

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, June 1, 2025



CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 11AM

Everyone is invited to celebrate our high school and college graduates at a special worship service featuring the band. Lunch will be held following the service.

RSVP is required to have your graduate recognized and/or if you plan to stay for lunch. Please respond to Miriam via email at Office@stmmts.org or call the office at 703-430-2121 by June 2.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 21-25, 2025 STMmts.ORG/VBS

VBS will guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust—our True North.

Make a difference in the life of a child this summer. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to make VBS the best week of summer. Sign up today using the link above.

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.stmmts.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@stmmts.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:

Glo, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ruth, Remmie, Arianna, Jeanine, Hunter, Robyn, Emma, Frances, Christy, Nick, Gus, Aldana, Clint, Chelsea, Edgar, Rusty, Anne, Kiera, Marty, Candace, Kevin, John, Ome, Renee, Grace, Kristina, Freya, Ava, Steve, Natalie, Kristen, Sadie, Shaundra, Larry, Don, Fabiano, Luke, John, Brenda, Pete, Valorie, Cathy, Naomi, Dan, Christy, Dennis, Diane, Brent, Mary, Sybil, Judy, James, Rick, Avery, Emory, Mario, Molly, Cooper, Rose, Sarah, Jessica, Jay, Amanda, Venessa, Desira, Rose, Sarah, Natalie D, Natalie S, Paul, Katy, Randy, Maura, Kaufman Family, Rinker Family, Blair Family, Colon Family, Suaib Family, Gonzalez Family, Omar, Mona, Tala, Dima, Carter, Jean, Martha, Tony, Nancy, Clara, Elijah, Maria, Bob, Cindy, Don, Megan, Ian, Marielle, Sharp Family, Mila, Moreau Family, Pat, Heather, Marilyn, Katie, Madison, Karen, Marcy, Barbara, Gerry, Becky, RL, Panita, Jane, Katt, Jenn, Charles, John, Arlene, Darla, Kassi, Amelia, Lindsey, Mark, Mary, John M, Shelby, Sieg, Sean, Connor, Tom, and Kathy.

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 16:16-34	
Psalm • 97	
Second Reading • Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	
Gospel • John 17:20-26	
Sermon	Pastor Annabelle Markey
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	
<i>(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.stmmts.org/give)</i>	
<i>All things come of thee, O Lord, And of thine own have we given thee.</i>	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
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Communion of the People	
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Blessing	
Procession into the World	366

9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Rest in the Father

Song • Walking on Water

Lesson • Acts 16:16-34

Gospel • John 17:20-26

Sermon

Pastor Annabelle Markey

Prayers of the People, Form III

387

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory

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Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A

361

Sanctus • Wedding Day

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Thank You So Much Jesus

Post-Communion Prayer

365

Blessing

Closing Song • Good News

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn •

Acclamation and Collect for Purity 355

Gloria • S280

Collect of the Day (Contemporary) Insert

Lessons

First Reading • Acts 16:16-34

Psalm • 97

Second Reading • Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel • John 17:20-26

Sermon Pastor Annabelle Markey

Nicene Creed 358

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution 359-360

Peace 360

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem •

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology • #380 vs. 3 • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A 361

Sanctus • S130

The Lord's Prayer 364

Breaking of the Bread 364

Invitation to Communion

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn •

Post-Communion Prayer 365

Blessing

Procession into the World •

Dismissal 366



INTRODUCING REALM STMTTS.ORG/REALM

We're excited to announce that St. Matt's has upgraded our online giving platform for a more secure and user-friendly experience.

Create an account today by visiting stmtts.org/realm then choose "Request a log in". Creating a Realm account will allow you to update your contact info, track donations, and connect with St. Matt's friends.

Need help? Contact Miriam at office@stmtts.org or 703-430-2121.



SUNDAY FUN DAYS!

Join us at 10:30AM on Sundays for fun, fellowship, and delicious treats.

Sun. June 1: Donut Day

It's national donut day—celebrate with a sweet treat.

Sun. June 8: Pentecost Begins!

Wear **RED** for Pentecost

Sun. June 15: Father's Day

Enjoy a game of wiffleball and bacon infused treats while we give thanks for the men in our lives.



HVAC UPDATE

We're working with Air Movers to replace the HVAC system in the parish hall, classrooms, and offices to keep things comfortable and running smoothly year-round.

Sunday activities will continue as usual, but the parish hall and classrooms will be closed Monday-Friday during construction. We expect work to finish by June 6.

We are very grateful to those who have generously supported the additional expense of replacing the HVAC system. Donations can be made at any time at stmtts.org/give.



BACKPACK BUDDIES STERLINGHELP.ORG

Backpack Buddies provides weekend meals for 309 local school children each week. Join us for the last Sunday pack of the school year today, Sunday, June 1, at 10:30AM.

To learn more about HRTS contact Hilary at Hilary@hrtsterling.org.



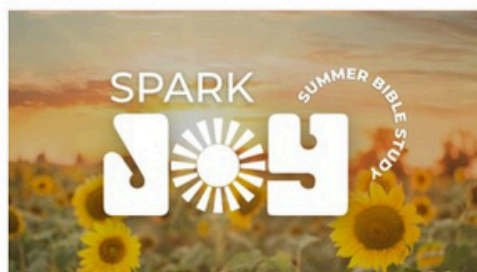
WELCOME SUMMER INTERNS

St. Matt's has a proud tradition of offering fun, engaging, and faith-filled summer experiences for our middle and high school students. This year, our youth minister, Ben, is excited to work alongside our summer interns to make it the best summer yet.

