



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH *of* HANOVER

Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real

Sunday, June 7, 2026
10:30 a.m.

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
- Engage** children, youth, and families
- Bridge the gaps** with home-insecure neighbors
- Build** authentic relationships across differences

About today: We gather as a community to worship God by singing, praying, listening to scripture, hearing a message and celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5:00 p.m., Sunday indoor worship at 8:30 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed). You can find our livestream on our website or on Youtube (links can be found on the last page of the bulletin).

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Sarabande from Suite for Organ

Near

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Compassionate God,

All: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

All: Amen

Please stand as you are able.



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you,
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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.

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

Lector: O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ THE WORD ✠

THE READING: Hosea 6:1-6

- ^{6:1} "Come, let us return to the LORD,
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- ² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth."
- ⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
- ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

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 Matthew, the 9th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of

a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Lector: 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 OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815

Thomerson



I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
Refrain
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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.*"

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ 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.

Please be seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Ode to Joy
Vivian Neiderer, Piano

arr. Palmer

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. Offering may be placed in the baskets near the entrances/ exits of the worship space or through online giving on our website. See the QR code on the back of the bulletin. You may also text-to-give at 717-613-6204. **Thank you for sharing** your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities.*

Please stand as you are able.

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #685
Havergal



I Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Loving God,

All: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

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:



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 -



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/grape juice*)

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 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* - Kendrick

ELW #671



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain
 Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, shine on me:

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Compassionate God,
 through the gifts of bread and wine
 our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
 Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,

may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ **SENDING** ✠

BLESSING

Pastor: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

All: Amen.

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

van Dyke/Beethoven



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

DISMISSAL:

Leader: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Payne

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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:

- Musicians Vivian Neiderer, Piano; Deb Smith, Ethan Draper
- Altar Flower Delivery Doris Deitzel
- Altar Guild Deb Anker, Judy Porowski
- Assisting Minister..... Jeremy Bucher
- Communion AssistantsKaren Sowers, Beth Szymanski
- Communion Preparers..... Abby Fett, Nancy Oppedal
- CourierMike Jones, Beth Szymanski
- GreetersLeo & JoAnn Hilbert
- Lector Tom Shultz
- Live Stream Doug West
- UshersTeam 1: Tom Shultz, Bob & Kit Curlen, Sean Huston,
John Mancini, Linda Sanders, Linda Wheeler

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.

Loretta Cover	Irvin Sowers	Brad Maloney
Barb Rebling	Larry Gamber	JoAnn Smith
Mike Mummert	Nate Bankert	Penny Ritter
Patricia Mosely	Linda Wheeler	Nancy Leister
Shirley Fleming	Eva Hobbs	Lucas Cherry
Dave Miserendino		

Deaths: Kim Salois
Bev Stevens
Richard Hutchison

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 49th wedding anniversary on June 11 of Jody and Deb Ruhlman who were married here at St. Matthew, given by their mother Loretta Cover and family; and 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 49th wedding anniversary on June 11 of Jody and Deb Ruhlman who were married here at St. Matthew, given by their mother Loretta Cover and family.

THE SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND CHRISTIAN BURIAL was held for Beverly (Bev) Stevens this Wednesday, June 3, here at St. Matthew Church. 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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT



St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH *of* HANOVER

June 7 – 14, 2026

- Sun. Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot).....8:30 a.m.**
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.
Youth Rehearsal for Fundraiser.....11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Tue. All Committee Night.....7:00-9:00 p.m.**
- Sat. Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall).....5:00 p.m.**
- Sun. Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot).....8:30 a.m.**
SoulFire Rehearsal.....9:45-10:20 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion (Nave) 10:30 a.m.

**Dinner Theater
Youth Fundraiser**
for the Mission Trip

Sunday June 7

4:00-6:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a spaghetti dinner while being entertained
in between courses by skits performed by our own
youth, Church Council and staff!



