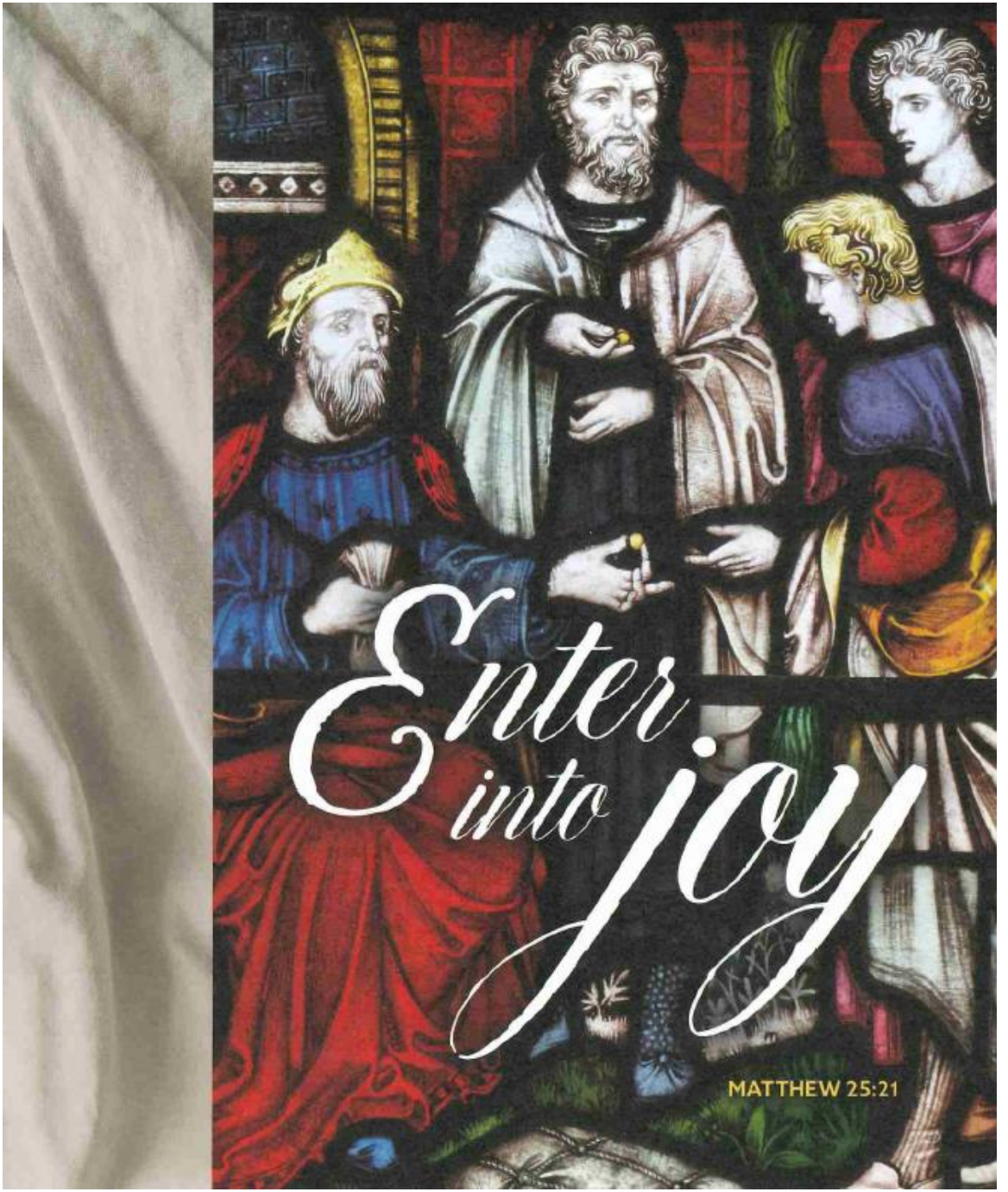

Enter into joy
MATTHEW 25:21

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: *Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the* LORD *will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*

25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026
8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

✣ GATHERING ✣

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ***It is Well with My Soul* (*Blessed Assurance*)** **arr. DeCesare**
Lucas and Owen Dozier

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

HYMN ***O God, Our Help in Ages Past*** **ELW #632**

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.

