The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost June 9, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

The Lord is My Shepherd

James Denton, Composer

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- C: Amen.
- P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

P: God, our provider,

- *C:* help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- C: Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

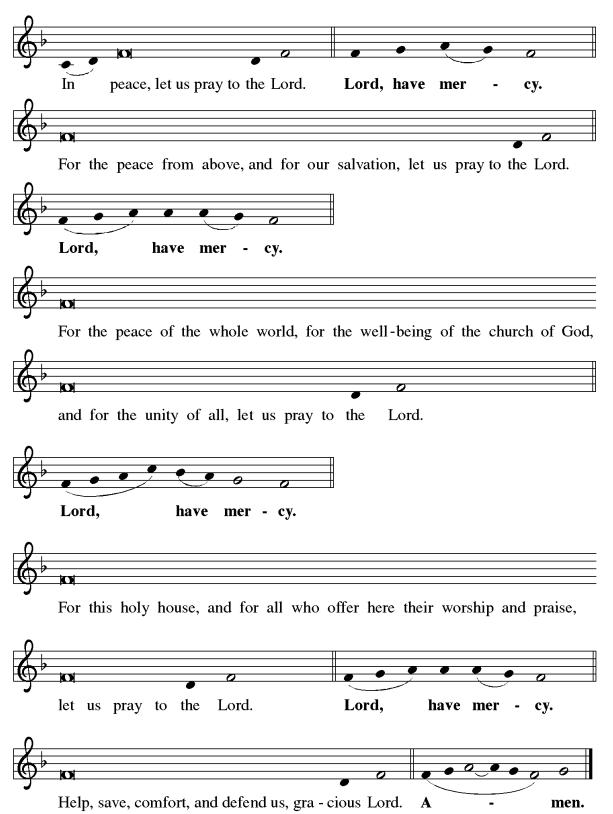
Gather Us In

ELW # 532

*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.







***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray ... All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *C:* Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11:14-15]

⁴All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, ⁷and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." [¹⁴Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." ¹⁵So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

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

PSALM 138 (read responsively)

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me;

you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of

your hands.

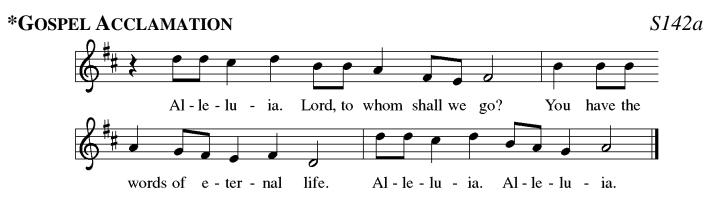
SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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



*Gospel: Mark 3:20-35 The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

HOMILY

Pastor Traci ELW # 502

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*APOSTLES' CREED

- P: Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C: 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 OF THE CHURCH**

- *A:* We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.
- A: You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God, *C:* receive our prayer.
- A: Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God, *C:* receive our prayer.
- A: Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, *C*: receive our prayer.
- *A:* Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God, *C:* receive our prayer.
- A: Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God, *C*: receive our prayer.
- *A:* Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God, *C:* receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. *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.

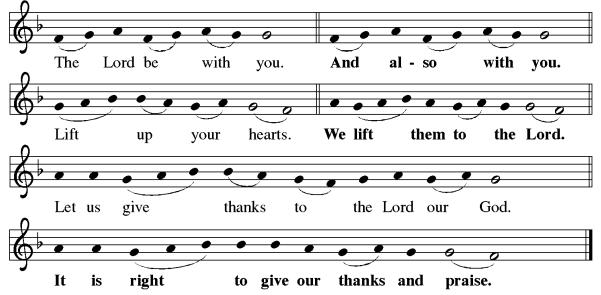
***Offertory Prayer**

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 ... Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. C: Amen.

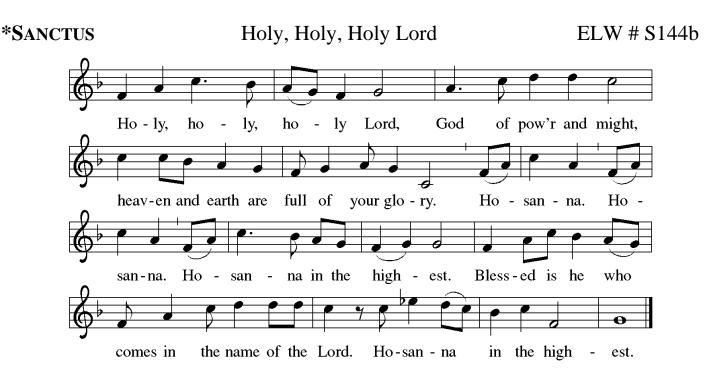
*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
- And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



