

# *The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**November 17, 2024**

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**      *On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand*      *William B. Bradbury, Composer*

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*P:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

***C:* Amen.**

*P:* Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*P:* Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

***C:* we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

*P:* These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

***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

S138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Let us pray ...* Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:4-20**

<sup>4</sup> On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup> but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup> Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup> So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup> Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

<sup>9</sup> After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup> She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup> She made this vow: “O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.”

<sup>12</sup> As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. <sup>14</sup> So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” <sup>15</sup> But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. <sup>16</sup> Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” <sup>17</sup> Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” <sup>18</sup> And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

<sup>19</sup> They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup> In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the Lord.”

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

### **1 Samuel 2:1-10** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

<sup>2</sup> **There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.**

<sup>3</sup> Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by the Lord actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup> **The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord kills and brings to life;  
the Lord brings down to Sheol and raises up.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
brings low, and also exalts.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord raises up the poor from the dust; lifting the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.**

**For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them God has set the world.**

<sup>9</sup> You, Lord, will guard the feet of your faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord's adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven.**

**O Lord, you will judge the ends of the earth; you will give strength to your king, and exalt the power of your anointed.**

### **SECOND READING: 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25**

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are

sanctified. [<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup> he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*S142a*

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.

**\*Gospel: Mark 13:1-8**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup> Then

Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

## HOMILY

*Pastor Traci*

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Built on a Rock*

*ELW # 652*

## BLESSING OF THE HUNTERS

## \*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:* Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A:* O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*A:* By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*A:* With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: With thanksgiving we remember saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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 ...* Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

### **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW # S144a

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.



## \*PROPER PREFACE

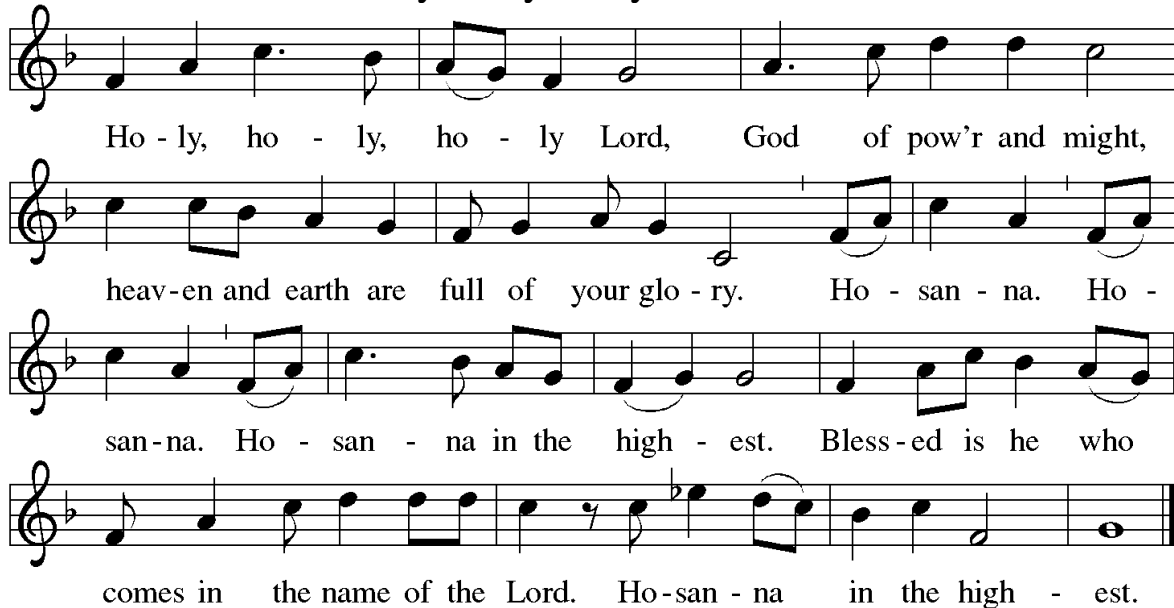
*P:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

## \*SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

ELW # S144b



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*P:* You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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 # S146

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.

**\*INVITATION**

*P:* Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

ELW # 434

**\*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...* Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

*P:* God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.  
**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*Soon and Very Soon*

*ELW # 439*

**\*DISMISSAL**

*P:* Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Morning Rays*

*Sylvia Riggs, Composer*

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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 celebration of Mike and Sue's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from Shawn and Laura Orczeck.