Meet our Interns:

Welcome Anna Claire Campbell, a rising sophomore at Virginia Tech, studying International Relations.

Welcome Cole Deaso, a rising freshman at the University of Virginia studying Kinesiology and Business.



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7PM

Looking for a fresh perspective this summer? Join Deacon Kara for "Spark Joy" on Wednesdays at 7PM. Explore what the Bible has to say about real, lasting joy, and how to live it out every day.



YOUTH GROUP

Activities, connection, and conversation designed specifically for middle & high school students.

Scan the QR Code to stay up to date with all the youth happenings, or contact our Youth Minister, Ben at Ben.Merola@stmtts.org.



DONUTS & DISCOVERY

Sundays at 9:30AM

Students are invited to join us for donuts and engaging faith discussions tailored just for them.

GREAT FALLS HIKE

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 11AM

Join our summer interns: Anna Claire and Cole for a fun afternoon on a beautiful trail. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a bag lunch and water.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

AUGUST 2-8 TO FLORIDA!

Join us as we serve communities, grow in faith, and make lasting memories. Before we head home, we'll take our minions on a detour to Universal Studios and spend our last day making magical memories and having big fun!

Register using the link below. Payment plans and scholarships are available.

STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHMISSION

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MIDWEEK MINDFUL MOMENTS RETURNS ON WEDNESDAYS 8PM

Do you feel like life is always on fast forward? Take a break from the hustle and join Zorana for a Mindful Moment. This is a peaceful 30-minute Zoom session designed to help you reconnect with God while enjoying meditation and a chance for women's fellowship –perfectly timed for midweek renewal. Bring your favorite cup of tea at 8PM on Wednesdays in June.

Zoom Meeting ID 716 5070 6479
Passcode: StMatts

WOMEN'S COFFEE MEET-UP

Join us for a delightful morning of coffee and fellowship. All women are invited to meet on **Saturday, June 14 at 9AM** at Ridgetop Coffee and Tea in Sterling for a casual morning of conversation, and connection. Kids are welcome.

ST. MATT'S WOMENS RETREAT SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2025 STMTTS.ORG/RETREAT

You're invited for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun. We are thrilled to gather again at Shrine Mont as we discuss the spiritual gifts and talents God has given each of us. It is a blessing to have Rev. Mary Margaret return as our guest speaker, and Zorana Rouse as our yoga leader. Visit the link above for details and registration. Space is limited.



FAITH FACTORY

Join us every Sunday at 9:30 AM for age-appropriate classes designed to spark curiosity, deepen faith, and make learning about Jesus fun:

- Preschoolers: Learn and play with Ms. Zorana in Classroom 3. (The last Sunday of each month is messy church! Come dressed for sensory exploration).
- K-2nd Grade: Sing, craft, and explore Bible stories with Ms. Alex in Classroom 2.
- 3rd-5th Grade: Tackle puzzles, try science experiments, and dive into Scripture. with Ms. Hilary in Classroom 1.

For more info, contact our Faith Factory Director, Hilary Hultman-Lee at FaithFactory@stmtts.org

JUNE kids events

Sundays at 10:30 AM

KIDS SUMMER FUN

Join Ms. Kelly on Sundays at 10:30AM for fun activities geared toward elementary school kids.

Sun., June 1–HRTS Packing
Sun., June 8–Fun at Briar Patch Park
Sun., June 15–Fun with dad:
wiffleball and other games



7 EASTER

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, June 1, 2025

COLLECT

Traditional

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Acts 16:16-34

WITH PAUL AND SILAS, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs

that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Refrain

Rejoice and give thanks to the Lord.

Psalm 97 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 The LORD is King; let
the earth rejoice; * let
the multitude of the
isles be glad. | 2 Clouds and dark-
ness are round about
him, * righteousness
and justice are the foun-
dations of his throne. |
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- 3 A fire goes before him * and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world; * the earth sees it and is afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, * at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, * and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! * Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, * because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you are the LORD, most high over all the earth; * you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; * he preserves the lives of his saints and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, * and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, * and give thanks to his holy Name.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

“SEE, I AM COMING SOON; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone

who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

JESUS PRAYED for his disciples, and then he said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, June 1st

8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
9:30 am - Faith Factory
9:30 am - Middle & High School Student Groups
10:30 am - Backpack Buddies Packing
11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
2:00 pm - On That Note Rehearsal

Monday, June 2nd

12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
5:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2157
7:00 pm - Bread of Life Book Group
7:30 pm - Free to Live (NA)

Tuesday, June 3rd

8:00 am - Garden Ministry
9:00 am - Staff Meeting
12:00 pm - HRTS/Backpack Buddies Packing
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, June 4th

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

Thursday, June 5th

12:00 pm - Bible Study with Fr. Rob
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, June 6th

9:00 am - Flower Ministry
7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers

Saturday, June 7th

8:00 am - Men's Group
9:00 am - Flower Ministry
9:30 am - Sterling Playmakers
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 1st: Donya Zarkeshfard, Kenneth Bruce
June 3rd: Mary Scherer
June 5th: Sebastian Pigulewski, Gerry Wardell
June 6th: Jimmy Godino
June 7th: Corrine Boddy

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	14	19
9:30 AM	27	158
11:00 AM	7	41
Faith Factory		23
Youth Group		14

HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



WEBSITE



MOBILE



CASH/
CHECK

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

For more ways to give and
information on automatic giving:

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) Tuesdays at 8pm on Facebook

Online Worship
stmtts.org/live

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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