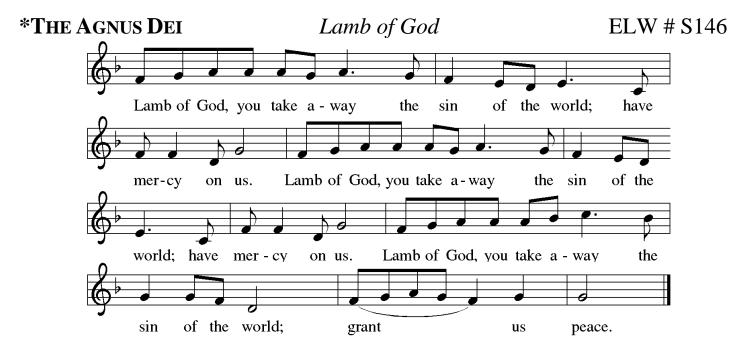
*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- *P*: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.
- In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.
- 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
- Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

C: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor 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.



*INVITATION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



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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... Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. *C*: Amen.

*SENDING SONG	Crown Him with Many Crowns	ELW # 855

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** The Glorious Kingdom Felice di Giardini, Composer

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Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of my father by Christine and Don Bulger.

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 – Stacy Kuster		
Our Lector – Amanda Decker		
Our Usher – Randy McGraw		
Our Altar Guild – Tonya Walter		
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 – Tues. 3:00-6:00 p.m. Jen – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

Today –	3 rd Sunday After Pentecost
	Worship Service 9:30 a.m.,
Tuesday –	Council Meeting, Window Room / Zoom 6:30 p.m.
Friday –	Assembly Worship, Zion Hollidaysburg
Saturday –	Fellowship Hall in Use 1:00-7:00 pm
	Synod Assembly, Blair County Convention Center
Sunday –	4 th Sunday After Pentecost
	Father's Day
	Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenberg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Ginny Sell.

Prayer Concerns: Dawn Alexy, Amy & Family, Avery, Virginia Barnes, Randy Barrett, Elaine Buchart, Kaye Burket, Tana Byler, Caleb, Diane Cappel, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry & Cathy Creek, Greg Dick, Pastor Sharon Erb, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Joe Harteis, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Audrey Kensinger, Darren Kreutzer, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Ruth Marshall, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, Bob & Annette Ritchey, Paul Ruth, Ginny Sell, Jane Metz Short, Dan Sinal, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Craig Werner, Emily Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Pat Winston, Tom Woodrow, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

Away at School: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine.Those Serving in our Armed Forces: Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).



Lift Every Voice and Sing—Along: Monday, June 17th, 7PM in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of education and edification: a video presentation of a sermon on Exodus, a hymn-sing of Lift Every Voice and Sing, a brief time of prayer for our community, and refreshments. Please invite your friends and neighbors.



The Property Committee and Church Council have been discussing the possibility of selling the Grange parking lot. The purpose of this correspondence is to furnish the congregation with information related to the property, including considerations of why we should or should not sell it, and to provide church members the opportunity for feedback.

The lot is located two houses away from the church at the corner of South Wall Street and Woodlawn Avenue. The dimensions of the property are 50 feet wide by 150 feet long. In 2009, the church spent \$32,500 to purchase the property; at that time, the Grange Hall building was still on the lot. We then spent about \$8,000 to tear down the building. In total, we have spent over \$40,000 for what is now a stoned parking lot.

Some reasons to consider selling:

1) Heaven forbid there would be an accident, we could be held responsible.

2) The cost of liability insurance for the lot is \$50 per year, which is not a lot of money but is still an expense.

3) We pay our Sexton to shovel and snow-blow the sidewalk in front of the lot. When we need the lot (i.e., for a large funeral) on a day when there has been snow accumulation, we pay a contractor \$100 an hour to clear it.

4) Our church expenses have exceeded our income in each of the last two years by over \$42,000. Selling the lot could be one way to turn a liability into an asset.

Some reasons for retaining the Grange parking lot:

 The property was purchased with the intent of razing the structure to create additional parking for St Matthew. The lot continues to be used for this intended purpose as overflow parking when there is a large gathering, most frequently for funerals or special services in the sanctuary and social events in the fellowship hall.
Like the church building and adjacent parking lot, the Grange lot is an asset to the church in the form of real property.