**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 Acolyte – Gabby Decker

Our Assisting Minister – Jean Sinal

Our Lector – Gavin Kuster

Our Usher – Greg Haffling

Our Altar Guild – Cindy Snyder and Jeannie Smith

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to “United Lutheran Seminaries”**

**This Week at St. Matthew:  
814-793-2413: Office Hours**

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Jen – Mon. Fri.: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**This Week Events**

**Today –** *26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*  
*Blessing of the Hunters*  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday –** Talk-O Tuesday 6:00 p.m.,  
La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Airport

**Wednesday –** Employee Meeting 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

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

**Saturday –** Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast 7:00-11:00 a.m.,  
Martinsburg Firehall

**Sunday –** *Christ the King*  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Pie “Practice” Following Worship in the Fellowship Hall

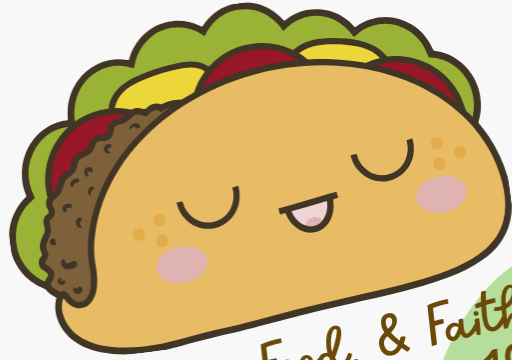
**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Avery, Randy Barrett, Greta Buchart, Caleb, Warren Campbell, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry Creek, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, George Gilbert, Audrey Hite, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Darren Kreutzer, Connie Lamborn, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Pat Mountain, Nathan, Olga Perlov, Deb Peters, John Russell, Paul Ruth, Karyl Sawinski, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Steve Torres, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Susan Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, 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 Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).

# Talk-O Tuesday



Fellowship, Food, & Faith Conversation  
Tuesday, November 19th at 6PM  
La Fiesta at the Airport  
RSVP to the office by Noon

## Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from Mt. Pleasant Church will be assisting the regular volunteers with food distributions on the first and third Thursdays, November 7 and November 21 from 9:00a.m. until 11:00a.m. Several churches in our community, will be providing Thanksgiving dinners for food pantry families, about 50 to 60 families, to prepare for themselves.



**Items most needed for November are:** Juice, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Jelly, Paper Towels.

*Many thanks for all your donations!*

*Linda Smith*

## "Mitten Tree"

Coming soon will be the first Sunday in Advent, December 1, when you will see our annual "Mitten Tree" in our church narthex. Please be thinking as you shop, or make, children's mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, earmuffs, or socks to be hung on our "Mitten Tree" during Advent until December 22nd. These will be distributed by the school nurses at Spring Cove Elementary Schools for children in need. Let's help children have a warmer Winter!

## Cove Christmas Love

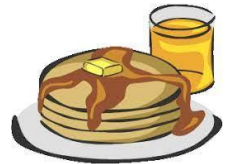
The Martinsburg Ministerium is, again, helping to provide presents for Spring Cove School Children in need. We will have an additional tree in the church narthex with tags identifying the Christmas wishes of the recipients. Our congregation's goal for this year is to provide gifts for about 50 children through Cove Christmas Love, like we did last year. The tree will be put up at the beginning of November with tags on it. Please take a tag (or tags) telling child and child's gift wishes. Shop for the item(s) listed on tag, but not exceeding \$100. for each child. Please return the unwrapped gift(s), WITH THE TAG, no later than Sunday, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>. These unwrapped gifts will be distributed on Saturday, DECEMBER 7 at the Church of God. You can direct any questions to Peggy Steinfurth or Linda Smith. Thank you for sharing with the community as we help families in need at this time of Christmas cheer!



### Boy Scout Troop 358 Pancake Breakfast Saturday, November 23, 2024

Martinsburg Firehall  
7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCOUTS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!**



The Church of God served a delicious Community Thanksgiving Meal on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>. The desserts St. Matthew provided were enjoyed by all. Pastor Jim has expressed his sincere thanks to the members of St. Matthew who donated the tasty desserts. I also want to express my thanks to all who made desserts, members of the Social Ministry Committee and Pastor Traci who delivered the homebound meals.

*Lottie*

## Care Packages

The last project for the 2024 Social Ministry Committee will be making care packages for St. Matthew college students and military. We have received a grant from Thrivent Action Team to cover costs for the items and postage. The packages will be assembled on Monday December 2, at noon. All members of St. Matthew, especially the youth, are welcome to help. Lunch will be provided consisting of tacos. There will be cards for members to sign in the narthex to express our support.



