

## To Know and Share God's Love

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 21, 2024 · 8:00am

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY [STMSTS.ORG/WOMENSGROUPS](https://www.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 where we will sort and organize clothing. RSVP required using the link above.

Women are invited to bring any gently used spring or summer clothing and accessories to the event. You may drop off at Women Giving Back (20 Export Drive, Sterling) even if you cannot stay for the event.

  
**FAITH FACTORY KIDS**  
EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM &  
ALSO AT 11:00 AM STARTING  
APRIL 7

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

Faith Factory is St. Matthew's Sunday programming for students ages four - fifth grade. It's a chance for kids to learn about God's love for them through Bible stories, relationship building, singing songs, art projects, and more! We are very excited to announce that Sundays in April and May we are offering Faith Factory class for children at both 9:30 AM and 11 AM worship services. Questions? Contact Hilary at [FaithFactory@stmmts.org](mailto:FaithFactory@stmmts.org)

## 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. Please join us between services for coffee, tea and refreshments in the Parish Hall. For more information about our community, visit our website [www.stmtts.org](http://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, simply place one hand on top of the other, palms up, and the priest will place bread in your hand. You may then consume the wafer. 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 visit our website: [stmtts.org/Baptism](http://stmtts.org/Baptism) or contact our office via email at [Office@stmtts.org](mailto: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:

James, Sean, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Gina, Glo, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ruth, Remmie, 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, Rusty, Anne, Shelby, Marty, Verdun, Candace, Kevin, John, Billie, Brown family, Renee, Grace, Kristina, Wesley, Isaac, and Brice family.

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

# 8 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Opening Prayer	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Holy God	356
Collect of the Day (contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Acts 4:5-12	
Psalm • 23	
Second Reading • 1 John 3:16-24	
Gospel • John 10:11-18	
Sermon	Genevieve Zetlan
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People, Form III	387
Confession of Sin and Absolution	359-360
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	

## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*(An offertory plate is not passed at this service. If you wish to make a donation, the collection plate can be found at the back of the church, or donations are accepted online at [www.stmtts.org/give](http://www.stmtts.org/give))*

*All things come of thee, O Lord,  
**And of thine own have we given thee.***

Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	364
Communion of the People	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World	366

# 9:30 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Welcome

Opening Song • Right Place Wrong Time

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Grace Like Rain

Song • Start a Fire

Lessons

Reading • Acts 4:5-12

Gospel • John 10:11-18

Sermon

Genevieve Zetlan

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

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Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Springtime

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Your Love Never Fails

Dismissal

# 11 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #440 • Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word (vs. 1, 2, & 3)	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Gloria • S280	
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Acts 4:5-12	
Psalm • 23	
Second Reading • 1 John 3:16-24	
Gospel • John 10:11-18	
Sermon	Genevieve Zetlan
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People	
Confession of Sin and Absolution	359-360
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • We Shall Overcome	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Doxology • #380 vs. 3 • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
Sanctus • Hymnal S129 • Holy, Holy, Holy Lord	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Hymn • #339 • Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness (vs. 1, 2, & 3)	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World • Blessed Assurance	
Dismissal	366



## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

### YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS

**Donuts and Discovery:** Middle and high school students are invited to meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM in classroom four. After a quick welcome, the group will divide for breakout sessions. Each group will enjoy donuts and discussion around a new series, Follow.

Regardless of what you believe, Regardless of how you behave, Jesus invites you to . . . Follow.

Stay updated with all the youth happenings by using Band App! Scan the QR code to join for group updates, chats, & event reminders.



### Earth Day - Great Falls Hike Sunday, April 21, 11 AM - 1 PM

Join Ben for a hike to celebrate Earth Day. We'll carpool together from church. Bring lunch, water bottle, and wear sturdy shoes.

### Pickleball Tournament Sunday, May 5, 1:30 PM

Meet Ben at church for carpooling to Broadlands tennis and pickleball courts for a youth pickleball tournament.

### Anna Sudha Volunteer Kitchen Sunday, May 19, 1PM-3PM

Join Ben at Anna Sudha for volunteer work serving the local community.



## 2024 YOUTH GROUP SUMMER MISSION TRIP

### SUMMER 2024 YOUTH MISSION [STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHMISSION](https://www.stmtts.org/youthmission)

Have you been thinking about joining the summer youth mission trip, June 23-29? Maybe you're registered, but have questions. Join our Mission Trip Leaders, Ben Merola and Jae Mitchell on **Sunday, April 28 at 10:30AM** for a short Q&A. Meet in classroom four off of the parish hall.

Rising sixth - twelfth graders (and chaperones) are invited. Find details and register at the link above.



### CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES! SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 5:00 PM

Everyone is invited to join us for a special worship service as we celebrate our 2024 high school, college, and trade graduates.

Graduates and their families are invited for a celebration dinner immediately following the service. Graduates must RSVP by May 19 to [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org) if you plan to attend. If you are interested in volunteering at this event, please contact Miriam in the church office.



