



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 nametagged 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



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).



On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

Day of Pentecost 10:30 a.m., June 8, 2025

PRELUDE Breath of God Johnson Doug Mummert, Organist

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

Pastor: The peace 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.)

Please be seated.

HOLY BAPTISM

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

After we confess our faith in the Triune God, the congregation is invited to join the pastor in the Thanksgiving for Baptism as the water is poured into the font.

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism we give thanks for the gift of baptism.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Pastor: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Cooper and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

All: At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Pastor: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

All: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Pastor: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

After Cooper is baptized and receives the baptismal candle, the congregation is invited to welcome Cooper into the body of Christ.

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We welcome Cooper into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in our mission by welcoming all as we share God's love.

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.

Spirit of Gentleness (Vs. 1-3)

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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THE READING: Acts 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b (Read Responsively)

- ²⁴ How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- ²⁵ Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.
- ²⁶ There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.
- ²⁷ All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
- ²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- ³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
 O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

- ³² You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- 33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
 I will praise my God while I have my being.
- May these words of mine please God.I will rejoice in the LORD.
- ^{35b} Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:8-17

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

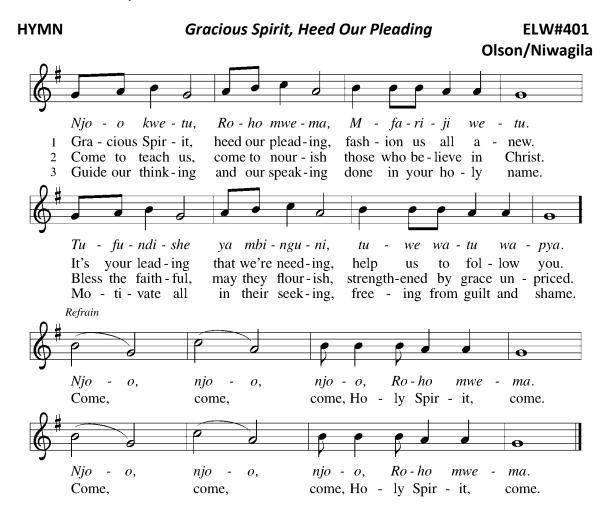
Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Alex Sheppard-Witt



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, "Hear us, O God," and the congregation responds, "your mercy is great."

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MUSICAL OFFERING

O Lord Most Holy
Doug Mummert, Organist

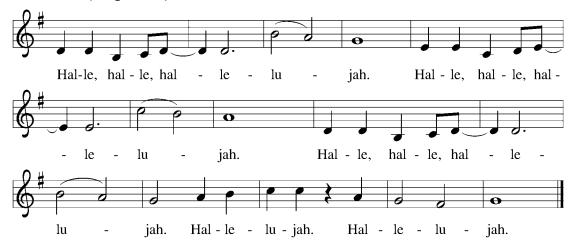
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GENEROSITY MOMENT WITH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 (Sing twice)



THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Risen One,

All: You have gathered us around your table of grace

along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

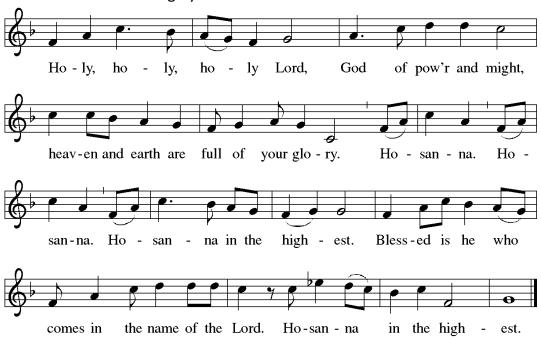
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn.



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)

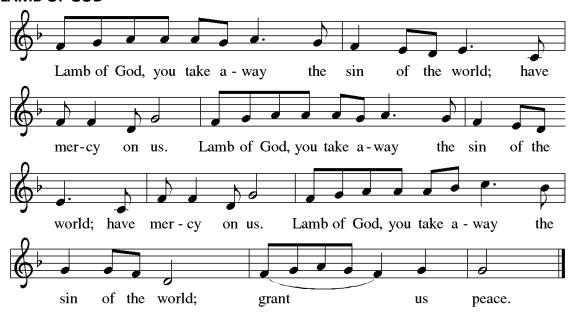
Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. (Eat wafer)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (Drink wine)

