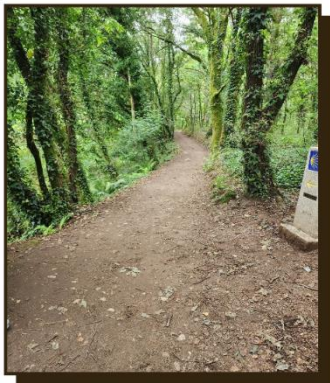


St. Matthew Lutheran Church - Hanover, PA



Go.....to the land that I will show you.

Genesis 12:1



Sunday, June 22, 2025 - 10:30am



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 any needs, please let a name-tagged usher know. We hope that you experience God's love during worship today.

Our Purpose:

Welcoming all as we share God's love.

Our Goals:

Enliven faith through worship and learning

Cultivate shared leadership as disciples of Jesus

Connect with children, youth, and families

Bridge the gaps with home-insecure neighbors

Build authentic relationships across difference

Welcome

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



The life of faith is less about beliefs and more about a way of being and doing. God beckoned Abraham and Sarah to leave their home to go to the land that God would show them. The ministry of Jesus was on the move and he called others to follow him; and they did! In her sermon today, Pastor Kathy is inviting all of us to venture into the future as a pilgrim relating to stories from her walk on the Camino de Santiago.

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m., June 22, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

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.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another and share the peace respecting personal space and comfort levels.)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**All: you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

Pastor: You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith.

The good news is that God does not give up on any one of us.

In the cross of ✝ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

Your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

During the singing of the hymn, 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 Musical Offering.

HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

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1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils and possibilities unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

✠ THE WORD ✠

THE READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation,

and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE READING: Ephesians 2:8-10

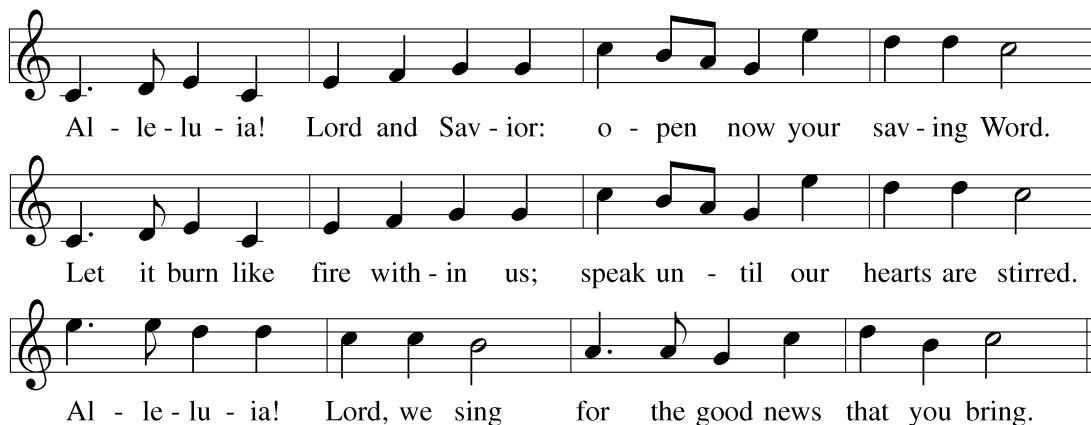
⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing Word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Leader: 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

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

Please be seated.

GENEROSITY MOMENT WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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, or through our text-to-give program at 717-613-6204. **Thank you for sharing** your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW#685

Havergal



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Creator God,

**All: in your wisdom, you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.**

**Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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



- 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.

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

**ELW#661
Hankey/Fischer**

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1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: God, our loving parent,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit,
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and to proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

Pastor: The love of God abound in you;
the grace of Jesus fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ Bless you and give you peace.

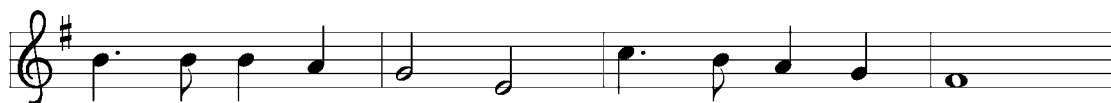
All: Amen.

HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

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Monsell/Havergal**

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1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –
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Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

Musician..... Chris Zumbrum
Altar Flower Delivery Doris Deitzel
Altar Guild Martha Hempfing, Sally Staub
Assisting Minister..... Phil Covert
Children’s Church Leader..... Missy Smith
Communion Assistants Sue Covert, Ellen Shenk
Communion Preparers..... Diane Hoffman-Neail, Barb Rupp
CouriersSue Covert, Ellen Shenk
Greeters Jody & Deb Ruhlman
Lector Bobbie Lidard
Live Stream Hailey, Tom Shultz
Ushers Team 9: Tim Peck, Hunter, Tyler, Elijah
..... William, Aaron, Addyson, Landen

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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.

Janice Shelley

Nancy Leister

Faye Showers

Diane Edris

Ron Smith

Daryl Fair

Carole Sachs

Philip Grove

Blayde Lehr

Nathalie Richard

Lucas Cherry

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week beginning June 22:

Sunday: Luke 8:26-39

Monday: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:11-22

Wednesday: Luke 9:37-43a

Thursday: 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Friday: Galatians 4:8-20

Saturday: Luke 9:21-27

Our pastors would love to visit you if you are in the hospital/rehab facility. If you or a family member would like that, please contact the church office at 717-637-7101 or email info@stmattlutheran.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Mary Jane Legore
who turned 100 years old on Friday, June 20!



Many thanks to Karen Axline for arranging to have the geraniums delivered to the church for Pentecost. The red color is so pretty against the marble! Thank you to Karen and her crew who arranged them around the altar, Sara Staub, Mike & Denise Smith! Thank you to Ardis Kunde and Barb Rupp for planting the geraniums around the church building. And a special thank you to Nancy Oppedal who always has our urns at the doors looking so beautiful. We appreciate everyone's efforts!

The church office will close at **noon on Thursday, July 3 and will be closed **Friday, July 4**. We will reopen on Monday morning, July 7 at 8:30 a.m.**



Introducing Our Summer Intern

We are pleased to introduce our second summer intern for 2025, Gracie Troup! Gracie attends Duquesne University and will be going into her second year. She was involved with Youth Group and other ministries though-out St. Matthew.

This is her first year interning and we are so excited to have her and Mya Maloney with us this summer. She will continue to learn how the church operates and will be involved in the summer activities programs. When you see Gracie around church please welcome her and ask how the internship is going!

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.

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