



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH *of* HANOVER

Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real

Sunday, October 11, 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: *In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

✙ GATHERING ✙

PRELUDE (10:30)

Kum-Ba-Ya
St. Matthew Ringers

arr. Helman

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.

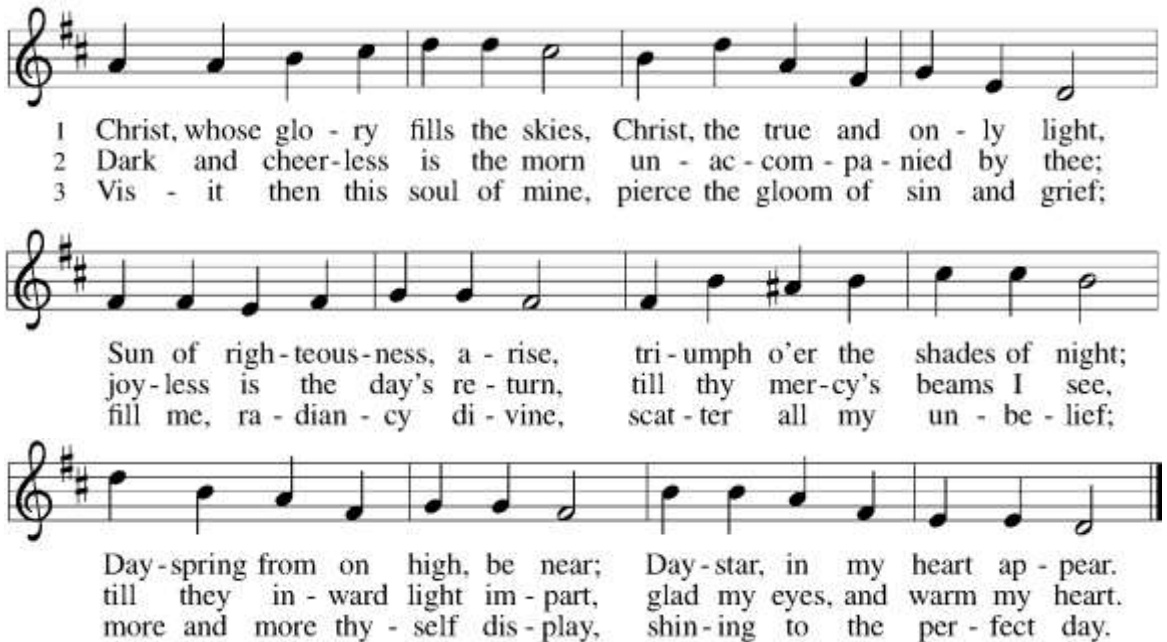
Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through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

All: Amen.

HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW #553
Wesley



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

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.

SOLO (10:30)

Psalm 23

Victorine

Jeanie Mummert Kent, Soloist

(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

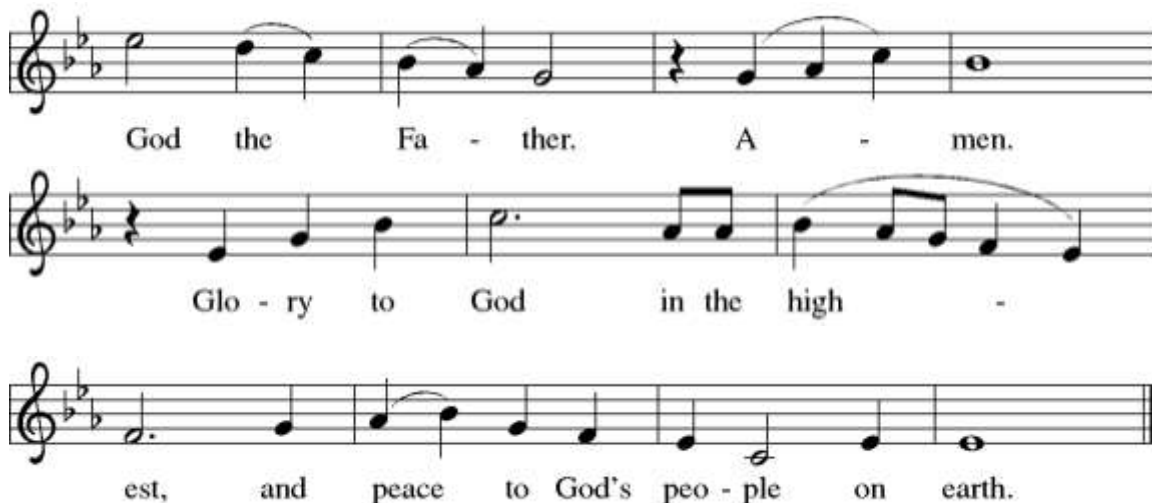
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

