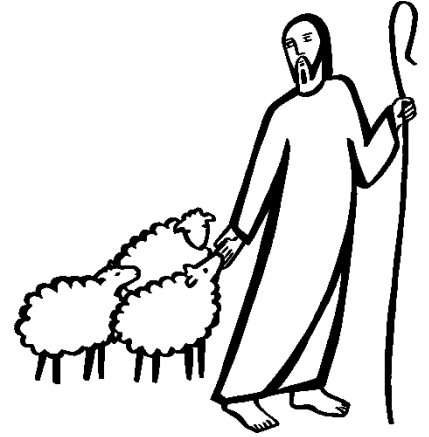


# *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

**May 11, 2025**

10:30 a.m. Worship

*We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*P:* Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

*P:* In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **C: Amen.**

*P:* Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **C: make us one as you are one.**

*P:* We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **C: make us one as you are one.**

*P:* We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **C: make us one as you are one.**

*P:* Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **C: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

*ELW # 778*

**\*GREETING**

*P:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C:** **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Glory to God*

*ELW # S204a*



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P:* Let us pray ... O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43**

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*L:* The word of the Lord. *C:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALMODY Psalm 23**

*Shepherd Me, O God*

*ELW # 780*

### **SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

<sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

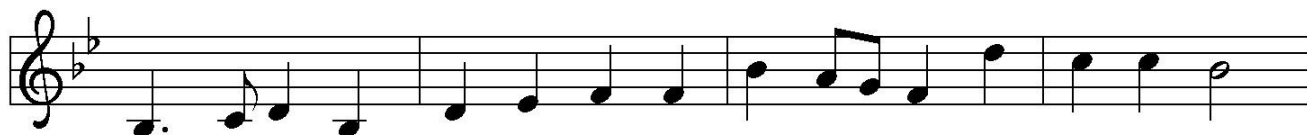
<sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
<sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

*L:* The word of the Lord. *C:* **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*ELW # S 205a*



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.

**\*Gospel: John 10:22-30**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup> At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter,  
<sup>23</sup> and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup> So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup> The Father and I are one.”

*P:* The Gospel of the Lord. *C:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**     *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

*ELW # 782*

**\*NICENE CREED**

*P: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Nicene Creed.*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**A:** God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

**A:** You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C: Amen.**

### **\*THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting  
that is comfortable for both you and them.*

### **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave;  
we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:*

A: *Let us pray...* Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **\*PROPER PREFACE**

*P:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **\*SANCTUS**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

*ELW # S207*



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 & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*P:* Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.

You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;

and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,

who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom

and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*P:* Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*P:* Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,  
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

*P:* Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**



## \*LORD'S PRAYER

*P:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C:** 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

## \*THE AGNUS DEI

*Lamb of God*

*ELW # S208*



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.

## \*INVITATION

*P:* Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **C:** Thanks be to God.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

*ELW # 484*

## \*BLESSING

*P:* May the body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C:** Amen.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*A:* Let us pray... Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **C:** Amen.

## \*BENEDICTION

*P:* The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **C:** Amen.

## \*SENDING SONG

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

*ELW # 502*

**\*DISMISSAL**

*P:* Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*P:* Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Also, please be advised that our parking lot has surveillance cameras and  
that our worship service is video recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God in honor Ruth Marshall and in memory of my mother Mary Feathers by Jean Sinal.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Mary Jane Allision, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ann & Larry Irvin, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Jean Stonerook, Pat & Robert Winston.

*So we can give special attention to those with pressing needs, names were removed at the end of the month. Please let the office know if a name should be added to the prayer list for an extended period of time.*

**Prayer Concerns:** Greta Buchar, Doug Bush, Dr. Ramon Burket, Terry Creek, Marilyn Horton, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Kristen Malloy, John Russell, Dan Sinal, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

**Away at School:** Max Baker, Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine, Lacey Ripka.

**Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** Bradley Buchar, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).