Pastor: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

MUSICAL OFFERING (10:30)

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning **arr. DeCesare**

Lucas and Owen Dozier

(10:30) God Lights Our Way- Children 5th grade and under 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.

✢ THE WORD ✢

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-12 *Please read responsively.*

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.**
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

[6] **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
[7] For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
[8] **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[9] When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
[10] **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
[11] Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
[12] **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
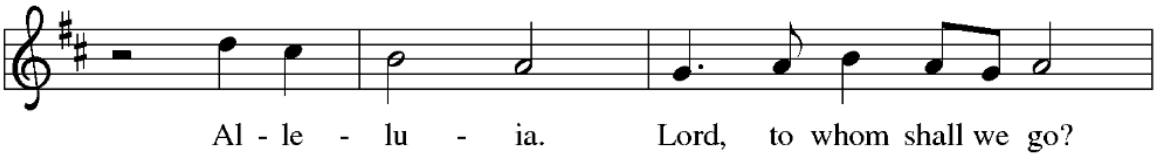
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
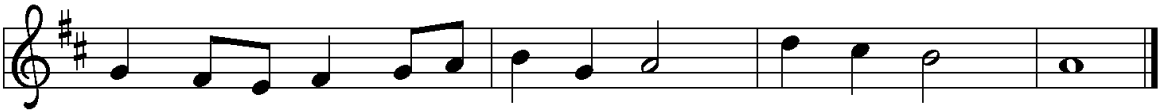
Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 25th chapter.
All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided 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 ***We Praise You, O God*** **ELW #870**

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, *"God, in your mercy,"* and the congregation responds, *"**hear our prayer**."*

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."

MAKING OUR OFFERINGS

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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 or using this QR code. You may also text-to-give at 717-613-6204.* ***Thank you for sharing*** *your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities.*

MUSICAL OFFERING

(8:30) ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** **arr. DeCesare**
Lucas and Owen Dozier

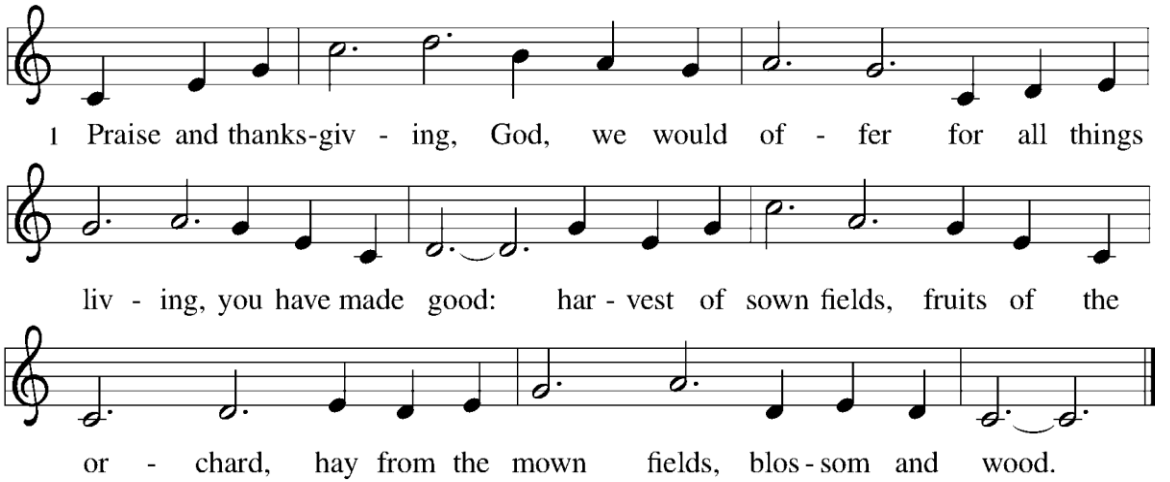
(10:30) ***True Light*** **Hampton**
Adult Choir with Nicole Gross, Soloist

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

Please stand as you are able.

