



EASTER

HE IS RISEN

Sunday, March 31, 2024
9:30 AM



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WELCOME

We know that going to church or to a new church for the first time can be nerve-racking. We want to help make your first experience at St. Matthew's a great one!

If this is your first visit to Saint Matthew's, we welcome you. For more information about our community, visit our website www.stmtts.org. We are so glad you are here!



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to participate in communion.

If you would like to receive, please follow the directions from the ushers and on the slides. If for any reason you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Would you like to learn more about baptism? Please contact our office via email at Office@stmtts.org or phone at 703-430-2121.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to.

Please pray for the following:

Zach, Arjun, Scotty, Brad, Myers Family, Phil, Terry, Kathy, Pat, Mary W., Sanjay, Susanna, Fabiano, McKeown Family, Viola, Harry R, Karter, Addie, Mercedes Family, Crystal, Benjamin, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Gina, Glo, James, Sean, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ruth, Remie, Webster, Julia, Madison, Nora, Robert, Missy, Tom, Lynne, Arianna, Amy, Jackie, Ann, Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Amelia, Kassadi, Kyle, Samantha, Dawn, Rudy, Kay, Clarissa, Huxsten, Dottie, Jonathan, Ageanna, Becky, RL, Priscilla, Darla, Gerry, Paul, Jenny, Reena, Sarah, Brandi, Barbara, Michael, Peggy, Emmett, Cathleen, Ray, BMR, Asley, Robyn, Emma, Frances, Christy, Nick, Gus, Jim, Bill, Aldana, Clint, Chealsie, Edgar, Shelby, Marty, Verdun, Candace, Rusty, Anne, William, Billie, Brown family, firefighters and first responders, Kevin, John, and Renee.

If you or someone you care about are in need of Pastoral Care, please call 703-430-2121.

Dedications for Easter Flowers

- Anne Beltrane** In loving memory of Greg and in thanksgiving for the blessings of our children, grandchildren, and our time together.
- Darrell Breed** In memory of Merry Breed.
- George & Penny DeFilippi** An Easter remembrance dedicated to Connie McAdam.
- Sharon Ferguson** In loving memory of my mother, Charlotte, and giving thanks for her beautiful life and the wonderful mother she was to me.
- Kevin Fletcher and Nik Alexiou** In loving memory of Cliff and Mary Fletcher.
- Sandra Gentry** To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for family and friends.
- Elly Hilz** To the glory of God in thanksgiving for many blessings received.
- Suzanne Lawrence** In loving memory of my husband, Jack, and our children, Kathy and Scott.
- Rob and Linda Merola** In thanksgiving for our daughters and grandson.
- Adrienne Miller** In memory of members of the Wilks and Miller families.
- Vicki Nelson** Praising God for the joy my family continues to give me everyday!
- Martha Olson and Family** In loving memory of Jose & Victoria Campos, Arthur & Jane Olson, Rosie Garcia, and our good friends, Dessie, Ben and Carey. In thanksgiving for the many blessings of family and friends.
- Andy and Mary Scherer** In thanksgiving for our mothers, Ann and Barbara.
- Tom and Mary Ann Smith** In memory of our loved ones.
- David Stoneburner** In loving memory of Carolyne.

The Word of God

Opening Song • Beautiful Day

Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Still Rolling Stones

Song • Death Was Arrested

Lessons

Reading • Isaiah 25:6-9

Gospel • Mark 16:1-8

Easter Homily

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory • In Christ Alone

Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus • Revelation Song

The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Song • Springtime

Song • Born Again

Closing Prayer

Blessing

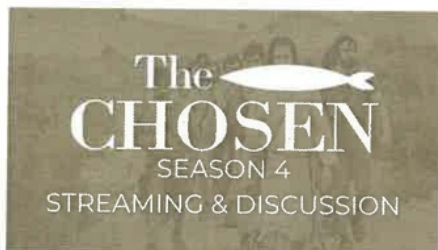
Closing Song • Year of Victory

Dismissal

Please join us after the service on the front lawn for an Easter egg hunt for the children.

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- John and Verdun Thomas** In memory of our mothers, Mellina D. Thomas and Claire C. Thomas. In honor of our daughters, Carolyn and Janet, and our grandchildren Kayla, Allison, Elizabeth, Emily, Emily Anne, Claire, Joshua, and Jack.
- Lowell and Barbara Thomas** In loving memory of our son, Timothy.
- Candace Timmons** In loving memory of my parents, Howard & Miriam, and my brother, Howard II.
- Mason and Miriam Turner** In great thanksgiving for our moms—Kathie and Candace.
- Zebrowski Family** In loving memory of Beverly and Walter Zebrowski and Christina Lehmeier.



THE CHOSEN - SEASON 4 WEDNESDAYS AT 7 PM THURSDAYS AT 12PM

Join us on Wednesdays at 7PM or Thursdays at 12PM starting April 3 and 4 to watch and discuss episodes of The Chosen, Season 4. The Chosen is a historical drama based on the life of Jesus. You do not need to have watched previous seasons, but you may do so on the Angel Studios app.



BACKPACK BUDDIES

Backpack Buddies provides weekend meals for 280 local school children each week. Pack with us on Tuesdays April 9, 16, 23, and 30 at 12PM, and the first Sunday of each month at 10:30AM.