## **Serving God and Us**

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Organists – Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree

Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Assisting Minister – Jane Hoenstine

Our Lector – Jeff Hoenstine

Our Acolyte – Mace Baker

Our Usher – Melissa Fetzer

Our Altar Guild – Jackie Lightner, Janet Stewart

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

### **Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to “Youth & Camping”**

## **This Week at St. Matthew:**

### **814-793-2413: Office Hours**

\*Pastor Traci continuing ed. 5/12-5/16.

For immediate emergencies please call Pastor Eli Hess at 814-381-5925.

Jen – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## **This Week Events**

<b>Today –</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday –	Mending Ministry 2:00-4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Thursday –	Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m., Allegheny St.
<b>Sunday –</b>	<i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i> Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Death Workshop and Luncheon Following Worship, Fellowship Hall



## Martinsburg Food Pantry



The Food Pantry will be open for distribution of food on Thursdays, May 1 and May 15 from 9:00a.m. until 11:00a.m. Those helping with the distribution will be volunteers from Martinsburg Church of God, besides the regular volunteers.

**Following are items from our "Wish" list for May:** Fruit, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, and Paper Towels.

Many thanks for your monetary gifts, food and other items to the Food Pantry!

*Linda K. Smith*

## Community Mending Ministry at St. Matthew

✂ *Favorite clothing in need of repair?* ✂  
*Give it another chance!*

Bring laundered clothes that need mending to work on yourself or get help from our sewers. Materials, machines, & expertise provided.  
*And we'll have snacks!*

**Wednesday, May 14th**  
**2PM to 4PM**

**St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall**  
**115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot)**



## **Social Ministry Committee Corner**

### **1. Lenten Meals**

Thank you to all the Committee Chairmen, committee members and Pastor Traci who assisted in making the Lenten Meals a success.

Also thank you to Kaye Burket, Sarah Detwiler and Peggy Steinfurth who delivered the meals to our home bound members.

For 2025 we averaged 20 attending at the church and 14 takeouts.

### **2. Mending Ministry**

Mending Ministry will be May 15 from 2 to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall at St Matthew. Snacks will be provided.

A light takeout will be provided to our home bound members if desired.

### **3. Young At Heart Luncheon**

Invitations for Young at Heart Luncheon will be available by the end of May.

You can give/invite friends and neighbors to attend this luncheon. A delicious meal and entertainment have been planned.

The theme for 2025 will be CHRISTMAS IN JULY.

### **4. Social Ministry Corner Highlight**

The May Corner Highlight is Camden Kuster.

He is the son of Alan and Stacy Kuster and big brother to Gavin and Norah. Sunday May 4 Camden received his Eagle Scout Award. His project was Community Garden Boxes here at St. Matthew. He gave a presentation to council about his plans, (approved), prepared a budget, secured supplies and organized the construction of the boxes. They are ready for planting as weather permits.

Camden is also St. Matthew Audio/ Video guy who makes sure the service is available to our listeners who cannot attend the service in person.

Camden is a senior at Central High School. Following graduation, he plans to attend St. Francis University to obtain his Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Then complete the requirements to be a Licensed Nurse Practitioner. (We know his Nana Beach is so proud of him to know he is following in her footsteps in studying Nursing.)

Social Ministry Committee wishes only the best for Camden as he faces the next chapter in his personal and spiritual life.

As we approach the growing season let us also consider, Christ is the one who brings growth. Let us take a simple step to plant the seed to speak with kindness and show Christ's love in our actions.

Happy Mother's Day!

