



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH *of* HANOVER

Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real

Sunday, September 27, 2026
8:30 & 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: *Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.*

18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

✙ GATHERING ✙

PRELUDE (8:30)

Prelude from Suite for Organ

Haan

(10:30)

Be Still and Know
Tasha Bobb, Soloist

arr. Fettke

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Confession is led from the font because baptism is the way in which we enter into relationship with the God we know in Jesus Christ. Christians enter the endless cycle of repentance, confession and forgiveness through these waters.

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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

ELW #634

Perronet/Holden



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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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.

(10:30) God Lights Our Way- Children 3-years old to 5th grade are invited to join us at the rear of the Nave. Ages 3-5 will go to the Pray Ground in Fellowship Hall and children kindergarten - 5th grade will go to the Lower Level. At this time, we will explore our faith by learning Bible stories, and the lessons God teaches us. We will encourage our children to put those lessons into everyday life and let God's light shine through them.

We will return in time for communion with their families.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

There is silence to prepare for the readings.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those
things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the

transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9 *Please read responsively.*

¹ To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your
goodness, O LORD.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with

fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these

things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Tim Krick

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

**ELW #818
Gladden/Smith**

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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the
paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

CREED

Assisting Minister: 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

Assisting Minister: 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.

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30) *Be Still and Know* arr. Fettke
Tasha Bobb, Soloist

(10:30)	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God</i>	Mueller
	Adult Choir	

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

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:

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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.

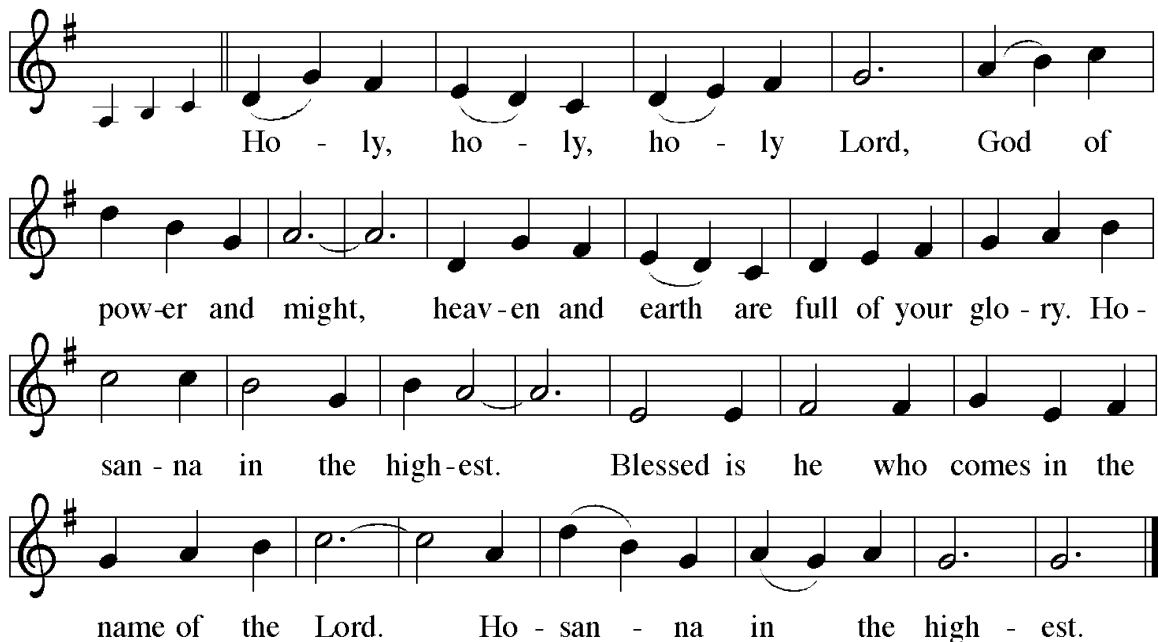
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Assisting Minister: 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



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God" in three staves. The melody is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



COMMUNION HYMN

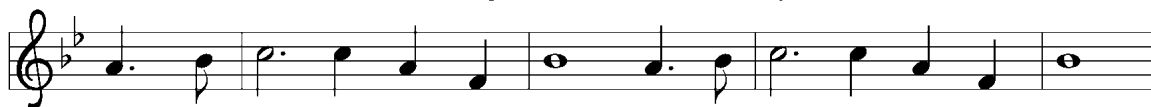
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW #623

Toplady/Hastings



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

#ELW 545

Fawcett/Thring



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



DISMISSAL:

Assisting Minister: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude *from* Suite for Organ

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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:

Preaching Pastor Rev. Tim Krick
Presiding Pastor Rev. Nancy Goede
Musicians (8:30)..... Tasha Bobb, Soloist; Deb Smith
(10:30)..... Tasha Bobb, Soloist; Adult Choir; Deb Smith
Altar Flower Delivery Doris Deitzel
Altar Guild Doris Deitzel, Bonnie Williams
Assisting Minister.....8:30 – Diane Hoffman-Neail; 10:30 – Karen Sowers
Communion Assistants 8:30 – Barb Rupp, Darlene Klenk
..... 10:30 – Raegan Ross, Beth Szymanski
Communion Preparers..... 8:30 – Sally Staub, Bonnie Williams
..... 10:30 – Diane Hoffman-Neail, Nancy Oppedal
Courier8:30 –; 10:30 – Mike Jones, Irvin Sowers
Greeters 8:30 – Eric Klansek, Maria Martin
.....10:30 – Martha Hempfing, Doris Sterner
Lector 8:30 – Eric Klansek ; 10:30 – Barbara Strangfeld
Live Stream (10:30)..... Lexi Smith
Ushers 8:30 - Team 5: Jay Bowersox, Hailey Bucher, Jeremy Bucher,
Randy Kline, Jody Ruhlman, Ellen Shenk
10:30 – Team 7: John Frederick, Tom Bell, Barb Frederick,
Grant Frederick, Lance Frederick, Deb Hansford

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory Nelda P. Kline by Randy and Deb Kline; and in honor of Linda Gouker for donating her kidney to me on September 28, 2004 by her daughter Kathy Miller; and in honor of Kathy Miller by her parents on the 22nd anniversary of her kidney transplant on September 28; and in loving memory of Paul Wheeler who would have celebrated his birthday on September 29 by his wife Linda.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our grandmother Nelda P. Kline by David and Carrie.

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.

William Brown
Jennifer Bingel
GriefShare Group
Kay Grady
Deb Smith
Barb Berwager

Shirley Bream
Kay Fontaine
Jeanie Mehring
Jay Cromer
Nancy Leister
Pearl Wintrose

Loretta Cover
Patricia Mosely
Nate Bankert
Brad Maloney
Lucas Cherry

Deaths: Bob Strausbaugh (Non-Member)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT



September 27 – October 4, 2026

Sun.	Youth Return from Alive	
	Worship with Holy Communion w/ LWR Rev. Tim Krick (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	LWR Presentation w/ Reverend Tim Krick (Fellowship Hall)	9:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion w/ LWR Rev. Tim Krick (Nave)	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Choir & Bells Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	11:45-12:30 p.m.
	Intergenerational Theater Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	11:45-12:15 p.m.
	Tyler Canonico-Dilley Organ Concert	4:00 p.m.
Mon.	Grief Share (Upper Room)	3:00-4:30 p.m.
Tue.	Junior Choir Rehearsal (Children's Rehearsal Room)	4:30-5:15 p.m.
	Cub Scout Den Meeting (Gym)	6:30-7:30 p.m.
	Council Meeting (Upper Room)	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Wed.	Boy Scouts	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thur.	Children's Choir (Children's Rehearsal Room)	4:15-5:00 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringers Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Sat.	<i>Beginning Spanish</i> Class (Upper Room)	9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	Bible Milestones (Nave)	Both Services
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Choir & Bells Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	11:45-12:30 p.m.
	Youth Group (Room 304)	6:00-8:00 p.m.

This weekend, September 26 & 27, we welcome the Rev. Tim Krick from Lutheran World Relief to all services, plus a presentation in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.



Rev. Tim Krick serves as a Senior Advisor of Congregational Engagement at Lutheran World Relief. In this role, he is part of a team that connects congregations across the United States with LWR's work of bringing lifesaving aid and long-term hope, along with quilts and care kits to our most vulnerable neighbors around the world. Prior to this role, Tim served

ELCA congregations outside Appleton WI and the Seacoast area of New Hampshire for 14 years, where he and his family still live. He originally hales from the Western Suburbs of Chicago and bleeds Cubby blue.

