

# *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**May 17, 2026**

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:* Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

*P:* Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us including Plum Creek, Clover Creek, and the Juniata River. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

*P:* Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

*P:* Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

*P:* Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

\*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.

\*KYRIE

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*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **R**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*P:* Let us pray ... O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took

him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

**PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup> **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of  
God.**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I Am is that name, rejoice before God! R**

<sup>5</sup> In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God,  
the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup> **Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

### \*Gospel: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

HOMILY

*Pastor Ralph Hamer*



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -  
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of  
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows  
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - in<sup>3</sup>ed morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the  
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in  
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's  
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.  
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.  
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.  
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody

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### \*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:* Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A:* O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

*P:* God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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 ... Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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.*

**\*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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**\*THE AGNUS DEI**

*Lamb of God*

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

**\*INVITATION**

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



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,  
 2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and  
 3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's  
 kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts  
 in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,  
 first the oth - er's needs. Not quick - tem - pered or re - sent - ful,  
 love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters  
 prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in  
 all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.  
 grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.  
 earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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### \*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...* Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,  
**C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.*  
**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG**                      *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done*                      *ELW # 366*

**\*DISMISSAL**

*P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!*  
**C: Thanks be to God. 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 memory of Carol J Weyandt by Barry and Carla Brumbaugh.

**Serving God and Us**

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Organist – Mary Nelson

Our Pianists – Ben Decker, Sheila Bumbarger

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 – Amanda Decker

Our Lector – Dawn Alexy

Our Acolyte – Lily Lightner

Our Usher – Steve Oswalt

Our Altar Guild – Cindy Synder, Jeannie Smith

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 – Friday. – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Pastor Traci is on vacation from May 17th—May 20th

In case of emergency call, Pastor MJ Irvin-Stellabotte 814-934-9941.

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

**This Week Events**

**Today –** *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

**Wednesday –** Mending Ministry 2:00-4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

**Thursday –** Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m., Allegheny St.

**Sunday –** *Day of Pentecost*  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Mary Jane Allision, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Dan Kensinger, Jean Stonerook, 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:** Baby Campbell, Juls Bratton and Charlee Howsare and family, Greta Buchart, Doug Bush, Bill Davis, Julie Dick, Mary Farabaugh, Ken Harkless, Marilyn Horton, Kathy Keith, Rachel Kensinger, J.C. and Naomi (Noni) Lehman & Family, Kristen Malloy, Dan Ross, John Russell, Dan Sinal, Joshua Sollenberger, Kaleb Sollenberger, Bill Stahl, Peggy Steinfurth, Jim Stewart, and for our **Missionaries:** **Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

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

**Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep.



## Martinsburg Food Pantry



The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, May 7 and May 21 from 9:00am until 11:00am. Besides the regular volunteers, those helping will be from the Martinsburg Church of God.

### Following are those items most needed:

Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rice Sides, Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti, and Paper Towels

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

*Linda Smith*



St. Matthew Lutheran Church

*Welcomes You to Celebrate*

**Affirmation of Baptism  
~Confirmation~**

*of*

**Benjamin, Gabrielle, Gavin,  
Lily, Lucy, Mace & Norah**

*Holy Trinity Sunday  
May 31st at 10:30AM  
Reception to Follow*



# Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates

Mace Baker, Central High School

Jeffrey Hoenstine, Saint Francis University  
(BS, Criminal Justice)



We'll be celebrating our graduates in worship on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

There will be a luncheon following worship in celebration of our graduates and confirmands.

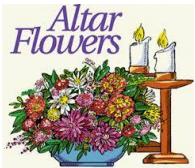
Fried chicken, dessert, and beverages will be provided.

We are asking that you bring a dish to share.

Salads and hot and cold side dishes are welcome.

The ovens will be available if you need to keep your dish hot during worship.

Hope to see you there!!



The 2026 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00



# Allegheny Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

How has God gifted YOU with skills  
& passion for our shared ministry?  
We want to know!

Please complete the Allegheny Synod's Life Together Survey to help Bishop Kevin and his staff connect members of our synod with each other and the committees and teams working to spread God's love & light in the world. Access the survey with this QR code or on the Synod website. Contact your church office or the synod office for a paper copy.



# Talk-O Tuesday



Fellowship, Food, & Faith Conversation  
Tuesday, May 26th at 6PM  
La Fiesta at the Airport  
RSVP to the office by Noon

## 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 20th**  
**2PM to 4PM**



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

\*Take out meals will be provided to the homebound members on days the Mending Ministry is held.

**Rise for Recovery**  
BLAIR COUNTY

presents  
**Arts in Recovery**  
**2026**

An evening that celebrates and expresses the gift of recovery through music, art, poetry, and more.

**Friday May 15th**  
**7:00pm**

**At Zion Lutheran Church**  
**500 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA**  
(Across the street from the Blair County Courthouse)

Save the date and come enjoy an evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

**Lutheran Day**  
*at the*  
**Altoona Curve**

**Sunday, August 16**  
Game begins at 6 pm

Watch for registration details coming soon!

**The Weekend.**

Allegheny Synod Youth Event  
December 11-13, 2026  
St. James Lutheran Church & Comfort Inn  
Huntingdon, PA

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**



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

The Third Century Fund is seeking individuals or committees who are in the need of funding for education, worship or capital projects. 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 24, 2026. 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.



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

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

**When: Thursday, June 4, 2026**  
**June is Men's Health Month**



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

*Trusted by over 11 million customers.*

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

**Who should attend:**  
Anyone **age of 40+**

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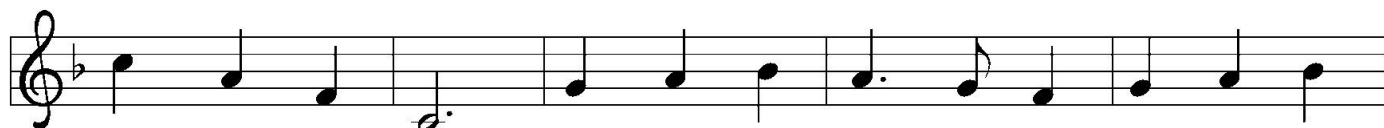


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These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease. Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -  
2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of  
3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows  
4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined<sup>3</sup> morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the  
E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in  
par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's  
still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.  
mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.  
faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.  
gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody

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## COMMUNION HYMN

*Love Has Brought Us Here Together*

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1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,  
 2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and  
 3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's  
 kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom - pous; love puts  
 in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,  
 first the oth - er's needs. Not quick-tem - pered or re - sent - ful,  
 love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters  
 prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in  
 all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.  
 grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.  
 earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun.	Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.	Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head!	Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell.	Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you.	Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889