

# *The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**August 13, 2023**

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!*

*Masks are optional but available in the narthex for anyone who feels more comfortable taking that precaution for themselves or on behalf of others.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*P:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**C: Amen.**

*P:* Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

*P:* Righteous and merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak and spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy. Amen.**

*P:* God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

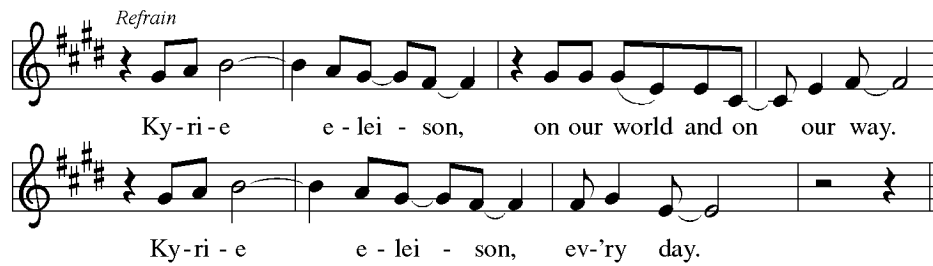
### **\*OPENING HYMN**

*God Is Here*

*ELW # 526*

### **\*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.**



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 our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**

<sup>1</sup>Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. <sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. <sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>12</sup>Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. <sup>13</sup>And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am."

<sup>14</sup>So he said to him, “Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.” So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, <sup>15</sup>and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, “What are you seeking?” <sup>16</sup>“I am seeking my brothers,” he said; “tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.” <sup>17</sup>The man said, “They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. <sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; <sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup>Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. <sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

**PSALM 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God’s name; make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, sing praises, and speak of all God’s marvelous works.**

<sup>3</sup>Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>**Search for the strength of the LORD; continually seek God’s face.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God’s mouth,

<sup>6</sup>**O offspring of Abraham, God’s servant, O children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.**

<sup>16</sup>Then God called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.

<sup>17</sup>**The LORD sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave.**

<sup>18</sup>They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.

<sup>19</sup>**Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.**

<sup>20</sup>The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free,

<sup>21</sup>**setting him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,**

<sup>22</sup>to instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom.

<sup>45b</sup>Hallelujah!

## **SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

*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: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds.<sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,<sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.<sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.<sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.<sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”<sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”<sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”<sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

## HOMILY

*Pastor Traci*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*God, Bless the Hands*

ACS # 1022



1 God, bless the hands stretched out in love through floods be - low and  
2 Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left bro - ken, emp - tied  
3 O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our hope while storms of



storms a - bove; they search and res - cue, com - fort, calm, give  
by the storm. Give hope to those in deep - est grief; em -  
life en - dure: teach us to live in har - mo - ny with



shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm. Oh, guard them by your  
pow - er us to bring re - lief. To you, O God, we  
earth and riv - er, sky and sea, pre - serv - ing wa - ters,



stead - fast hand; reach out in love to help us stand.  
raise our hands. Save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.  
air, and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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**\*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: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A: God of grace and faith, your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel both near and far, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of sky and sea, the plants, animals, mountains, and plains proclaim your glory. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of peace and justice, you call us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in local, regional, national, and global political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of care and compassion, you bring assurance when we are afraid. Bring calm to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of wonder, you accompany us in both joys and sorrows. We pray for children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of new life, you send people to renew both church and society. We give you thanks for their lives of faithful service as examples of following your call. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our 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 ...* God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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, 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.

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*P:* Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal: as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **C: 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*

ELW # S191



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:* All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*I Received the Living God*

ELW # 477

**\*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...* We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*P:* The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed † bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age. *C:* **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

*ELW # 543*

**\*DISMISSAL**

*P:* Go in peace. Share the harvest. *C:* **Thanks be to God.**

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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 and in memory of Sachiko Lamborn from The Lamborn Family.

**Serving God and Us**

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Organist – Mary Nelson

Our Missionary Family – Leslie Hand, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Assisting Minister – Elaine Smith

Our Lector – Melissa Fetzer

Our Usher – Dennis Smith

Our Altar Guild – Tonya Walter

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*OEW and Missionaries*”**

**Blessing of Backpacks and  
Those Who Carry Them**

**Calling all backpacks, briefcases, lunchboxes and those who carry them to join us Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for a special blessing as we begin the new school year.**

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> during the 9:30 a.m. worship service.**

## Church Messenger

The August 2023 *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.

### Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from the Martinsburg Mennonite Church will be helping to distribute food on Thursday, August 17 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. along with the regular volunteers. If anyone harvests more vegetables or fruit than can be used, we will welcome it on the dates it is open! When you are shopping, the Food Pantry is providing school supplies, again, which can be placed in the school box in the narthex.

**Items most needed for August:** Juice, Peanut Butter, Spaghetti, Tomato Sauce, Fruit.  
Many thanks for all your donations!

*Many thanks for your donations! Linda Smith*

### Supplies for Food Pantry (K-5)

We are collecting school supplies for children going back to school in August and September. Please look for items when you shop and place them in the “**school bus**” at church in the Narthex.

Crayola Crayons (24 colors)	Crayola washable markers (10 colors)
12 pack of #2 pencils & large erasers	Crayola colored pencils (24 color set)
Highlighters (yellow, pink & green)	Elmer’s large glue sticks (.77 oz.)
8½x11 spiral notebooks (3 hole punched)	Elmer’s washable school glue (4 oz bottle)

### This Week at St. Matthew:

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

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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

### This Week Events

**Today –** Worship Service in Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.  
Synod’s Lutheran Day at the Altoona Curve 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday -** Yoga, Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

**Thursday -** Civic Life & Faith, Christ Lutheran Church, Claysburg 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday –** Worship & Picnic at the Kreider Farm 11:00 a.m.  
September Messenger Article Deadline

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Carl Alexy, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenburg, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Randy Barrett, Caleb, Diane Cappel, Ted Chipperfield, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Greg Dick, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Doris Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Darren Kreutzer, Carrie Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Kay McGraw, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, Bob & Annette Ritchey, Paul Ruth, Dennis Smith, Cindy Thomas, Tiffany Townsend, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Tim Wilson, Pat Winston, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings.**

**Our college students:** Olivia Day, Camryn Gates.

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

### **Sight and Sound Bus Excursion to see *Moses!***

Join the Martinsburg Boosters for this exciting excursion to see Sight & Sound live on stage production of Moses on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Price per individual will be \$160. **Deadline for reservations is Sunday, August 20, 2023.**

**For More Information see Brochure on Bulletin Board or**  
Contact Duane Bordell, Raystown Transit Service at 814-944-2585  
1117 Logan Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602

### **St. Matthew Lutheran Worship/Church Picnic**

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**11:00 a.m. at Ed Kreider's Farm**

Chicken, table service, and beverage will be provided. Bring a covered dish to share, sides, salads, and or desserts. Bring a chair and come join us.

**All are welcome!**

**Directions:** From Martinsburg, take 164 East to Fredericksburg. Turn **left** on Clover Creek Road and follow for 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles to Kreider Lane on the right.





**Our Administrative Assistant,** Loretta (Lori) Tremmel, has submitted her letter of intention to retire effective September 15, 2023. The Congregational Council has accepted her request. On Sunday, September 24, 2023, Pastor Traci and members of St. Matthew will recognize Lori's faithful employment since November 1993. May God bless her retirement years with health and enjoyment.



**Administrative Assistant Position:** St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Martinsburg, is seeking an Administrative Assistant who is proficient in clerical and computer skills and demonstrates professional courtesy in communication and confidentiality. Part-time position: 12-15 morning hours 4-5 days weekly. If interested, please contact Pastor Traci Marriott at (814) 935-9267 or [revtracimarriott@gmail.com](mailto:revtracimarriott@gmail.com) for additional information and application.

### **Share the Harvest**



The "Share the Harvest" table is up and running. In the months to come, if you have extra fruit or vegetables to share with members of the congregation, please bring your items and place them on a table in the Narthex. Members will be able to help themselves to items as desired. Any remaining produce after Sunday morning will be given away at the discretion of the donor.

