



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH *of* HANOVER

Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real

Sunday, September 6, 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 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 indoors with 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).

Introduction to the Day: *Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with Church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.*

15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

arr. Billingham

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept 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.

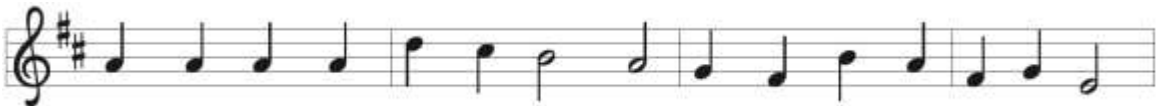
All: Amen.

HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW #864

Lyte/Bouman/Goss



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

There is silence to prepare for the readings.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

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.

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalms: Psalm 119:33-40 (*Please read responsively.*)

³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

**40 Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

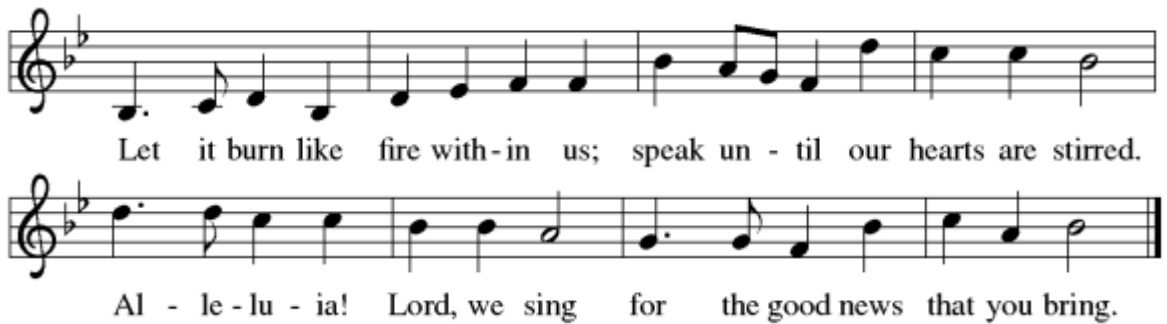
Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Lector: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the Church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the Church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Nancy Goede

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, When Human Bonds are Broken*

ELW #603

Kaan/Monk



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful to
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to
love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing;
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing;
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing;
give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

CREED

Pastor: 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, “Hear us, O God.” and the congregation responds, “***Your mercy is great.***”

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

The Gift of Love

arr. Broom

Sue and Nicole Gross, Handbell Duet

GENEROSITY MOMENT with ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW #678

Edwards/Parry



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. God of creation,

All: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;

make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts

in service to you and in love to our neighbors,

today and always. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

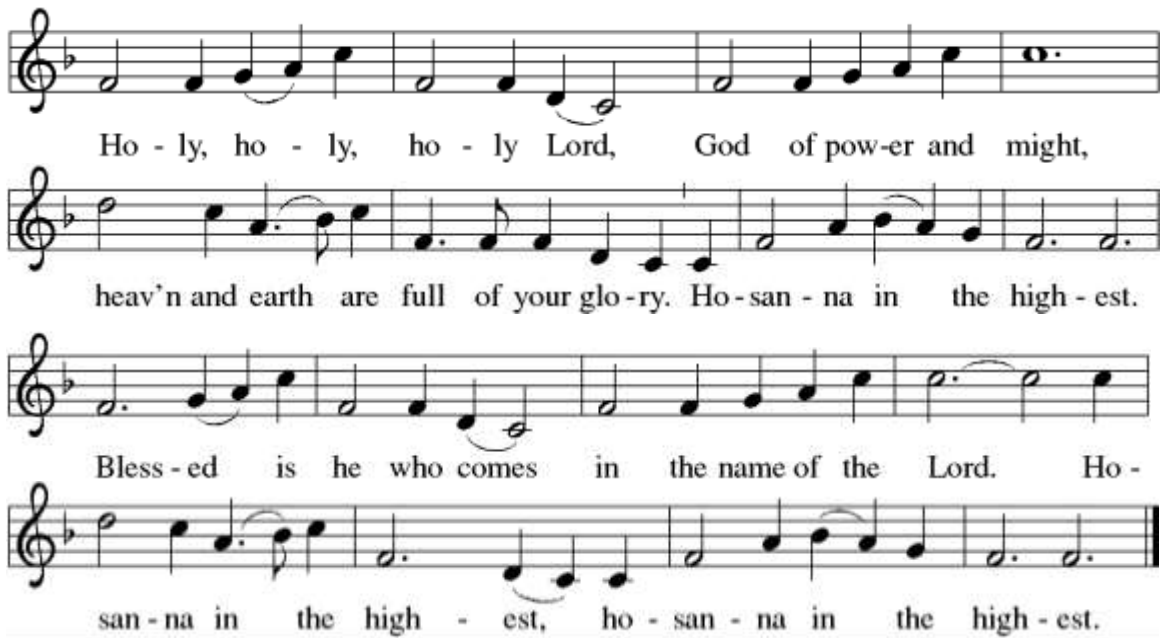
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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:



The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with eighth and quarter notes, and some rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, aligned with the music. The lyrics are: "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 - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

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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 -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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/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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

ELW #470

Dearmer/Friedell



- 1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

All: Amen.

HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

#ELW 557

Ken/Barthélémon



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
 heav' n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

DISMISSAL:

Assisting Minister: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.**All:** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Spirit All-Embracing

Portman

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –

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*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.*

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

- Musicians Sue and Nicole Gross, Handbells; Ethan Draper
- Altar Flower Delivery Doris Deitzel
- Altar Guild Doris Deitzel, Bonnie Williams
- Assisting Minister.....Liam Fralic
- Communion Assistants Liam Fralic, Mike Jones
- Communion Preparers..... Abby Fett, Deb Anker
- Courier Randy Kline
- Greeters Jody & Deb Ruhlman
- LectorAnne Fralic
- Live Stream Doug West
- UshersTeam 7: John Frederick, Tom Bell, Barb Frederick,
Grant Frederick, Lance Frederick, Deb Hansford

The church office will **be closed on Monday, September 7 for Labor Day weekend. We will reopen on Tuesday morning, September 8 at 8:30 a.m.*

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT



September 6 - 13, 2026

Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	10:30 a.m.
Mon.	Office Closed in Honor of Labor Day	
Wed.	Boy Scouts	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Tue.	Cub Scouts	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Thur.	St. Matthew Ringers Rehearsal	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Sat.	Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	Puppet Ministry Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)	9:30-10:15 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	10:30 a.m.
	Confirmation Family Night (Youth Room)	6:00-8:00 p.m.

JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW INTERIM PASTOR

On **September 1**, Pastor Nancy Goede will begin service as our Interim Pastor until a new Lead Pastor is called. We know that St. Matthew will greet her warmly as she began her time with us.



A Note of Thanks:

Bonnie and Pastor Michael want to thank St. Matthew for their gracious gift card. It was put to immediate use and was perfect for our plan to go to Long Horn for lunch. Again our prayers for the ministry of St. Matthew. God bless and keep you!

With thanks and prayers,
Pastor Michael and Bonnie



☀️ RALLY DAY — Kick Off the New Church Year! ☀️

Join us on **Sunday, September 20 at 9:30 a.m.** as we kick off our new church year and celebrate our theme:

💡 *God Lights Our Way* 💡

Bring the whole family for a morning of **fellowship, fun, and inspiration** as we look ahead to all that's in store at **St. Matthew!**

🎭 **Puppet Show** — fun for all ages

🔍 **Church Scavenger Hunt** — a family adventure

🎲 **Confirmation Bingo** — for confirmands and their families

★ **Splash Class** with Lindsay Amspacher for ages 3 mo. - 3 years.

🏆 **Prizes** throughout the morning!

Come discover the many opportunities **St. Matthew** has to offer, connect with one another, and get excited for the year ahead.

☕ Enjoy coffee, juice, bagels, and pastries as we celebrate together!

See you at Rally Day! We can't wait to kick off the new church year with you! 💖



Our GriefShare support group has begun but it is not too late to join. We are meeting on Mondays from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. We will not meet on Labor Day, Monday, September 7.

Our member Neil Rasmussen says GriefShare Group works for him because...

We can all participate.

We all face similar circumstances, including the facilitators.

We support each other.

It helped me...

- To know I'm not alone
- To guide me on my alternate way of life.
- To hold my hand when needed.

Call the Church Office to register or fill out this form and drop into the offering plate. You may email Pastor Faye at nicksong@comcast.net or call 717-637-7101, [Ext 225](#).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____

Note from Call Committee

The Call Committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who took the time to complete our surveys and participate in our recent focus groups. We received 65 total surveys from the congregation.