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY ***Praise and Thanksgiving*** **ELW #689**
Bayly



THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

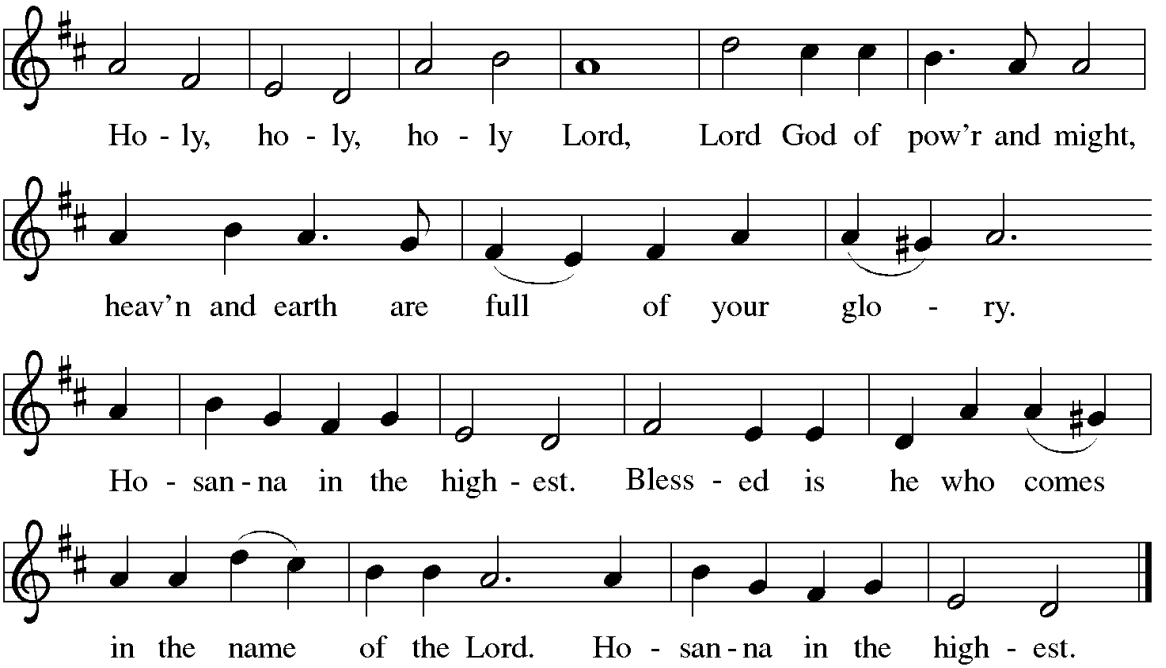
All: We lift them to the Lord.

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:



EUCHARISTIC 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

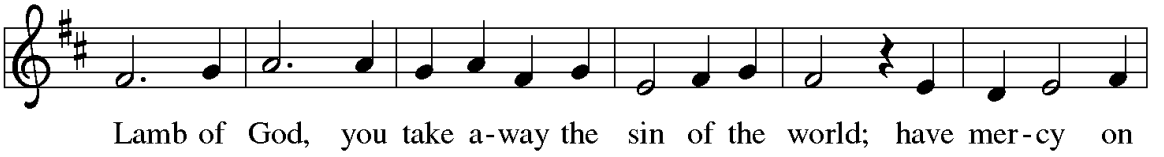
If you are unable to come forward, *but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.*