THE 8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

has moved outdoors for the season. Join us for worship in the parking lot and on the area behind the church. Tune your car radio to FM 101.5 to hear the service or bring your lawn chair and

sit on the grassy area to hear in-person. This is an informal worship service.

OUR MAY COMMUNITY MEAL WAS A SUCCESS!

To pull off an event like this takes lots of different people coming together to work for the greater mission, and what a success it was. The Lord definitely heard our prayers last week when we were asking for sunshine. Thank you to everyone for your contributions and time that helped to make this meal an overwhelming success! We had many neighbors coming



together and they were extremely grateful for the delicious meal and Dairy Dan's ice cream was an extra special treat. We could not do this without all of you. Thank you!

JUNE & JULY COLLECTION FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

We are mixing things up a little bit this month. The last two Sundays in June, 21 and 28, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting items for the women's shelter.

Items needed are:

- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Baby Wipes
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Baby Lotion
- Razors/Shaving Cream
- Baby Shampoo/Conditioner
- Body Wash/Lotion
- Baby Bath Soap
- Deodorant
- Kids Activity Books
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Crayons
- Diapers (Newborn to Toddler)
- Markers

We will have collection bins in the Gathering Place and by the elevator door. Thank you in advance for helping this ministry and the guests in the shelter.

VBS VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!



We still need a few volunteers to help make Illumination Station a huge success this year! If you are able to help, even part time, we have a place for you. VBS runs from Monday, June 22 to Thursday, June 25 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please fill out our volunteer form through the QR code provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Missy at msmith@stmattlutheran.org.

FINANCIAL GIFT FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our congregation is invited in giving an *above and beyond financial gift* to help alleviate the heavy burdens placed on children in crisis. Could we raise \$10,000 to

specifically help the children in Lebanon and Ecuador? Up to \$5,000 from the outreach account will be matched to your gifts.

As we are faced with the devastation of war, the tragedies of disasters and the persistent poverty in the world, we often feel helpless. In this case, we have the trusted avenue to help through Lutheran World Relief. All of these gifts go directly to the places in need.

To give and to have your gift matched, please designate the gift to St. Matthew with *LWR-children* in the memo line, or go to www.stmattlutheran.org and give online.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Tim Peck for more information, youth@stmattlutheran.org

THIS WEEK! Church Day Camp - Pool Party

Get ready to make a splash this summer! Join us for a fun-filled week of day camp packed with games, activities, faith and friendships.

- June 8-12, 2026, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Grades 1-5
- Limited to 32 campers
- Cost: \$50
- To sign up go to our website at www.stmattlutheran.org and scroll till you see Day Camp.



We want every child to have the chance to attend. If cost is a concern, please reach out to: Tim Peck youth@stmattlutheran.org.

YOUTH GROUP

Join us for youth group throughout the year! We gather for fun, faith, and community.

- Meets the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month from 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
- Youth Building, 3rd floor - room 304 (Youth Suite)
- Open to all youth entering 6th - 12th grade

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact Missy Smith for more information, msmith@stmattlutheran.org.

VBS: Illumination Station

June 22-25 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Rising PreK-5th Graders - *Preschoolers must be at least 4 years old by Sept 1, 2026 AND be potty trained.*

Cost: Free! Lunch is provided. Join us as we shine a light on who Jesus is! Experience what it truly means for Jesus to be the Light of the World (John 8:12). Through engaging

stories, songs and activities, children will encounter a powerful Gospel message that brings them out of the shadows and into the light of God's truth. For more information, contact Missy Smith at msmith@stmattlutheran.org or at 717-637-7101 ext. 232.



Music Camp

August 3-7 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Rising K-5th graders

Cost: Free!

Join us for a week of music, creativity and faith! Through singing, dancing and performance, children will explore the story of God's love and bring it to life on stage. All summer campers will rehearse and perform in a faith-based musical this September — a joyful celebration of the gifts God has given us and has called us to share! For more information, contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org or at 717-637-7101 ext. 236.

Sign up for each camp on the website, www.stmattlutheran.org

INFORMATION UPDATE 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*.

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