outreach Leader at youth@stmattlutheran.org or 717-637-7101 ext. 230 or Pastor Alex at pastoralex@stmattlutheran.org or 717-637-7101 ext. 229. Application deadline is Monday, February 24, 2025.



Mailing Address

You Are Welcome in our GriefShare Group.

- Be with other people who are grieving.
- You can say exactly how you feel to others who understand your pain.

Our 13-session GriefShare support group is scheduled to begin **Monday**, **February 17, 2025 6:30-8 p.m.** St. Matthew in the Upper Room, located on the 2nd floor. The room can be reached by elevator or stairs from the glass doors on Franklin Street.

To register, call the church office, 717-637-7101. If you have questions, you may email Pastor Faye at nicksong@comcast.net or call her at 717-451-0851. **Phone Number** Name E-mail SIGN-UP FORM 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'd like to receive ______e-mail updates and/or _____ newsletter in the mail. (Provide name, e-mail, and/or mailing address) I am a member of St. Matthew and below is updated contact information. Phone Number Name E-mail

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Scraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said.

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [9And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand." Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant. and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of

15 Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

Psalm 138

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [not printed]

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ⁵He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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