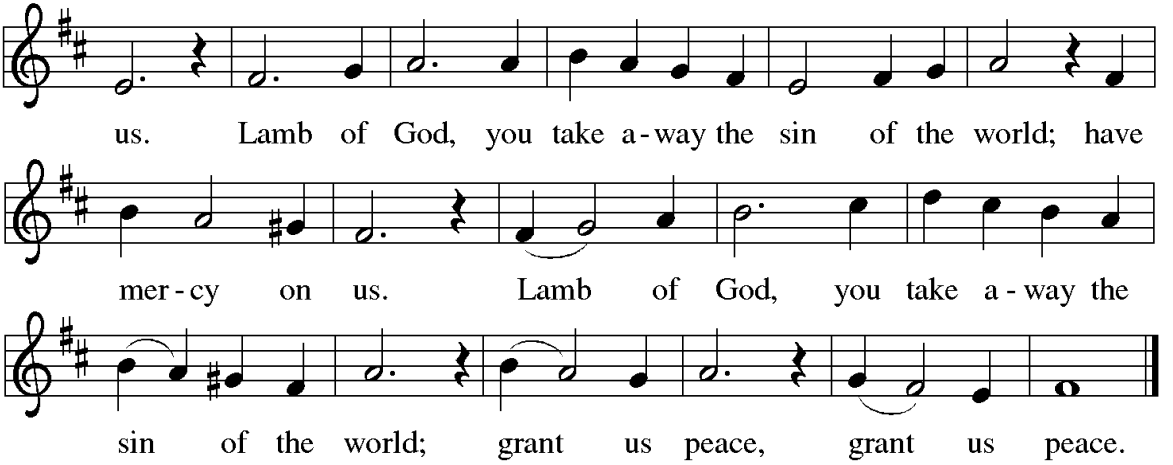
Individual packets *are available for those wishing to remain in their pew.*

Continuous manner *– Come forward at the direction of the ushers through the center aisle, proceed to an open spot at the chancel rail, and kneel or stand at the rail as you are able. You will receive a portion of bread and an individual cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white). If you need the available gluten free bread, please let the bread server know.*

Children who do not yet receive communion *are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD





COMMUNION HYMN ***Christ, Be Our Light*** **ELW #715**

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence,
now and forever.

All: Amen.

✢ SENDING ✢

BLESSING

Pastor: The holy Trinity,
Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

All: Amen.

HYMN ***Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us*** **ELW #707**

DISMISSAL:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ***In Dir Ist Freude*** **Bach**

"In Thee is Gladness"

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

Musicians .....(Both) Lucas and Owen Dozier, Soloists;
(10:30) Adult Choir with Nicole Gross, Soloist; Deb Smith and Ethan Draper

Altar Flower Delivery .....Tina Schaffner

Altar Guild ..... Martha Hempfing, Sally Staub

Assisting Minister.....8:30 – Diane Hoffman-Neail; 10:30 – Aaron Smith

Communion Assistants ..... 8:30 – Irvin Sowers, Karen Sowers

..... 10:30 – Deb Anker, Ellen Shenk

Communion Preparers..... 8:30 – Nancy Bealing, Sarah Morris

.....10:30 – Christine & Dave Myers

Courier ..... 8:30 – Darlene Klenk, Irvin Sowers

.....10:30 –

Greeters .....8:30 – Maria Martin, Kathy Miller

..... 10:30 – Kim Beard, Pam Cashman

Lector ..... 8:30 – Nadine Baughman ; 10:30 – Phil Covert

Live Stream (10:30)..... Lexi Smith

Ushers ..... 8:30 - Team 3: Darlene Klenk, Tyler Klenk, Henry Miller,
Barb Rupp, Beth Szymanski, Dirk Wildasin
10:30 – Team 4: Steve Rutters, Tom Cramer, Dennis Koontz,
Kelli Reed, Penny Rutters

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Floyd B. Ahalt by the family; and in loving memory of Virginia Lee Coleman by her loving husband Ron Coleman; and in loving memory of Doris Blocher by daughters Darlene Klenk, Brenda Burns and families; and in loving memory of my grandmother C. Lillian Kemp for her birthday on November 15 by Denise Smith.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Katie M. Zinn by Michael and Cynthia Zinn.

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.