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY STMTTS.ORG/WOMENSGROUPS**

**Yoga Workshop and Brunch** on Saturday, May 18, 9AM - 11AM. Our own Zorana Rouse will be leading relaxing yoga and meditation for all ages and abilities. Bring a mat or sit on a chair. A delicious potluck brunch will follow. Please bring a dish to share if you would like, but it is not required. Please register for this event at the link above.

Registration for our 2024 Women's Retreat, September 20-22, will open soon. Read the May newsletter!



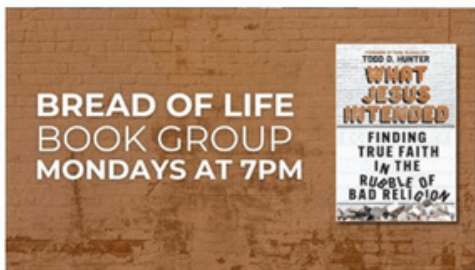
## **HELPING HANDS**

One of the ways we support St. Matt's families is by sharing meals after a baby is born. What a wonderful way to welcome new members of our community. Please email Miriam in the church office at [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org) to be added to the email distribution list, then you choose how often you'd like to participate.



## **THE CHOSEN - SEASON 4**

This April, you're invited to join us on Wednesdays at 7PM or Thursdays at 12PM 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.



## **BREAD OF LIFE: BOOK GROUP MONDAYS AT 7PM**

Join us in April as we continue reading *What Jesus Intended: Finding True Faith in the Rubble of Bad Religion*. We meet in classroom four and virtually. Join at any time.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JULY 22-26, 2024  
REGISTER NOW: [STMTTS.ORG/VBS](http://STMTTS.ORG/VBS)**



## MEMORIAL WEEKEND PICNIC SUNDAY, MAY 26, 11:30AM

Save the date as we join together to celebrate the start of summer. We'll worship together at St. Matthew's at 8AM and 9:30AM and then enjoy a picnic lunch and games. More details coming soon.

If you are willing to help make this a fun filled day, please contact Miriam at [Office@stmmts.org](mailto:Office@stmmts.org).



## BACKPACK BUDDIES/HRTS STERLINGHELP.ORG

Backpack Buddies packs food at 12PM on Tuesdays in the Classroom on the Hill. We also accept donations of shelf-stable, single-serve pantry items (e.g. tuna, snacks, fruit cups).

Share the message of HRTS and follow us on social media @hungerresponse. If you'd like to learn more about how you can help fight childhood hunger in our community, please contact Hilary Hultman-Lee by email at [Hilary.Hultman-Lee@hrtserling.org](mailto:Hilary.Hultman-Lee@hrtserling.org)



## GAME NIGHT FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 6-9PM

Do you love tabletop games? Parks, Forbidden Desert, Sushi Go, Wing Span, Who Killed Dr. Lucky? There are so many great games! Which is your favorite? Bring your favorite game and a snack to share, as we hang out and try new games. We meet the last Friday of each month. in classrooms 1 & 2.

\*\*Childcare now available upon request. [Office@stmmts.org](mailto:Office@stmmts.org).



## WE'RE HIRING! STMSTS.ORG/WORKWITHUS

Summer is on the way, and Ben has some incredible plans! St. Matt's is seeking college age interns who want to be part of a great team to make this an epic summer for our middle and high school aged students. If you know a young adult looking to earn money while having a super fun summer, please encourage them to visit the link above and apply today.





# Revised Common Lectionary

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

## The Collect:

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

## Psalm: Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup> He revives my soul \*

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- <sup>5</sup> You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- <sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

<sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

### Gospel: John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, April 21st

- 8:00 am - Rite II Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Faith Factory
- 9:30 am - Middle & High School Groups
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Faith Factory
- 11:00 am - Youth: Earth Day Hike at Great Falls
- 1:00 pm - Letters from Love Women's Small Group
- 6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

### Monday, April 22nd

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

### Tuesday, April 23rd

- 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 - Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Vestry
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Wednesday, April 24th

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

### Thursday, April 25th

- 9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
- 11:00 am - Anam Cara (closed group)
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Friday, April 26th

- 6:00 pm - Game Night
- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Saturday, April 27th

- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 9:00 am - Music Class
- 12:00 pm - Baby Shower
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 21st: Randall Schrock
- April 23rd: Dina D'Ambrosi, Huyen Dang, Marcy Sternitzke, Lindsey Hancock
- April 24th: Jennifer Schmid, Bekah Harding, Jack Hester
- April 25th: Ian Smith, Elise Merola
- April 27th: Christie Circle, Johanna Harvey, Annie O'Connell

## ATTENDANCE

April 14, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	18	23
9:30 AM	16	132
11:00 AM	16	48
Faith Factory		16
Youth Group		10

## HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



GIVE ONLINE



[stmtts.org/give](http://stmtts.org/give)



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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](http://stmtts.org/give)

## 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

**Online Worship**  
[stmmts.org/live](https://stmmts.org/live)

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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