***"Let us share God's harvest with others."***



**Breaking Bread**  
**Monday, August 14, 2023**  
**5:00 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Martinsburg Church of God**  
**123 Market St., Martinsburg, PA 16662**  
**Cost: FREE, Just like God's Love!**

## 2023 ALSM ANNUAL AUXILIARY APPEAL



Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM) is celebrating 75 years of service to ALSM residents who have limited funds. The Auxiliary supports ALSM'S senior communities through benevolent care and gifts to enhance the daily lives of residents by funding life enrichment programs. Auxiliary members have contributed more than \$2 million annually in benevolent care to those ALSM residents with limited funds. St. Matthew has always been a significant contributor to this benevolent care program. Any amount of gift will be greatly appreciated. A gift of just \$10.00 provides a meal for a resident. St. Matthew's appeal will run for the months of July and August. Please fill out the form in the bulletin insert and return with your gift (cash or check) to the church office, Martie Gilbert or to ALSM. Additional forms are located at the Usher's Station in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider giving to this very life sustaining appeal. To support this appeal, you may also place Cash or **CHECK PAYABLE TO – “ALSM AUXILIARY”** in a plain envelope along with indication and names if this is in “Honor” or “Memory” gift. Please make sure your name is included and give to Martie Gilbert, Key Lady. **(Deadline for donations is Sunday, August 27, 2023.)**

Please accept my gift of:

*(check one, please)*

\_\_\_\_\_ \$875  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$100  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$75  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$30  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$10

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You for  
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over the past 75 years!

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998 Logan Blvd.  
Altoona, PA 16602  
814.696.4500

Please make your check payable to Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries

My gift is in honor of: (living) \_\_\_\_\_

My gift is in memory of: (deceased) \_\_\_\_\_



## 2023 Annual Auxiliary Appeal



Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Congregation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_



## LAY VISITATION TRAINING

Lutheran Home at Hollidaysburg  
916 Hickory St., Hollidaysburg



Answering a call to minister with others can be challenging even when they may have belonged to the same congregation. Yet, the need to reach out to those who are no longer able to participate in the worship life and social activities of the church can be vital to those who reside at home or in skilled care facilities.

Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries will provide training to address these and other concerns for those interested in serving on their congregation's visitation team.

### **The training will include:**

- ❖ 3 educational sessions held at 10:00 a.m. on 9/7, 10/5, and 11/2.
- ❖ 3 reflection sessions held at 10:00 a.m. on 9/28, 10/26, and 11/30.
- ❖ Opportunities to make 6 visits each month with residents in the Lutheran Home in Hollidaysburg. The visitation schedule is flexible.
- ❖ All participants who complete the training will receive a certificate of completion.

If you have questions or to register, please contact:

Pastor Hamer, Director of Pastoral Care and Congregational Relations  
at 814-696-4558 or by email at [pastor.hamer@alsm.org](mailto:pastor.hamer@alsm.org)  
or by contacting

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## **Study on the ELCA Social Statement on Civic Life & Faith**

The ELCA addresses contemporary social issues and seeks to offer theologically informed guidance regarding the questions of modern life through documents called *Social Statements*. The whole church helps author these statements through studies and feedback gathered as they are being written; social statements are then adopted by the Churchwide Assembly. We are currently in the study and feedback phase of a social statement that will speak to the intersection of the Church and civic life. What are our responsibilities as Christian disciples in a democracy?

Please join Pastors Traci, Amanda, and MartyJo and the area Lutheran churches for this six-week study on Civic Life & Faith. We will meet on Thursdays at 7PM with light refreshments:

August 17th: Christ, Claysburg  
August 24th: St. Matthew, Martinsburg  
August 31st: St. Luke, Roaring Spring  
September 7th: Newry Lutheran  
September 14th & 21st: Location To Be Announced

If you can't attend every week, please join us for the weeks you're available. At the end of our study, we will provide feedback to the Churchwide task force.

## **Allegheny Synodical Women's Organization "Day of Renewal"**

Join Lutheran Women friends at a Day of Renewal on August 26 from 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the beautiful Altoona Grand Hotel at 1 Sheraton Drive, Altoona. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and pastries. Keynote speaker is Pastor Rebecca West from Moxham Lutheran Church. Activities will include paint pouring, easy exercises, crafts, and assembling kits for Lutheran World relief. After the sessions, enjoy lunch. Dress is casual. **Please register by tomorrow, August 14, 2023.** Send a \$10.00 check or money order to Donna College with the registration form on the right.

**Registration forms are located at the Usher's Station in the Narthex.**



\*OPENING HYMN

God Is Here

ELW # 526



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



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



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



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



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

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COMMUNION HYMN

*I Received the Living God*

ELW # 477

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



*Refrain*

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous  
 Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

**\*SENDING SONG**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

ELW # 543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional  
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