Dan Deitzel	Darla Rawles	Jay Cromer
Ian Noble	Mark Bitzel	Dan Weigle
Jim Wallace	Shirley Bream	Nate Bankert
Lucera Lua	William Brown	Brad Maloney
Joan Ehrman	GriefShare Group	Lucas Cherry
Lance Baker	Patricia Mosely	

DEATHS: Marie-Louise Hollabaugh

Congregation Meeting Results

At the Congregation meeting on Sunday, November 8, the budget was approved for 2027. There are copies available in the church office if you would like one. Approval was given to draw up to an additional $100,000 from the portfolio if needed for this year's expenses.

We voted into Council the following members: Robin Culp, finishing two years for a member who had to leave Council for health reasons; Ella Hostetter, John Mancini, Carolyn Markle and Jody Ruhlman, 3 year terms. We thank outgoing Council members Lee Baughman, Jeremy Bucher, Mike Jones, Ellen Shenk and Lexi Smith, youth representative. We thank all Council members for their service to St. Matthew.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT

St. Matthew
LUTHERAN CHURCH of HANOVER

November 15-22, 2026

Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave)	8:30 a.m.
	Intergenerational Ornament Making (Fellowship Hall)	9:30-10:20 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
	Youth Choir & Bells Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	11:45-12:30 p.m.
Mon.	Seniors Hang Out (Fellowship Hall)	10:00-12:00 p.m.
	Grief Share (Upper Room)	3:00-4:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts (Girl Scout Room)	6:00-7:30 p.m.
Tue.	Junior Choir Rehearsal (Children's Rehearsal Room)	4:30-5:15 p.m.
	SoulFire Rehearsal	5:45-6:30 p.m.
	Cub Scouts Den Meeting	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wed.	Heart-Felt Christmas Card Making (Second Floor, Upper Room)	1:30-4:00 p.m.
	Boy Scouts	7:00-8:30 p.m.
Thur.	Children's Choir Rehearsal (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.
	Christmas Concert Rehearsal (Adult Rehearsal Room)	8:00-8:30 p.m.
Sat.	Tiny Tunes (Children's Rehearsal Room)	12:00-12:45 p.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall)	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.

NEW: Welcome Pew



Holy Hospitality! The Welcome Pew is here! Look for it every week at 10:30 service. Welcome to visitors and anyone who would just rather not sit alone.

This week, Deb Riddle is hosting. She will make sure anyone who sits there with her, feels included and will provide worship tips and information, if needed.

If you would like to host (male/female/couples), it's easy to sign up using the QR code provided, or call the church office: 717-637-7101.

Holiday Community Meal

You are invited to join us for a Holiday Community Meal on Sunday, December 6th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to share in a warm meal, music and Storytime with Santa! We are looking for volunteers to help make things run smoothly, if you are interested please contact Beth Szymanski at: 717-634-7484; bszymanski3@hotmail.com, or Kit Curlen at: 717-891-4849; kcurlen@comcast.net.

Heart-Felt Card (Creating) Group

Please join us to make cards for Christmas Cheer Bags on Wednesday, November 18, 1:30 in the Upper Room. Last Christmas we delivered 265 Cheer bags. Each contained a heart-warming card! All materials will be supplied. Training available as needed. Please respond so we have supplies for you. Interested? More Information? Call Pastor Faye (717) 637-7101,ext 225, or email nicksong@comcast.net.

Our First Live Nativity – Volunteers Needed!



St. Matthew invites everyone to participate in our **first Live Nativity** on Monday, December 21! We will have two performances, one at **6:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m.**, on the lawn outside the Fellowship Hall doors.

We are looking for volunteers to help make this special event a success! There are opportunities for everyone to participate, including:

- **Actors and Actresses:** No speaking lines required! Rehearsal will begin 30 minutes before the performance.
- **Setup Crew:** Help prepare the area for the Nativity.
- **Stage Crew:** Cue the actors and actresses.

- **Cleanup Crew:** Help with teardown after the event.
- **Hospitality Team:** Prepare and serve coffee and hot chocolate.
- **Cookie Donations:** Help us share some holiday sweetness!