Social Ministry Committee

**\*Please RSVP to the church office by Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> if possible.**

Preparing for Death  
&  
Planning a Funeral



Sunday, May 18th, After Worship  
St. Matthew Fellowship Hall

Presentations & Time for Questions with  
Financial, Legal, Spiritual & Mortuary Professionals  
Lunch is Provided

*Talk-O Tuesday*



Fellowship, Food, & Faith Conversation  
Tuesday, May 27th at 6PM  
La Fiesta at the Airport  
RSVP to the office by Noon





#### Weekend Themes

- Self-care
- Food & Health
- Arts & Media
- Environment
- Music & Dance
- Spiritual Life

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## You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: St Matthew Lutheran Church  
115 E Penn St  
Martinsburg, PA 16662

When: Tuesday, June 24, 2025  
**June is Men's Health Month**



Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in **Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.**

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## **ENDOWMENT FUND**



### **THIRD CENTURY FUND (ENDOWMENT FUND)**

The Third Century Fund continued to have good earnings in 2024 and as a result has \$6,334.60 for distribution in 2025. You or your committee may request funding in writing by contacting Laura Orczeck, chairperson, or committee members: Allen Kuster, Barb Wilt, Beth Garner, or Pastor Traci.

Deadline to submit a request is Sunday, May 25, 2025. Funds will be distributed in June of 2025.

The following is from the by-laws of the Third Century Fund and outline the guidelines for fund requests.

#### **PURPOSE**

The St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund is established to encourage responsible Christian stewardship and to promote the mission of the congregation. In response to God's love and mercy, the Endowment Fund seeks to enhance and expand the mission outreach objectives of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church. Members and friends of St. Matthew congregation are encouraged to practice responsible Christian Stewardship by making contributions to the Endowment Fund. There are a variety of ways such gifts can be made such as cash, securities, bequests through wills or living trusts, life insurance policies, charitable gift annuities and life estates. The Endowment Fund provides financial support for the church in a manner that is separate from the expenditures normally funded by the annual operating budget of the congregation.

#### **USE OF THE FUND**

All contributions to the St. Matthew Lutheran Church Endowment Fund will be undesignated and added to the principal balance of the fund. The Endowment fund principal balance will be retained and only the dividend income will be used for annual disbursements. Consideration for awarding fund requests will be given using the following guidelines:

1. Youth of all ages - scholarship support of congregational members and their children; for youth events, for church camps or similar Christian programs, and education.
2. Christian outreach ministries and missions of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, its members, and the ELCA.
3. Worship and Music - support for the worship of St. Matthew.
4. Capital Projects - major renovations or building projects of St. Matthew.

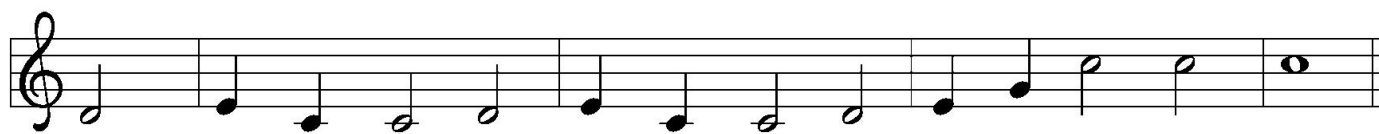




1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta-ble thou hast rich-ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;  
5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,



in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.  
with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com-fort still;  
my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.  
and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.  
with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.  
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and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing-place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

*Refrain*  
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

*to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* *to stanza 4*



death in - to life. life.

*Leader or All*



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I  
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

*Leader or All*



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

*Refrain*



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

*Leader or All*



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

*Final refrain*  
All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.



- 1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23  
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

# COMMUNION HYMN

## *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

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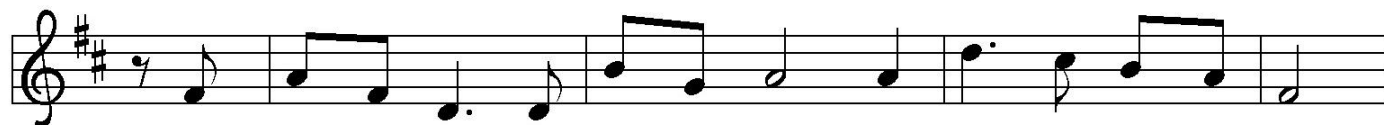
*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997

Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996

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1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 and, oh, what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thy goodness faileth never.  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.