There is silence to prepare for the readings.

Pastor: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

1 O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,

for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

2 For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

4 For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
5 the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

7 And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
8 he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

9 It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23 *Please read responsively.*

1 The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

2 The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

3 You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

1 My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. **3** Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. **5** Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. **6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,

think about these things. 9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

1 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been

invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Gather Us In

**ELW #532
Haugen**

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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)

arr. McDonald

Down by the Riverside with Standing in the Need of Prayer

Jeanie Mummert Kent, Soloist

(10:30)

The Lord’s My Shepherd

arr. Ferrin

Adult Choir

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

GENEROSITY MOMENT with ANNOUNCEMENTS

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For E-Giving

*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.*

STEWARDSHIP LITANY *Please read responsively.*

All: Let us give thanks for the day to day blessings that we sometimes take for granted:

Assisting Minister: healthy food,

All: abundant food,

Assisting Minister: feasting food

All: and gifts of food.

Assisting Minister: Let us dedicate ourselves today to breaking bread in fellowship and unity in our church.

All: Let us dedicate ourselves to feasting with hungry neighbors

Assisting Minister: and gathering around the table with neighbors in need in our community.

All: We dedicate ourselves and our lives to you, O Lord.

Assisting Minister: Let us give thanks for the blessings of our homes:

All: for safety and comfort,

Assisting Minister: for strong doors and tight windows,

All: for heat and hot water,

Assisting Minister: for good neighbors,

All: for a sense of belonging and security.

Assisting Minister: Let us dedicate ourselves today to making our church building a safe and comfortable place for many people to gather and work, learn and play.

All: Let us dedicate ourselves to being a welcoming community to people at many different places on their faith journey.

Assisting Minister: Let us dedicate ourselves to our partnerships with those in our community who help those who live on the street.

All: Let us dedicate ourselves as advocates for a safe and supportive community.

Assisting Minister: We dedicate ourselves and our lives to you, O Lord.

All: You bless us, God, and we return the blessing to you in our offerings.

Please stand as you are able.

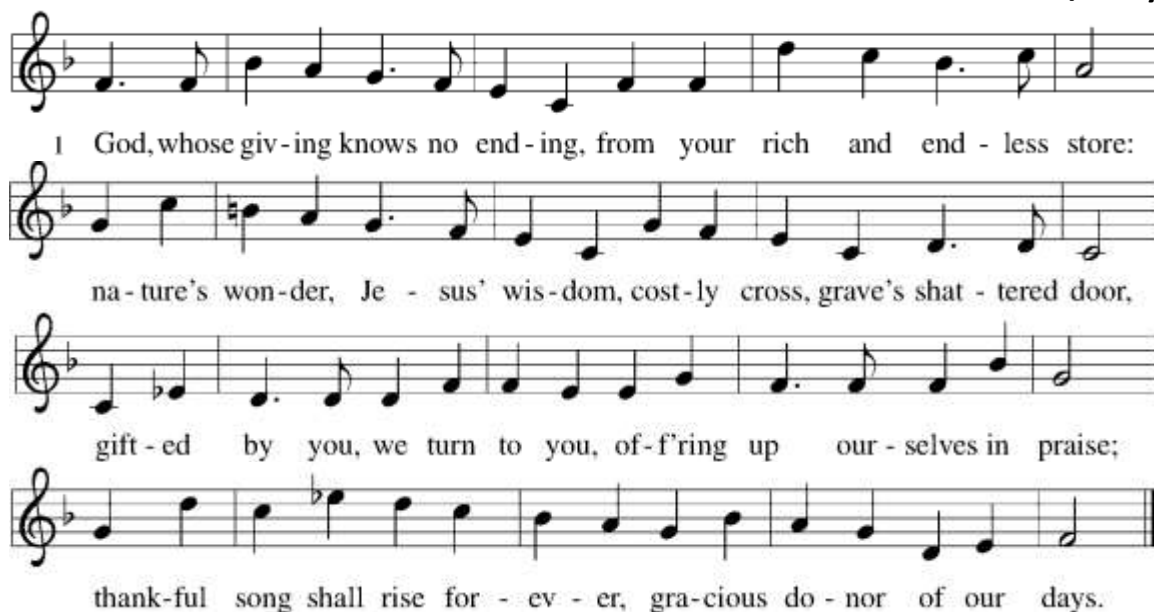
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OFFERTORY