“Room for Everyone At The Table”

93RD ANNUAL INTERFAITH  
THANKSGIVING SERVICE

HOSTED BY THE SIXTH-WARD MINISTRIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024, 7:00 PM

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, 3004 UNION AVENUE  
ALTOONA PA

Welcoming our special guest preacher,  
Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Ph.D.

DONATIONS OF MONEY AND FRESH PRODUCE  
TO SISTER PAULA DELGROSSO’S SAINT  
VINCENT DEPAUL SOUP KITCHEN



## Hurricanes Helene and Milton Response

Hurricanes Helene and Milton hit the coast of Florida within weeks of each other as powerful and devastating storms impacting states across the Southeast. With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to be there to support people affected by Milton, Helene and any other storms that may strike this season.

**Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to these disasters and others, whenever and wherever they strike.**



**Scan the QR code to give today.**

By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricane Helene and remain for as long as the recovery takes.



If you prefer to make your gift to Lutheran Disaster Response through a donation to St. Matthew, please designate which disaster and the amount on the memo line of your check or envelope.





*Join us  
After Worship  
on November 24th  
for  
**PIE  
PRACTICE  
2024***

*Trying out a new recipe for Thanksgiving?  
Test your practice pie here first.  
Not a baker?  
Bring your appetite &  
sense of adventure.  
Coffee, Milk, & Forks Provided*



**Journey to Bethlehem**  
*A walk through the Nativity*  
**Sunday, December 15th**  
**2-4PM & 6-8PM**



**ST MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**115 E PENN STREET MARTINSBURG**



**\*OPENING HYMN**

*My Lord, What a Morning*

ELW #438

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



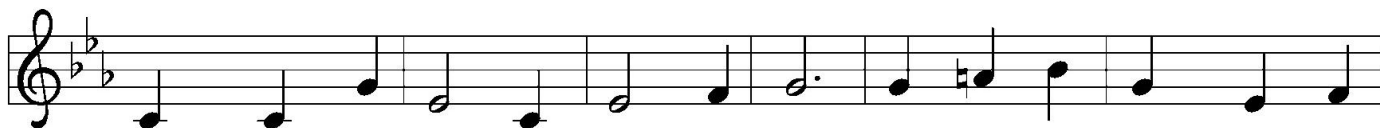
- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



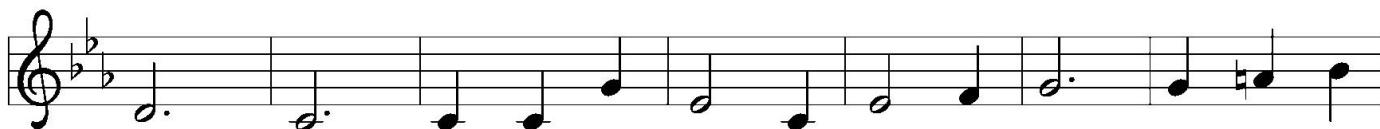
*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
 prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the

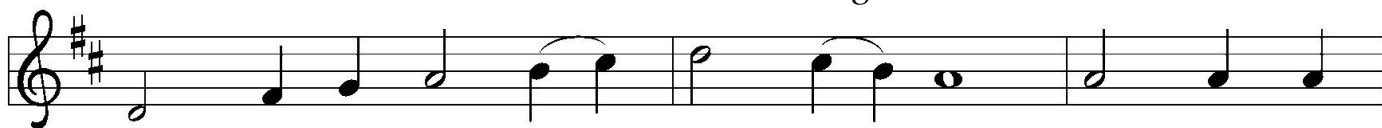


souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

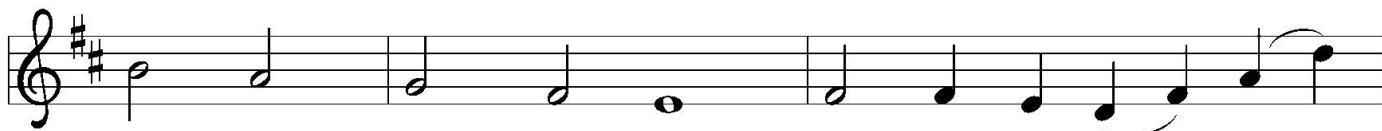
COMMUNION HYMN

*Jesus Shall Reign*

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 3 No more dy - in' there,  
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
 no more dy - in' there,  
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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