LAMB OF GOD

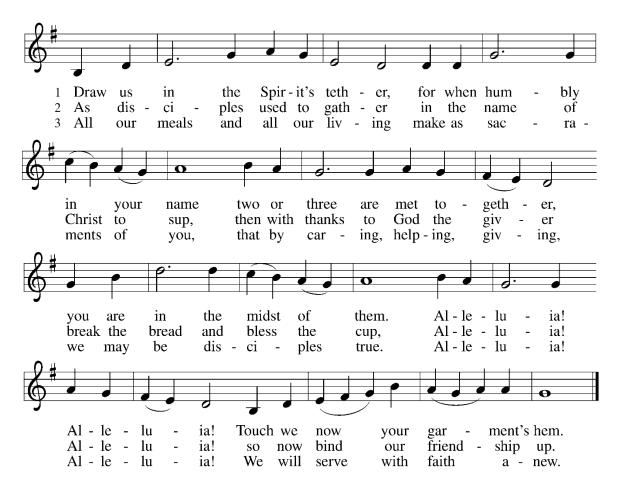


COMMUNION

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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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: Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

All: Amen.

+ SENDING **+**

BLESSING

Pastor: The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come,

Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn,

now and always.

All: Amen.

HYMN God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

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DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Cum Rhondda
Doug Mummert, Organist

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

Musicians	Doug Mummert
Altar Flower Delivery	Pam Cashman
Altar Guild	Martha Hempfing, Sally Staub
Assisting Minister	Charley Lidard
Children's Church Leader	Amy Beck
Communion Assistants	Sue & Phil Covert
Communion Preparers	Christine & David Myers
Couriers	Sue Covert, Randy Kline
Greeters	Martha Hempfing, Kim Beard
Lector	Randy Kline
Live Stream	Tom Shultz
	Team 5: Jay Bowersox, Hailey Bucher, Jeremy Bucher,Randy Kline, Jody Ruhlman, Ellen Shenk

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary on June 11 of Jody and Deb Ruhlman who were married here at St. Matthew, by their mother Loretta Cover and family; in loving memory of Evelyn Auchey by her grandchildren Toni and Dennis College.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary on June 11 of Jody and Deb Ruhlman who were married here at St. Matthew, by their mother Loretta Cover and family.

MEET THE ORGANIST, DOUG MUMMERT: I was Director of Music at Solomons Lutheran Church in Chambersburg, PA for 33 years. My wife Zoe and I have 2 sons and 2 grandchildren. We recently retired and moved to Gettysburg to be closer to family. We are currently members of Christ Lutheran Gettysburg. We welcome Doug and thank him for being with us.



RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM on Sunday morning is Cooper Page Thomassy, son of Eric and BriAnna (Myers)
Thomassy with sponsors Brian and Jocelyn West. We welcome
Cooper into the earthly body of Christ with membership here at St.

Matthew Lutheran Church.

NEXT WEEKEND WE CELEBRATE Father's Day and give thanks for all fathers, grandfathers and all others who provide fatherly love and guidance. We also acknowledge that this day is difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of a father or grandfather or for those who, for a number of reasons, are not able to be fathers. We will have (tootsie) pops for Pops for all our worshippers.

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.

Daryl Fair	Ron Smith	Nathalie Richard
Carole Sachs	Faye Showers	Lucas Cherry
Philip Grove	Blayde Lehr	Nancy Leister

DEATHS:

Bertram (Bert) Elsner Violet Matthews

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL was held for Bert Elsner here at St. Matthew on Friday, June 6. 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.

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week beginning June 8:

Sunday: John 14:8-17 Thursday: Ephesians 1:17-19

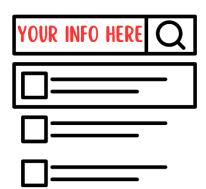
Monday: 1 Corinthians 2:1-11 Friday: Ephesians 4:1-6
Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 2:12-16 Saturday: Luke 2:41-52

Wednesday: Luke 1:26-38

❖ Pastor Eric Wogen wrote a book titled *A Relic Remembers and Reflects*. You can purchase it off of Amazon.

Instant Church Directory - Reminder for updates

A friendly reminder to update your directory listing and pictures. A great benefit of our on-line directory is the ability for our members to enter listing updates and change photos at any time, instantly...well, almost instantly. You may enter your updates from your PC / MAC or smartphone anytime, however they will not appear in the directory until acknowledged by the Administrator, usually the same day.



We're looking ahead to publishing a printed copy of the directory late summerearly fall, but of course we want to be certain everyone has taken time to review their listing, and to enter any updates they may have as well as pictures.

If you have any questions or need help with entering updates or uploading pictures, please reach out to me. I will always be happy to assist you. Mike Jones e-mail: majones91914@outlook.com Cell: 717-965-6680

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FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? *And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, "Cretans and Arabs-in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 15But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

or Genesis 11:1-9 [not printed]

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

or Acts 2:1-21 [see First Reading]

GOSPEL: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." 9Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

[25" I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]