Your thoughtful feedback, honest reflections, and willingness to share your hopes and concerns have been incredibly valuable as we begin the search for a new Pastor.

It is noteworthy that some of the top themes in the surveys / focus groups were:

- Recommitment to traditional Lutheran Worship & Biblical Teaching.
- Develop stronger relationships with congregants and community.
- Focus on the growth of the congregation.

We are grateful for the time, prayer, and care you have invested in this important process as we prayerfully discern the qualities and gifts that will best serve our congregation.

— *The Call Committee*

Back-To-School Clothing Collection/De-Clutter Your Closet

If you have women's/children's clothing that you would like to donate somewhere, St. Matthew may have an opportunity for you. The Social Ministry Committee is collecting women's/children's clothing to donate to our friends at HACC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Beck, abeck1976@comcast.net or Beth Szymanski, bszymanski3@hotmail.com. **Please bring clothing to the Gathering Place and place it in the bin** through September 27.

Puppet Ministry



St. Matthew Mini Ministers puppet ministry needs YOU! The puppet ministry is open to anyone in 6th grade-12th grade. Our next rehearsals are on **Sunday, September 13 from 9:30-10:15 am** and **Saturday, September 19 from 10:45 am-11:30 am**. The puppet ministry spreads the love of God at church and community groups.

For more information, please contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org. To register please visit: bit.ly/stmattpuppet.

Acting All Ages * NOTE CHANGE OF DATE*



Are you interested in acting? How can theatre enhance worship in Church and in the community? There will be a meeting on **Sunday, September 27 from 11:45-12:15 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall for anyone interested. This is for ALL ages. To register, please visit: bit.ly/StMattTheater.

Spanish Classes

Looking to learn a little Spanish? Register for Beginning Spanish taught by Martha Hernandez from CASA. Classes are September 5, September 19, September 26, and October 3 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. in the Upper Room. Classes are FREE but registration is required. To register please visit: bit.ly/stmattspanish.



Seniors Hang Out

Our next Seniors Hang Out is on Monday, September 21 at 10:00 am. Pastor Michael will lead us in reflections of 9-11.

Camp Hebron – Fall Retreat



Sponsored By: The Lower Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 23, 24, 25

Retreat theme is: "Rooted in love-Sustained in hope: Finding our call in challenging times to nurture God's "kin-dom." Our leader this year is Elaine Dent, a retired Lutheran pastor who currently works as a spiritual director, a supply preacher and a once-a-month coach for a congregation in transition in Akron, Ohio.

At Camp Hebron there will be faith renewal in worship, laughter & tears, getting reacquainted with old friends and making new friends, refreshing walks in the outdoors or sitting quietly in meditation. Camp Hebron offers motel-type accommodations including linens, private bath and 5 delicious meals. There is also an opportunity for Saturday only registration. See registration form for more info.

Registration forms can be picked up in the church office or on the Hospitality Desk. **Registrations must be postmarked by Tuesday, September 8.** For additional information call the Church Office, 717-637-7101.

Lutheran World Relief



When a disaster hits — whether it's a drought, tsunami or civil war — Lutheran World Relief works over months and years to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to help people recover and adjust to new realities.

Natural disasters and conflict-driven emergencies ravage the lives and livelihoods of hundreds of millions of people each year.

We work hand in hand with vulnerable communities to help rebuild after disaster strikes as well as avoid or prepare for future disasters.

In the days and weeks after a disaster, we are on the ground helping to meet people's immediate needs. And in the months and years following, we are dedicated to working with them to ensure that they can rebuild better and stronger than before.

To donate to a specific disaster such as Venezuela/Columbia earthquakes or wildfires or the Ukraine, go to give.lwr.org. To donate through St. Matthew, make checks payable to St. Matthew with the memo line LWR-disasters or donate through our online giving.

Blood Drive

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Wednesday, September 23rd

12:00 - 6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

- We suggest you schedule an appointment to donate blood.
- Walk-ins are welcome; however donors with appointments will be taken first and may result in a significant wait time.
- A form of ID is required to donate.

There are 3 Easy Ways to Make Your Appointment:

- Go to 717GiveBlood.org & click on *Donate*
- Call 1-800-771-0059
- Scan the QR code provided below



Everyone will receive Papa John's buy one large pizza get one FREE coupon
& a certificate for a FREE pint of Bruster's Ice Cream!