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:
na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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)

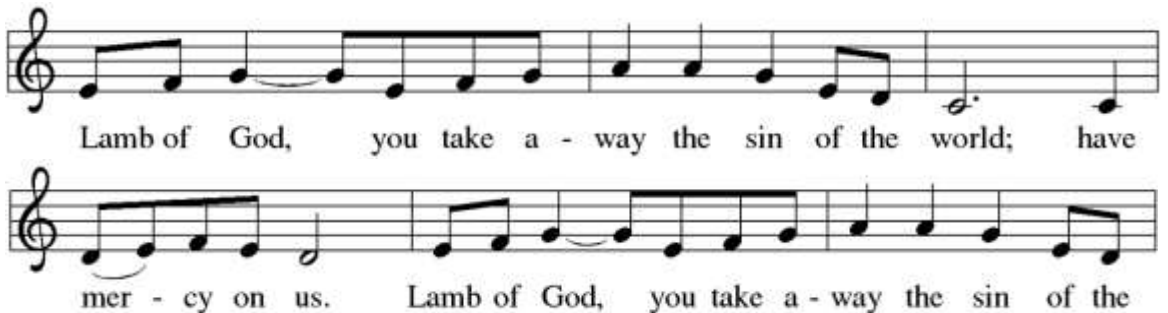
Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. (*Eat wafer*)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (*Drink wine/grape juice*)

LAMB OF GOD





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

COMMUNION SOLO (10:30)

arr. McDonald

Down by the Riverside with Standing in the Need of Prayer

Jeanie Mummert Kent, Soloist

COMMUNION HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

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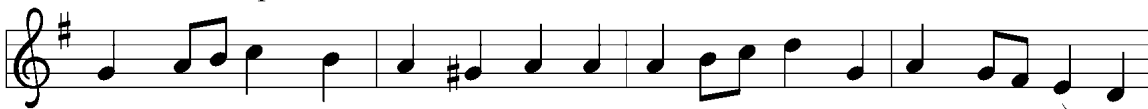
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- 1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
- 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



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



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



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

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call,
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

Handel

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

Musicians (8:30)..... Jeanie Mummert Kent, Soloist; Deb Smith and Ethan Draper
(10:30)..... Jeanie Mummert Kent, Soloist; St. Matthew Ringers; Adult Choir;
..... Deb Smith and Ethan Draper
Altar Flower Delivery Pam Cashman
Altar Guild Deb Kline, Penny Rutters
Assisting Minister..... 8:30 – Stephanie Klansek; 10:30 – Randy Kline
Communion Assistants 8:30 – Mike Jones, Sally Staub;
..... 10:30 – Jeremy Bucher, Ellen Shenk
Communion Preparers..... 8:30 – Nancy Bealing, Sarah Morris;
..... 10:30 – Hallie Doll, Carolyn Markle
Courier 8:30 – Mike Jones, Darlene Klenk ; 10:30 – Mike Jones, Sue Covert
Greeters 8:30 – Debby Seibert, Sally Staub ; 10:30 – Barry & Lori Unger
Lector 8:30 – Stephanie Klansek ; 10:30 – Raegan Ross
Live Stream (10:30)..... Hailey Bucher
Ushers 8:30 - Team 9: Tim Peck, Ava Berwager, Hallie Doll, Elijah Fisher,
Elijah Jones, Troy Linebaugh, Landen Zinneman
10:30 – Team 1: Tom Shultz, Bob & Kit Curlen, Sean Huston,
John Mancini, Linda Sanders, Linda Wheeler