3) The property is not expected to decrease in value.

4) No other property is currently available in the vicinity of the church.

Please provide any comments you may have prior to June 11th to either Beth Garner (garnerbeth@aol.com) or Jim Barley (jimbbarley@gmail.com).

St. Matthew Seniors Are Invited To A Young at Heart Luncheon



Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 12:00 PM Held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall 115 East Penn Street Martinsburg, PA

Please RSVP to the Church Office (814-793-2413) by July 8



The 2024 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones or to honor loved ones. The following dates are available: 7/21, 7/28, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 12/1. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place

flowers on the Altar. Price - \$40.00. If you would like a Sunday(s) you can also call the church office at 814-793-2413.

Martinsburg Food Pantry



We will be open in June for distributing food on Thursday, June 20, from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Those helping will be 3 or 4 people from St. John's United Church of Christ besides the regular helpers to distribute food.



Following are the most needed items for June:

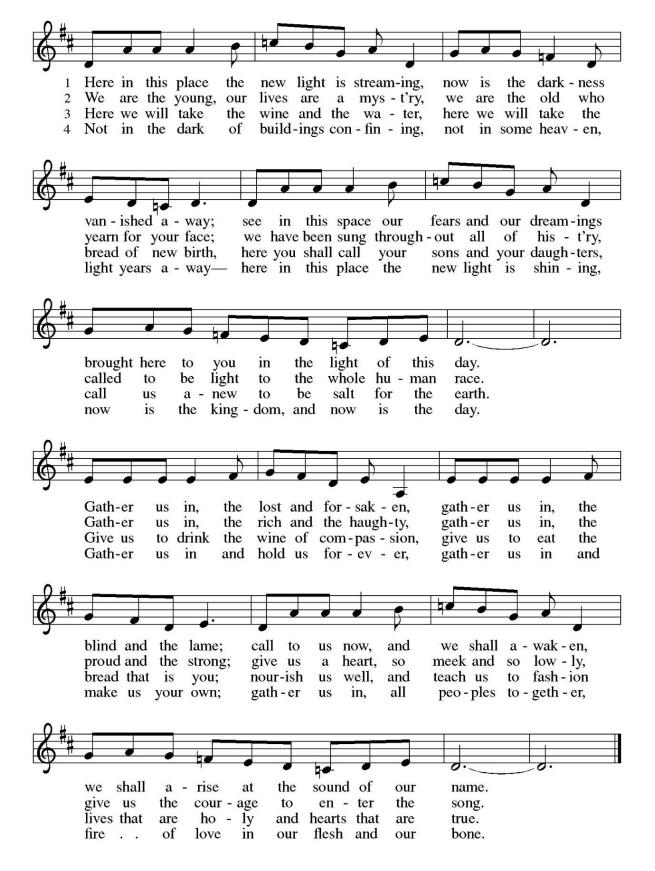
Cereal, Peanut Butter, Ravioli, Tomato Sauce, and Hamburger Helper Any items with good dates are appreciated.

> Many thanks! Linda Smith

Church Messenger

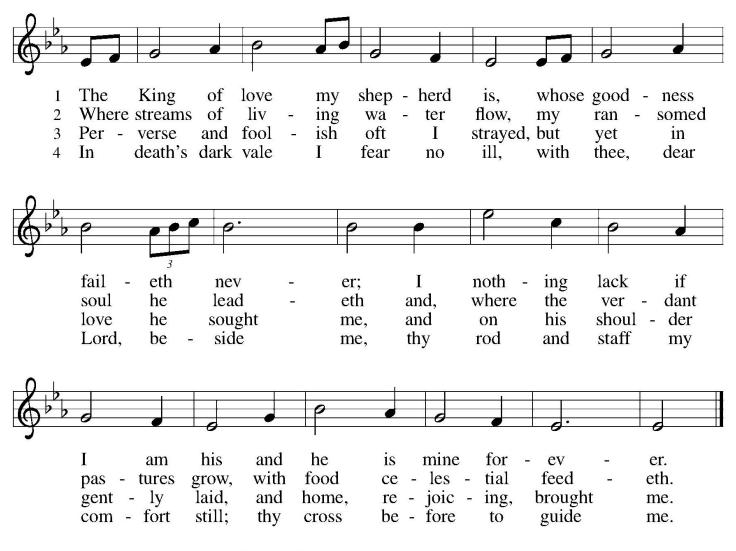
The June 2024 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. By calling the church office at (814-793-2413), you can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home. Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership and articles are always appreciated.

Gather Us In



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The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 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.

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