Whether you would like to be part of the Nativity or help behind the scenes, we welcome your time and talents. Let's come together as a church family to share the joy and wonder of the Christmas story with our community!
Please consider volunteering and being part of this special new St. Matthew tradition! Scan the QR code to register TODAY!

Spring Garden Band Concert
The Spring Garden Band of York will present a fall concert at the Eichelberger Performing Arts Center, Sunday, November 22nd at 3 pm. This family-friendly performance features a lively program of light classical, pops, and Broadway music.
Founded in 1855, the Spring Garden Band is recognized as the fourth oldest continuously active concert band in the United States, maintaining a rich musical heritage. Tickets are $12 and free for students and children.

ADULT MINISTRY

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

Angel Tree
Help us make the holiday special for others by participating in our Angel Tree, located in the Gathering Place. There are opportunities of all price ranges to help brighten someone's Christmas. This tree benefits local families through New Hope Ministries and gift cards benefit the members of Oakview Manner, a HUD facility. Gifts on the Angel Tree should be returned by December 6.

Join us for Seniors Hang Out
Monday, November 16: Andy Smith, artist (he will speak about his art style). **Visual Realia** is the online presence of Andrew T. Smith, one of only a few professional clay monoprint artists, a grant navigator, and a nonprofit board member in south-central Pennsylvania. Before his visual artist work, he was a 32-year public school music educator. He also curates and runs the Gallery at the Old Post Office in Hanover, PA. *continued*

Andy has shown his monoprints in solo, group, and juried exhibits throughout



Pennsylvania and Maryland. Recent solo clay monoprint exhibits included Gallery @ 227, The Grotto, York's Out Door Country Club, and the Adams County Arts Council. The collaborative group exhibit, *unentitled*, was displayed in Gettysburg at the Adams County Arts Council and in York at Marketview Arts.

Christmas Cheer Bags

Know someone who has had a tough year and could use some extra cheer? A friend? A relative? A co-worker? You can help cheer them up by submitting their name and contact information. We will deliver gift bags to folks who are grieving, who have lost their job, are sick, injured, lonely, or sad for any reason.

Note: Bags are not limited to St. Matthew members, but they must be located within 15 miles of Hanover.

We'll need volunteers on Friday, December 18 to help pack bags at 10:00 a.m. and deliver them at 11:30 a.m.

You can submit names and sign up to volunteer by scanning the QR code or by completing a form available below, or on the Hospitality Desk and placing it in the offering plate. Deadline to submit names is December 14.

For questions or more information, contact Deb Smith through the church office (717-637-7101) or by email (dsmith@stmattlutheran.org).

Recipient Name _____

Recipient Address _____

Recipient Phone number _____

Your name _____

Your phone number _____

Help pack on December 18? _____ Help Deliver on December 18? _____

Hanging of the Greens

Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, November 29 immediately following the 10:30 worship service –if you are available to help transform our beautiful Nave for the Advent and Christmas seasons, please plan on staying to help decorate! Pizza will be provided.

ST. MATTHEW COOKIE WALK RETURNS

Saturday December 5, 9:00-11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

HELP NEEDED:

¨ Cookie Bakers (we are asking you to make 6 dozen cookies)
¨ Set Up-Friday December 5-6:00pm
¨ At the Cookie Walk-we will need volunteers to help oversee the
¨ Cookie tables and to put the cookies in the shoppers boxes, to refill
¨ Trays as needed, and anywhere else help is needed.

If you are willing to bake cookies, or help at the cookie walk, please let either the office, info@stmattlutheran.org or Amy Beck, abeck1976@comcast.net know.

St. Matthew sponsors the education of Scarleth Zuleyma and Nahomy Natasha at the Hope Academy in Guatemala. For 2026, the sponsorship is $150 a month for each girl. We have already paid the first half of the year for both and our goal with the Cookie Walk is to raise the remaining $1800. This will cover the tuition for the remainder of the school year for both of these girls.

