



St. Matthew

LUTHERAN CHURCH *of* HANOVER

Where the Welcome is Wide and the Love is Real

Sunday, June 14, 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 outdoor worship at 8:30 a.m. and indoors at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed). You can find our livestream on our website or on Youtube (links can be found on the last page of the bulletin).

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Way Maker
SoulFire

Okoro

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Compassionate God,

All: we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, amen.

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

In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

All: Amen



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Children second grade and under are invited to meet our children's leader at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear a Bible story from this week's lectionary in an age-appropriate format and spend some time exploring their faith and creativity together. They will return during the passing of the peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lector: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ THE WORD ✠

THE READING: Exodus 19:3-8a

³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100 (*Please read responsively*)

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

² **Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

³ Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴ **Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

⁵ Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Lector: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Kathy Vitalis Hoffman

Please stand as you are able.

2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
look at Je - sus, Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
Refrain
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

CREED

Leader: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

Leader: Each petition concludes, “*God of grace,*” and the congregation responds, “*hear our prayer.*”

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with the words, “Peace be with you,” and gestures respecting personal space and comfort levels.)

Children return from Children’s Church.

Please be seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Raney

Bobbi Little, Flute

GENEROSITY MOMENT with Announcements

*We celebrate God’s generosity embodied in this community’s time, talents, and treasures shared with one another. **Thank you for your presence** in worship today. **Thank you for offering** the “first fruits” of your finances. Offering may be*

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

Please stand as you are able.

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #685

Havergal



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

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

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Loving God,

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

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

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

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661
Hankey/Fischer

(Next Page)



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

All: Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

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

All: Amen.

HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW #669

Forness/Walter



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

DISMISSAL:

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

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Allegro maestoso e vivace *from* Sonata II, Op. 65, 2 Mendelssohn

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 –
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Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

- MusiciansSoulFire; Bobbi Little, Flute; Deb Smith, Ethan Draper
- Altar Flower DeliveryTina Schaffner
- Altar Guild Deb Anker, Judy Porowski
- Assisting Minister..... Karen Sowers
- Communion AssistantsDesiree McFarland, Ellen Shenk
- Communion Preparers.....Christine & Dave Myers
- Courier Randy Kline, Ellen Shenk
- Greeters Penny & Steve Rutters
- LectorAnne Fralic
- Live Stream Jody Ruhlman
- Ushers Team 3: Darlene Klenk, Tyler Klenk, Henry Miller,
Barb Rupp, Beth Szymanski, Dirk Wildasin

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.

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT



St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HANOVER

June 14 - 21, 2026

Sun.	Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot)	8:30 a.m.
	SoulFire Rehearsal.....	9:45-10:20 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	10:30 a.m.
	Acting Troupe Rehearsal	12:15 – 1:15 p.m.
Mon.	All Saints Confirmation Camp	
	Seniors Hang Out (Fellowship Hall).....	10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Tue.	All Saints Confirmation Camp	
	Girl Scouts	6:00 -7:30 p.m.
Wed.	All Saints Confirmation Camp	
	Boy Scouts.....	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Thur.	All Saints Confirmation Camp	
Fri.	All Saints Confirmation Camp	
Sat.	Boy Scouts Pancake Breakfast	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 p.m.
Sun.	Outdoor Worship with Holy Communion (Parking Lot).....	8:30 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Group.....	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HANOVER

**Our Dinner Theater Was a
Success!
Thank You to Everyone who
Came Out to Support Our
Youth Mission Trip
Fundraiser.**

FAREWELL TO PASTOR KATHY

As Pastor Kathy's final service before her retirement approaches, we want to remind everyone that there will be **no Saturday service on June 27, and only one service on Sunday, June 28 at 10 a.m.** Following the service there will be a farewell reception held in Fellowship Hall. Anyone wishing to contribute to a farewell gift for Pastor Kathy should make a check payable to St. Matthew with *Pastor Kathy's gift* on the memo line and have it in the church office by June 22.

JUNE & JULY COLLECTION FOR SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE

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

Items needed are:

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

We will have collection bins in the gathering area and by the elevator door. Thank You in advance for helping this ministry and the guests in the shelter.

VBS VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!



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

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

FINANCIAL GIFT FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Our congregation is invited in giving an *above and beyond financial gift* to help alleviate the heavy burdens placed on children in crisis. Could we raise \$10,000 to specifically help the children in Lebanon and Ecuador? Up to \$5,000 from the outreach account will be matched to your gifts.

As we are faced with the devastation of war, the tragedies of disasters and the persistent poverty in the world, we often feel helpless. In this case we have the

trusted avenue to help through Lutheran World Relief. All of these gifts go directly to the places in need.

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

Upcoming Seniors Hang Out

Monday, June 15 and Monday July 20 from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Please join us for cookies, coffee and fellowship.

DISCOVER. ADVENTURE. FRIENDSHIP. YOU.

Be yourself. Be a Girl Scout.

All are welcome!
Kindergarten through 12th grade
Come see what Girl Scouts is all about!

DO CRAFTS

LEARN ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS

MAKE MEMORIES

FREE RITA'S
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

Try something new.
Build confidence.
Change the world.

JUNE 16TH
6:00 - 7:00 PM
St Matthew's Church
32 W Chestnut St
Hanover PA

GIRL POWER

Ready for friendship. Ready for fun. Ready for you.

POVERTY SIMULATION

What's it like to walk in the shoes of someone living in poverty?

Join Hanover community leaders for an interactive Poverty Simulation on **Thursday, June 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at the Hanover Borough Municipal Building.

This hands-on learning opportunity for community leaders is extended by special invitation! Step into the shoes of a low-income family and engage with real-time opportunities to get to work, care for your children, connect to resources, and navigate the unexpected. Registration is required. Register at the link: bit.ly/PovertySimHanover.

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

YOUTH GROUP

We gather for fun, faith, and community.

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

VBS: Illumination Station

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

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

Cost: Free! Lunch is provided. Through engaging stories, songs and activities, children will encounter a powerful Gospel message that brings them into the light of God's truth. For more information, contact Missy Smith at 717-637-7101 ext. 232.





Music Camp

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

Rising K-5th graders

Cost: Free!

Join us for a week of music, creativity and faith! Through singing, dancing and performance, children will explore the story of God's love and bring it to life on stage. All

summer campers will rehearse and perform in a faith-based musical this September — a joyful celebration of the gifts God has given us and has called us to share! For more information, contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org or at 717-637-7101 ext. 236.

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)

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