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary R. Utz remembering her birthdate of October 12 and her date of death by Cathy and Keith Trimmer.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary R. Utz remembering her birthdate of October 12 and her date of death by Cathy and Keith Trimmer; and in loving memory of Anna E. Baker by her son Philip Zinn; and in loving memory of John Charles Frederick Sr. who would have celebrated his birthday on October 14 by the Frederick family.

Please join us THIS Sunday, October 11, at 11:30, after the 10:30 service, when we will hold a **retirement recognition** for Dave and Stacy Brodbeck. Stacy was our Office Administrator for the past 17 years, and Dave has been our facilities manager for 2 years. We thank them both for their service to St. Matthew. Join us for refreshments and an opportunity to say thank you!

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.

Lance Baker
Shirley Bream
Benjamin Alessi
Phyllis Starner family
William Brown
Jennifer Bingel

GriefShare Group
Kay Grady
Deb Smith
Barb Berwager
Kay Fontaine
Jeanie Mehring

Jay Cromer
Nancy Leister
Patricia Mosely
Nate Bankert
Brad Maloney
Lucas Cherry

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT



October 11-18, 2026

Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Recognition of Dave & Stacy Brodbeck's Retirement	11:30 a.m.
	Youth Choir & Bells Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	11:45-12:30 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 Committee Meeting (Girl Scout Room)	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	All Committee Night (Fellowship Hall)	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wed.	Boy Scout Leader Meeting	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	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.	Worship with Holy Communion	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Choir & Bells Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	11:45-12:30 p.m.
	Youth Group (Third Floor-Youth Suite)	6:00-8:00 p.m.

Faith Connections

Throughout life, God forms our faith through learning, relationships, and rituals. We offer opportunities for some of those faith connections for all ages on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

- Splash Class (occasional only) / 9:45-10:15 PrayGround / ages 3 months - 36 months with parent or caregiver
- Confirmation and Youth Classes / Youth Suite / ages 6th through 12th grade
- Generations Class / Parlor / adults / exploring current events through a faith lens

ADULT MINISTRY

Contact Beth Koontz for more information, bethk9245@gmail.com

Generations Class

Join us from 9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. as we gather in the Parlor (right off the Gathering Place). This class uses a digital resource called *Wired Word*. The leader uses this for discussion on current everyday events and how they connect with scripture and our daily walk in Christian Life.

Seniors Hang Out



Monday, October 19 from 10:00 am-12:00 Session 2

Healthy Steps for Older Adults (HSOA) is a 2-session program. During session 2, we have the participants complete 3 fall risk assessments (with assistance from volunteer spotters), which helps them to understand how at risk for a fall they are. We also teach light exercises to help build strength, stability, and coordination to prevent a fall.

Please join us for fellowship and coffee.

2026 Green Bean Collection!

Help Us Meet Our 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@stmatthlutheran.org.

Reformation Weekend October 24 & 25

Lutherans remember the Reformation at the end of October, when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517, inviting colleagues at the university to debate with him the sale of indulgences by the pope. That was the official beginning of the Reformation, the movement that led many rulers and lands to split from the Roman Catholic Church and form churches like the Lutheran Church.

Commitment Weekend October 24 & 25

At our Reformation observance on October 24 & 25, instead of buying indulgences to support St. Matthew, we'll bring forward our estimate of giving cards and recommit ourselves to supporting the life of our church. Stewardship materials will arrive via mail soon.