Affirming God's love for all people, Lutheran World Relief works with Lutherans and partners around the world to end poverty, injustice and human suffering. As a church, St. Matthew has helped raise funds for many of the disaster initiatives that LWR responds to. The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) at St. Matthew have been collecting for and preparing Personal Care Kits since 2011. The Women of the ELCA alone collected for and prepared 1,095 Personal Care Kits from 2011 through 2021, at which point it became a church-wide event, headed by WELCA. From 2022 through 2026, the church prepared and sent out another 3,333 PCKs, for a total of 4,428 personal care kits packed up and shipped out from St. Matthew.



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.

Join Rev. Krick for his presentation in Fellowship Hall where our Welcome Place will be set up with coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday at 4:00 PM - You Won't Want to Miss This!



St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HANOVER

Tyler Canonico-Dilley, Organist in Concert



St. Matthew Lutheran
Church of Hanover

Sunday, September 27
at 4:00 PM

Doors Open at 3:30

Reception to Follow with Artist

Tickets are not required,
free-will offering accepted.

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



Serving in Worship! Each week, our worship services are shaped by the gifts of many. From reading scripture to offering a warm welcome at the door, each role matters. We will be preparing our schedules for November, December and January. Please use the

provided QR code to sign up if you have never served before and would like to give it a try. You can also contact the office by phone, 717-637-7101, or by email, info@stmattlutheran.org. We will have volunteers to “show you the ropes,” for those signing up for the first time. Worship comes alive when we share it together!



Call Committee Update

The Call Committee met with members of the Church Council and Pastor Martini, Assistant to the Bishop, on 9/9/26 to review the completed Ministry Site Profile (MSP). There were minor revisions that were proposed and the Call Committee met on 9/15/26 to finalize the MSP and submit it to the Bishop's office.

The process now shifts to applicants reviewing our profile and contacting the Synod / Call Committee and scheduling interviews. It is important to know that we are unsure how long this part of the process could take but we will do our best to keep you informed of our progress.

Thank you,

The Call Committee

Last Week of 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.

This Sunday! Acting All Ages



Are you interested in acting? How can theatre enhance worship in Church and in the community? There will be a meeting this **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. If you are interested in our Theatre Ministry

and cannot attend the meeting, please register or email

dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.

2026 Green Bean Collection!

GOAL: 1,000 Cans of Green Beans

October 11-November 1

Benefitting New Hope Ministries Thanksgiving Meal Kits.

If you prefer to make a financial contribution, please note Green Bean Drive in the Memo Line

Any questions, please contact Amy Beck, abeck1976@comcast.net



Fall Community Meal



Monday October 26, 5:00-7:00pm

Meal: Hot Dogs, Chili, Corn Bread, Chicken Corn Soup

Volunteers Needed: To make chili, corn bread, chicken corn soup, set up, serve, and clean up on the 26th. We will meet at 4:15pm for set up.

*If you are willing to help, please email Amy Beck, abeck1976@comcast.net or the church office, info@stmattlutheran.org.

Veterans Breakfast

Sunday, November 8 at 9:40 a.m.

The Youth invite all Veterans and their families to join us for a special breakfast as we honor and celebrate those who have served our country.

We would like to include our Veterans' service photos in a special PowerPoint presentation during the breakfast. If you are a Veteran and would like your photo included, please email your service photo to Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.



Please submit your Veteran photo by October 31. If you have submitted a photo in the past, there is no need to send it again. Deb still has your photo on file. We look forward to gathering together as we give thanks for the service and sacrifice of our Veterans.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Group

Our next Youth Group meetings will be Sunday, October 4th and 18th in the Youth suite on the 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!



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CONFIRMATION

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



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.

Contact Tim Peck
Youth@stmattlutheran.org
717-637-7101, ext. 230
with any 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 starting to brew and come enjoy a safe and fun evening at St. Matt's parking lot. Let Tim Peck know if you want a space reserved! We will have candy donation boxes for Trunk or Treat in the elevator lobby area and in the Gathering Place. Thank you to everyone who donates to this wonderful evening.

Any questions, ask Tim Peck youth@stmattlutheran.org or call 717-637-7101 ext. 230. All are Welcome! GET IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

INTRODUCING: GLOW



GLOW is being held during the 10:30 service. Children 3 years old through 5th grade will gather at the back of the Nave to participate in a lesson and activity after the first prayer and return before communion.

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. Please contact Missy Smith with any questions, msmith@stmattlutheran.org or 717-637-7101, ext. 232.

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

Sunday, October 4th- both Sunday Services- Bible Milestones- We like to make sure that our youth have God's word in their hands. Those in third thru fifth grade are welcome to join us during the 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. Sunday services and receive their Bible.

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.

_____ 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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