

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

**Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**YOUTH
SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 9:30AM

Join us as the youth of St. Matt's host the 9:30am worship service. You'll see our students serve in a variety of roles.

Do you have a student who would like to learn more about participating in this special worship service? Contact our Dir. of Student Connections, Ron Whitt at Journey@stmtts.org.



NEWCOMERS RECEPTION SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 3PM

Are you new to St. Matt's or just want to learn more? Join us in the beautiful backyard garden of Rob & Linda Merola (34 Bedford Dr. Sterling) for conversation and treats. We'd love to have the opportunity to get to know you.

Please RSVP to the church office at Office@stmtts.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. 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 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:

Pete, Skip, Desmond, Jeannie, Michael, Tim, Emma, Susan, James, Sean, Joe, Deb, Beltrane family, Teresa, victims of violence, Amber, Yimam family, Fredericks family, E, Laura, Will, William, Frank, Florence, Jerry, Warren, Eddie, Janice, Charlie, Dillon family, Zach, Amy, Julia, Langenkamp family, Nicholas, Crystal, Paulo, Mary W., Jon, Joyce, John S., Panita, McKeown family, Deepak, Flood victims, Vicki, Greg, Mary Ann, Sharp family, Anthony, Josh, Reatha, Athena, Kathleen, Heriberto, Rosaura, Matthew, Denise, Bellamy family, Jose, Pete, Annie, MaryLea, Alan, Nishah, Marty, John G, Damar, Jeremy, Kyeron, Abigail, Verdun, John, Candace, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, Mel, Eric, Ginny, Andrew, Bob, Robby, Ron, Corinne, AJ, earthquake victims, train crash victims, Kassidi, Jordan, Amelia, Michael, Steve, Raven, Kenya, Josiah, Joy, Elizabeth, Rusty, Michelle, Hank, Frank, Brian, Tess, Yutzy family, and Sites 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
Glory to God	356
Collect of the Day (contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Acts 2:14a, 36-41	
Psalm • 116:1-3, 10-17	
Second Reading • 1 Peter 1:17-23	
Gospel • Luke 24:13-35	
Sermon	Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr. & Genevieve Zetlan
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Confession of Sin and Absolution	359-360
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	

The Holy Communion

Offertory	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
<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	
Post-Communion Prayer	366
Blessing	
Procession into the World	366

9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Opening Song • Daylight

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Hallelujah Anyways

Song • Rise Up Lazarus

Gospel • Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr. &
Genevieve Zetlan

Presentation of Candidates for Baptism 301

Landon Beckham Deans
Miaka Lourdes Deans

Baptismal Covenant 304

Baptism 307

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory

(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)

Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus • Revelation Song

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Warmth of the Sun

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • No One Like You

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #193 (verses 1, 2, 3, & 5)

Acclamation and Collect for Purity 355

Gloria

Collect of the Day (Contemporary) Insert

Lessons

First Reading • Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm • 116:1-3, 10-17

Second Reading • 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel • Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr. &
Genevieve Zetlan

Nicene Creed 358

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution 360

Peace 360

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A 361

Sanctus • Hymn #362 (verse 1)

The Lord's Prayer 364

Breaking of the Bread 364

Invitation to Communion

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn • #458 (verses 1, 2, & 3)

Post-Communion Prayer 366

Blessing

Procession into the World • #376 (verses 1, 2, & 3)

Dismissal 366



STUDENT MISSION TRIP JULY 9-15, 2023

This summer, rising 6th graders and up will partner with Group Mission in Erie, PA to repair and transform homes while deepening their faith & building relationships with peers and youth leaders.

Find more information or register today at stmmts.org/youthmission.

A \$50 deposit is due to reserve your spot. Friends are always welcome! Scholarships and payment plans are available. Contact Office@stmmts.org

**DONUTS &
DISCOVERY**
SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM
Classroom 4

DONUTS & DISCOVERY

Lost in Translation: Do Jews Have Horns?

For our final series this year in Donuts & Discovery, we'll take a look at mistranslations, misconceptions, and misinterpretations of the Bible. This week join Genevieve to look at medieval paintings of Moses and how a mistranslation fueled anti-semitism.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24-29, 2023, 5:30-8:30PM STMMTS.ORG/VBS

VBS is a special gift we offer our community. We are actively seeking adult volunteers to take leadership roles, and we need YOU to make this week a success. Contact Miriam at Office@stmmts.org to discuss how you can make a difference.

VBS will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light on the world. Registration is open for campers (preschool-rising 5th graders) and for volunteers (rising 6th graders - adult). Use the link above and register by May 1 for special spring pricing.

FREE SELF DEFENSE CLASS
FOR WOMEN
**5 PROTECT
YOURSELF**
HOSTED BY GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 2274
& LOCAL FEMALE OWNED BUSINESS

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 6:30-8:30PM

Women ages 9-109 are invited to a free self defense workshop brought to you by Girl Scout Troop 2274. Local female entrepreneurs will also be featuring their local businesses. The class will be held in the parish hall at St. Matthew's.