To arrange another time or to learn more, please contact Hilary at Office@stmmts.org, or visit the website: sterlinghelp.org

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY [STMSTS.ORG/WOMENSGROUPS](https://stmmts.org/womensgroups)

Join the women of St. Matthew's for a volunteer event at Women Giving Back on Sun., April 28, 1 - 3:30PM. RSVP required using the link above.

Participate in the Letters from Love small group led by Sara Warnick on Sunday, April 7 & 21, 1PM-3PM. We meet at St. Matthew's and explore God's unconditional love and how to tap into that for nourishment, direction, and peace. For additional details visit the link above.



MEN'S GROUP SATURDAYS AT 8AM

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for fellowship, Bible study, and encouragement. For more information, contact mensgroup@stmmts.org.



YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

YOUTH EVENTS [STMSTS.ORG/YOUTHEVENTS](https://stmmts.org/youthevents)

Middle and high school students meet on Sundays at 9:30AM for donuts, fellowship, and discussion. Scan the QR code to join the Band App for group updates, chats, & event reminders.



GOOD SHEPHERD SERVICE DAY

Wednesday, April 10, 2 PM - 5 PM
Join our Youth Minister, Ben, and help out the community with yard work + optional pillow drive. Bring a rake & gloves to work with!

A graphic for Faith Factory Kids featuring three colorful gears (red, yellow, green) above the text. The text reads: "FAITH FACTORY KIDS EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM & ALSO AT 11:00 AM STARTING APRIL 7".

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FAITH FACTORY [STMSTS.ORG/FAITHFACTORY](https://stmmts.org/faithfactory)

Faith Factory is our Sunday programming for kids ages four - fifth grade. It's a chance to learn about God's love for us through Bible stories, relationship building, songs, art projects, and more! Starting Sunday, April 7, we will offer class for children at both 9:30 & 11AM. Questions? Email Hilary at FaithFactory@stmmts.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, March 31st

- 6:30 am - Easter Vigil & Brunch
- 7:30 am - Brunch
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Faith Factory for Children
- 11:15 am - Classic Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, April 1st

- 12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
- 5:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2157
- 7:00 pm - Bread of Life
- 7:30 pm - Free to Live
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Tuesday, April 2nd

- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm - Sandwich Generation
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, April 3rd

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Thursday, April 4th

- 10:45 am - Anam Cara (Closed Group)
- 12:00 pm - Bible Study
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Friday, April 5th

- 5:00 pm - Shower Set-up
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Saturday, April 6th

- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 11:00 am - Baby Shower
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- March 31st: Ray Thomen, Sara Warnick
- April 2nd: Colin Leary
- April 3rd: Sophie-Marie Burgess
- April 4th: Nikki Smith-Acierto, Emilia Gazoni
- April 5th: Susan Nixon
- April 6th: Jean DeFuria, Heidi Lathrop

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- April 2nd: Amy & Randall Schrock

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	19	37
9:30 AM	27	152
11:00 AM	22	59
Faith Factory		14

HELP SUPPORT
ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

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CASH OR CHECK Checks can be made payable to "St. Matthew's Church"

For more ways to give and information on automatic giving: stmtts.org/give

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Sunday, March 24th

- 8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 10:30 am - Donuts & Discovery for Middle & High School Students
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 12:30 pm - Young Professionals
- 6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

Monday, March 25th

- 12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
- 7:00 pm - Bread of Life
- 7:30 pm - Free to Live
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Tuesday, March 26th

- 9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, March 27th

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 4:00 pm - Youth Group: Launch Trampoline Park
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Thursday, March 28th

- 9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
- 7:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Service
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Friday, March 29th

- 12:00 pm - Good Friday Service
- 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Saturday, March 30th

- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 9:00 am - Altar Guild Polishing and Easter Set-up
- 10:00 am - Holy Saturday Service
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- March 24th: Sophia Bruce
- March 25th: Barbara Thomas, Amy Schrock
- March 26th: Kesean Jacoby
- March 27th: Kristin Drummond
- March 28th: George Thurston
- March 29th: Cooper Kelly, Kayla Nelson
- March 30th: Kimberly Crawley, David Middleton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- March 27th: Annette & Mike Brennan

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	None	29
9:30 AM	None	142
11:00 AM	17	35
Faith Factory		26

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EASTER DAY



Revised Common Lectionary

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COLLECT

Traditional

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

PETER BEGAN TO SPEAK to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he

went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

or Isaiah 25:6-9

ON THIS MOUNTAIN the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Refrain

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy endures for ever.”
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; * I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

NOW I WOULD REMIND YOU, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

EARLY ON the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from

the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

or Mark 16:1-8

WHEN THE SABBATH WAS OVER, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had

already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

**WORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

In-Person & Online

8:00AM | This is a traditional communion service using Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

9:30AM | This is a vibrant communion service with our very own live band. If you are looking for a joyous family service with some of the best music around, this is the service for you.

11:00AM | A classic communion service with our fabulous choir. We use Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

Compline (evening prayer) Mon.–Fri. at 8pm on Facebook

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stmtts.org/live

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