Christmas Poinsettias

Members and friends who wish to honor or memorialize a loved one by placing a poinsettia in the chancel this Christmas are asked to complete and return the form below with $18 per listing to the church office. After the cost of the poinsettias is met, the memorials/honorariums will support Lutheran World Relief. The deadline is Monday, December 7. Please print clearly when filling in names. Please make checks payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church" with "Poinsettias" in the memo line.

I/We wish to (please check one): _____ Honor _____ Memorialize

Person(s) to be memorialized or honored:_____
_____

Given by: _____

Your offering envelope number: _____

After the costs of the poinsettias are met, the remaining monies will be sent to Lutheran World Relief.

Blue Christmas

Candles flicker, comforting words are spoken, sweet music fills our souls, messages of Christ's love, hope and comfort enfold us. You're invited to Blue Christmas, a worship service for those who are stressed, hurting, grieving or lonely in this holiday season, on Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information, call Pastor Faye Snyder at 717-637-7101, Ext 225 or email: nicksong@comcast.net.

MUSIC MINISTRY

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

Christmas Concert Festival Choir



Interested in participating in our Christmas concert scheduled for December 20? Join our Festival Choir which will join our Adult Choir and sing several pieces during this program. Additional rehearsals are scheduled below, and all singers are encouraged to attend as many of these rehearsals as they can: November 19, December 3, December 17 at 8:00 p.m.
Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m.
Concert: Sunday, December 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas at St. Matthew Concert

Mark your calendars for our beloved Christmas at St. Matthew Concert on Sunday, December 20th at 4:00 PM. Celebrate the season in our beautiful decorated Nave with Christmas Favorites and Classics. This concert will feature the many musicians of St. Matthew, brass, organ, and audience carol singing. Free Admission...Our Gift to the Community. Free Will Offering will be accepted to support our Concert Series.

Caroling and Pizza



We will meet for Caroling on Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Matthew and then we will go caroling to many of our homebound members. Caroling packets will be provided for all. Following the caroling, we will return to St. Matthew for pizza and fellowship. Join us to share the joy of the season!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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

Youth Group

There will be **no Youth Group on Nov. 15th**, get some rest after the Lock-In weekend!

Cookie Making Evening



Join us on **November 29th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** as we come together to make cookies for the church's Cookie Walk! Bring your favorite cookie dough and recipe, and enjoy a fun evening of baking, fellowship, and delicious treats.
Parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend to help supervise and spend time with the youth.

St. Matthew Confirmation Class

Confirmation is not just a class. It is a journey of faith, where we ask honest questions and explore what it means to honor Jesus. Join us for Faith Formation for grades 6 through 8 on Sundays from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. in the third floor Youth suite. Sign up today using the QR code!

LutheranHANDS Day of Service



Looking for a way to make a difference? Join us on **December 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** as we partner with Lutheran Hands for a Day of Service! This is a wonderful opportunity to give back, help those in need, and show God's love through service. Best of all, there's **no cost**. This year we will be volunteering at the Midwest Food Bank in Middletown. We'll meet at church and travel together in the church van. This opportunity is for those in 6-12th grades. Don't miss this chance to make an impact while serving alongside your friends!

Winterfest 2027: Rhythm

Our synod's annual weekend event for high school youth, and college-aged young adults is scheduled for January 8-10, 2027, at the Wyndham Resort in Lancaster. Winterfest is celebrating 36 years and continues to provide a community of authentic Christian love and welcome for congregational youth, young adults, and their advisors. Our event theme is 'Rhythm.' We will explore the ways God invites us into a closer rhythm with Christ and ways we can share that rhythm with those whom we encounter in our everyday lives. Live music, fun, inspired worship, and plenty of time to meet and see friends new and old, all help make the weekend truly memorable. Deadline to register is November 22nd.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

Splash Class this Sunday!