DEDICATE EASTER FLOWERS STMTTS.ORG/FLOWERS

The flowers behind the altar this morning are provided by the Diaz-Deans family in joyful celebration of the baptisms of Landon and Miaka.



TABLETOP GAME NIGHT FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 6-9PM

Do you love tabletop games? Parks, Forbidden Desert, Sushi Go, Wing Span, Monopoly, Trouble? There are so many great games! Which is your favorite? Have a fun game that you've been wanting to play? Bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share, as we enjoy hanging out and trying new games.



MEN'S GROUP - SATURDAYS AT 8AM

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for fellowship.



HUNGER RESPONSE TEAM OF STERLING - HRTS STERLINGHELP.ORG

HRTS is a new 501c3 started to address the growing needs of our community. We are excited as this will allow us access to grants and corporate matching that have been previously unavailable to us as a religious organization.

To get started, we are moving Backpack Buddies funding under HRTS. Please help us spread the word by asking two friends or co-workers to join you in supporting a Backpack Buddies child. \$9/week provides six meals to a child right here in our community. Share the link above for more information, and ask your employer about corporate matching.



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 6:30-9PM

Join Akila and friends for an evening of inspirational songs and love to celebrate her birthday.

Everyone is invited, but she does ask you to please RSVP by April 24
Office@stmtts.org.



WEDNESDAYS AT CHURCH, STARTING APRIL 19, 7PM-8PM

Join Fr. Rob and friends this spring for discussion as we consider how to live a life pleasing to God. Topics may include: What God wants, The world: good or evil?, The role of Satan, & What do we do with guilt? Please join us.



BACKPACK BUDDIES STERLINGHELP.ORG

Backpack Buddies packs 250 bags of food each week to feed local school children. Pack with us on Tuesdays at 12pm, and the first Sunday of each month at 10:30am.

To arrange another time and for more information, please contact Hilary at Office@stmtts.org.



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

**MESSAGE
ON THE GO**

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MISSION TRIP CREDIT

St. Matthew's has a generous credit with Praying Pelican Mission - a remnant from our cancelled 2020 mission to the Bahamas. Rightly, we have learned that this credit must be used by the end of 2023, and we are actively seeking an individual or small group that is interested in going on a mission trip this year. Please contact Fr. Rob or Miriam at Office@stmtts.org to learn more. If the funds are not used, by our request, they will be donated to the Praying Pelican mission work being done in Haiti.



SANDWICH GENERATION

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30pm in classroom four for prayer and fellowship.

ARE YOU IN YOUR 20's OR 30's & LOOKING TO ENRICH YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE? JOIN US!



Young Professionals
A.K.A YoPro

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3 EASTER

Third Sunday of Easter



Revised Common Lectionary

COLLECT

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Traditional

O GOD, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

PETER, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Refrain

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 | I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him. | 12 | I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people. |
| 2 | The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * I came to grief and sorrow. | 13 | Precious in the sight of the LORD * is the death of his servants. |
| 3 | Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: * "O LORD, I pray you, save my life." | 14 | O LORD, I am your servant; * I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. |
| 10 | How shall I repay the LORD * for all the good things he has done for me? | 15 | I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the LORD. |
| 11 | I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the LORD. | 16 | I will fulfill my vows to the LORD * in the presence of all his people, |
| | | 17 | In the courts of the LORD's house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah! |

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

IF YOU INVOKE as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

NOW ON that same day two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we

had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, April 23rd

8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
10:30 am - Donuts & Discovery - Youth Group
11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
12:30 pm - Young Professionals
6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

Monday, April 24th

9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery
12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
7:00 pm - Bread of Life
7:30 pm - Free to Live
8:00 pm - Compline
8:20 pm - Social Time with Kevin

Tuesday, April 25th

9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery
10:00 am - Staff Meeting
11:45 am - Staff Lunch—Office Closed
12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
7:00 pm - Vestry
8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, April 26th

9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery
12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
8:00 pm - Compline

Thursday, April 27th

9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
10:45 pm - Anam Cara (Closed Group)
8:00 pm - Compline

Friday, April 28th

6:00 pm - Game Night
8:00 pm - Compline

Saturday, April 29th

8:00 am - Men's Group
6:30 pm - Akila's Birthday Concert of Joy
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 23rd: Huyen Johnston, Dina D'Ambrosi, Marcy Sternitzke, Lindsey Hancock, Alexandra Davis
April 24th: Jennifer Schmid, Jimmy McKeown, Bekah Harding, Jack Hester
April 25th: Ian Smith, Elise Merola
April 26th: Arthur Gobeille
April 27th: Chris Circle, Johanna Harvey, Annie O'Connell
April 28th: Shay Nelson
April 29th: Mike Brennan, Akila O'Grady, Jamie Lawall, Bella Warnick

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	12	24
9:30 AM	22	114
11:00 AM	15	33
Kids Chapel		16

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CASH OR CHECK

Checks can be made payable to "St. Matthew's Church" and placed into the collection plate

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) Mon.–Fri. at 8pm on Facebook

Online Worship
stmmts.org/live

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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