Join Us in Making a Joyful Noise!

CHOIRS TO RETURN IN SEPTEMBER



After a well-deserved summer recess, our choirs will return in September for an exciting year ahead of music making and spreading the word of the Gospel. Our choirs make a real difference in the life of our congregation and in our worship services. If you are interested in sharing your gifts in this way, please prayerfully consider joining one of our musical groups below:

Adult Choir | Returns September 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Rehearses Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

St. Matthew Ringers (Adult Handbells) | Returns September 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Rehearses Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

SoulFire (Praise Group) | Continues throughout the summer, new members welcome
Rehearses alternating Tuesdays, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Youth Choir (6th – 12th grade) | Returns September 20 at 11:45 a.m.
Rehearses Sundays, 11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Junior Choir (3rd – 5th grade) | Returns September 15 at 4:30 p.m.
Rehearses Tuesdays, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Children's Choir (Age 3 – 2nd grade) | Returns September 17 at 4:15 p.m.
Rehearses Thursdays, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Contact Ethan Draper or Deb Smith if you are interested in participating.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Hanover presents:
Tyler Canonico-Dilley, Organist



St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH of HANOVER

Sunday, Sept. 27
at 4:00 PM
(doors open at 3:30)



“One of the east coast’s finest and dynamic concert organists and inspiring church musicians”

Tickets are not required,
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Reception to follow
with the artist.

Hear the Austin Organ, Opus 1215 – 14,470 pipes –
one of the ten largest pipe organs in the world!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Group

Our next two Youth Groups will be **this Sunday, September 6 & 20th**, Youth suite on third floor room 304 from 6 – 8 p.m. We would love to see you there, so if you are in 6th through 12th grade, come and bring a friend! All Are Welcome!

FAMILY NIGHT FOR CONFIRMATION:

Join us **next Sunday, September 13** in the Youth Suite from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to meet everyone and hear about what to expect for the year. All 6-8th graders and families are encouraged to come and have some pizza and fun!



ALIVE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS:



ALIVE is our annual synod middle-school (6-8th grade) retreat scheduled for **September 25-27** at Camp Nawakwa. Congregations from across our synod gather with their adult advisors and youth for this weekend. It'll include large gatherings with singing, games, and theme centered videos and stories, interspersed with small groups to converse about the theme and its impact in their lives of faith.

The weekend will also include games, campfires, free time, and community building that allows youth to deepen their existing friendships and cultivate new ones. Registration is \$50. **The deadline to register is September 6.** Contact Tim Peck at youth@stmattlutheran.org or the church office at 717-637-7101 ext. 230 with questions.



Trunk or Treat

Just a reminder that **on October 26th** we will be having Trunk or Treat from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Get your trunk ideas a starting to brew and come enjoy a safe and fun evening at St. Matt's Parking lot. Any questions ask Tim Peck youth@stmattlutheran.org or call 717-637-7101 ext. 230. All

are Welcome! GET IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!



SCAN ME

CONFIRMATION

Sunday Faith Formation
for Grades 6-8
3rd Floor Youth Suite

Begins September 20 at 9:30 a.m.



Confirmation is not just a class. It is a journey of faith, where we ask honest questions and explore what it means to follow Jesus. Sign up with the QR code above.

Join us for Family Night , Sept. 13 from 6-8 p.m.!

This is an opportunity to get to know one another, eat pizza and learn what to expect this year! RSVP though the QR code above or by contacting Tim.

Contact Tim Peck
Youth@stmattlutheran.org
717-637-7101, ext. 230
with any questions!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

INTRODUCING: GLOW



On Sunday, September 20, we are introducing **GLOW** to be held during the 10:30 worship service for our children! **God Lights Our Way!** Children 3 years old through 5th grade will be invited to join us for a lesson and craft after the first prayer and we will return before communion. This will take the place of our Faith Connections which were held at 9:30 a.m. prior years. Our 3-5 year olds will be in the Pray Ground in

Fellowship Hall. Kindergarten-2nd grade will be in the Faith Connections room in the Lower Level and 3rd-5th graders will be in the Children's choir room in the Lower Level. **We will begin GLOW on Sunday, September 20, at the 10:30 service.** Please contact Missy Smith with any questions, msmith@stmattlutheran.org or 717-637-7101, ext. 232.

The Adult Faith Connection classes will continue at 9:30-10:20 on Sundays, along with Confirmation class for 6-8th graders.

INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

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