This Sunday from 9:45-10:15, parents of infants and toddlers 3 months to 3 years old are invited to attend Splash Class- a "baby and me" style group class. Together, parents/caregivers and children will explore what's next after you've been "splashed" in the waters of Baptism. Our next class will be Dec. 6th.

Intergenerational Ornament Making



On November 15th during Faith Formation time, 9:30-10:20, we will be helping to make Christmas ornaments for the Cheer Bags. This allows youth and their families help spread joy for the many grateful recipients of the Cheer Bags. It is a great time to work beside old and young. Confirmation class will be meeting upstairs in youth suite and going down together. What a joy to work side by side with our friends of all ages as we create something that will spread joy to many!

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. When children 5th grade and under are dismissed, those ages 5 and under will go to the pray ground.

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.

Free Fall Program for Children



Tiny Tunes | Sat., Nov. 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.

This program is FREE but registration is required. Scan the QR Code to register! For more information, please contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.

Christmas Pageant

We are excited to begin a new tradition at St. Matthew! This year, our Christmas Pageant will be part of the 4:30 p.m. Family Service on Christmas Eve.

We invite you to register your child to be part of the wonderful story of our Savior's birth. It's a special opportunity for children to share the joy and wonder of Christmas with our church family. All rehearsals will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall on the following Sundays:

- November 29
- December 6
- December 13
- December 20

We look forward to sharing this new tradition with our children and families as we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Scan QR code to register today! For more information, please contact Deb Smith at dsmith@stmattlutheran.org.

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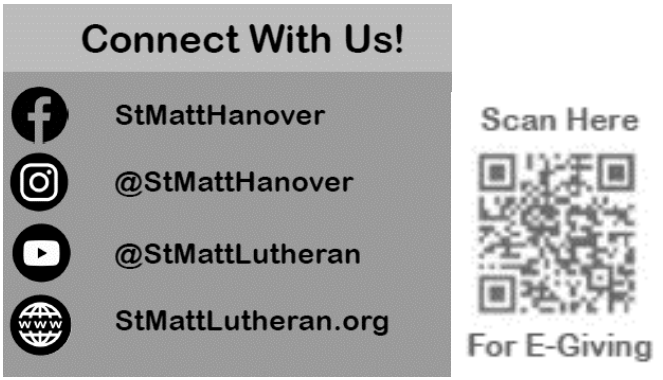
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FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
[not printed]

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Now concerning the times and the seasons,
brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2For you yourselves
know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. 3When they say,
"There is peace and security," then sudden de-
struction will come upon them, as labor pains
come upon a pregnant woman, and there will
be no escape! 4But you, brothers and sisters,
are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you
like a thief; 5for you are all children of light and
children of the day; we are not of the night or
of darkness. 6So, then, let us not fall asleep as
others do, but let us keep awake and be sober,
7for those who sleep sleep at night, and those
who are drunk get drunk at night. 8But since
we belong to the day, let us be sober and put
on the breastplate of faith and love and for a
helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has des-
tined us not for wrath but for obtaining salva-
tion through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died
for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep
we may live with him. 11Therefore encourage
one another and build up each other, as indeed
you are doing.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a
man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves
and entrusted his property to them; 15to one
he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he
went away. At once 16the one who had received
the five talents went off and traded with them
and made five more talents. 17In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made two
more talents. 18But the one who had received
the one talent went off and dug a hole in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19After
a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them. 20Then the
one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me five talents;
see, I have made five more talents.' 21His mas-
ter said to him, 'Well done, good and trustwor-
thy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 22And the one
with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents;
see, I have made two more talents.' 23His mas-
ter said to him, 'Well done, good and trustwor-
thy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 24Then the
one who had received the one talent also came
forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were
a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow
and gathering where you did not scatter, 25so
I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent
in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'
26But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy
slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I
did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?
27Then you ought to have invested my money
with the bankers, and on my return I would
have received what was my own with interest.
28So take the talent from him, and give it to the
one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who
have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing,
even what they have will be taken away. 30As for
this worthless slave, throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth.'"

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46.

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