All Saints' Weekend October 31 and November 1



As we do every year during worship on All Saints', we will read the names of those from this community who have died in the past year. For all of the other saints in your life whom you would like to remember on that day, please write their names in the book by the baptismal font, and we will read their names also. This could be anyone you know who has died in the past year or much longer ago. On All Saints', there will be a chance for you to light a candle for these saints as well.

Calling All Bakers

On both Reformation and All Saints', we will use loaves of bread at all three services. If you would like to bake for one of these services or a whole weekend, please talk to Penny Rutters or Pastor Goede.

Veterans Breakfast

Sunday, November 8 at 9:30 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@stmatthlutheran.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.

GRIEF SHARE®
SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 10 AM – 12 PM

St. Matthew Upper Room #201

**A helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays
after losing a loved one.**

The seminar will help you with...

- Being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays
- What to do about traditions and possible changes
- How to handle holiday parties and invitations
- How to survive awkward moments with other people
- Where to find comfort, strength, and hope in a seemingly hopeless time

Attendees will receive a Survival Guide with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and daily help throughout the holiday season. There is no cost.

For more information or to register, call Pastor Faye Snyder at 717-637-7101, Ext 225 or email nicksong@comcast.net. Deadline November 10.

Or you may sign up below and drop into offering plate by November 9.

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SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS SEMINAR
Registration

Name _____

Phone number _____ email _____

MUSIC MINISTRY

Contact Ethan Draper for more information, edraper@stmattlutheran.org

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Hanover presents:

Silent Film with Organ Accompaniment
feat. organist Tedde Gibson

Sunday, Nov. 1
at 4:00 p.m.
Reception to follow



Maryland-based Tedde Gibson performs live accompaniment to silent films across the country. Mr. Gibson will accompany the 1925 classic *Phantom of the Opera* starring Lon Chaney, which will be a unique and unforgettable experience.



St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HANOVER

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Group

Our next Youth Group meeting will be Sunday, October 18th in the Youth suite on the third floor, room 304, from 6 – 8 p.m. We would love to see you there! If you are in 6th through 12th grade, come and bring a friend! All Are Welcome!



CONFIRMATION

Sunday Faith Formation for Grades 6 thru 8
Sundays from 9:30 - 10:20 a.m.
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 provided QR code.

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




Youth Needed

We will need youth to be Cross Bearers and Torch Bearers on these weekends!

- Reformation Sunday October 25th at both services (3 youth at each service)
- All-Saints Sunday November 1st at both services (3 youth at each service)

Please let Tim Peck know which service you would like to serve at.

youth@stmattlutheran.org 717-476-9920

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 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!



Youth Lock-In 6-12th grade

Put it on the calendar for November! A lock-in for all 6-12th graders. We will have a cook off, games, lessons, midnight worship, and lots of fun, right here in our church!

Please mark November 13 and 14th for this event! More details will be coming soon. Contact Tim Peck youth@stmattlutheran.org, 717-476-9920 for questions.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Bible Milestones

If you weren't able to make our Bible Milestones event last Sunday and need to pick up your Bible, please contact Missy Smith, msmith@stmattlutheran.org.

GLOW



During the 10:30 service, all children ages 3 years old to 5th grade are invited to GLOW (God Lights Our Way.) They 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.

Fall Programs for Children



Tiny Tunes | Sat., Nov. 7; 14; 21 - 12:00-12:45 p.m.

Join us in the Children’s Choir Room for music, games, songs, and instruments for children ages 2 1/2-4 years old.

Pajama Storytime | Sunday, November 8 - 5:00 pm

Join Ms. Lindsay, Mr. Ethan, and Ms. Deb in the Upper Room for a meal (chicken nuggets, cookies, etc.) followed by songs and stories.

Music JAM (Jesus and Me) | Saturday, November 14 - 9 to 11 am

Kids in K-4 grade are welcome to join us in the in the Children’s Choir Room for a morning of singing, music games, playing instruments, making their own instrument, and snack.



These programs are FREE but registration is required. Scan the QR Code to register!

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