

# To Know and Share God's Love

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 13, 2023 · 8:00 am**

**HELP US  
FILL THE BUS!**

**2023 SCHOOL  
SUPPLY DRIVE**



**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**  
**STMTTS.ORG/BACKTOSCHOOL**

It's already that time again – stores are stocking up on school supplies and our teachers are preparing for the next school year!

Help support local school children and teachers by donating items from their list of most requested items. Visit the link above to see the shopping list so you can pick up items while doing your own shopping, or click through to shop online. Items due today, August 13.



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 at 5:30 PM**

**CONCERT AND BBQ FOR HAITI**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 5:30PM**

Say Aloha to summer and Aloha to a new school year, as here and in Chapoteau, Haiti children are returning to school excited to learn.

Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, and enjoy award-winning BBQ, live music, fun games, and more! Don't miss a visit to the Marigold Bus Photo Booth to capture all the fun!

Every cent raised will feed children and teachers at St. Mathieu's school. Learn more: [stmtts.org/Haiticoncert](http://stmtts.org/Haiticoncert)

## 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:**

John S, Panita, 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, Damar, Jeremy, Kyeron, Abigail, Verdun, Candace, Seig, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Gina, Glo, James, Sean, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ginny, Andrew, Bob, Robby, Ron, Earthquake Victims, Train Crash Victims, Kathleen, Jenny, Corinne , AJ, Kassadi, Jordan, Amelia, Michael, Steve, Raven, Kenya, Josiah, Joy, Elizabeth, Rusty, Elizabeth, Michelle, Yutzy family, Sites Family, Frank, Tess, Brian, Mike, Zach, Paine, Arjun, Scotty, Brad, Mary W., Bobby, Elijah, Philip, Myers family, Phil, Terry, Kathy, Pat, Bob, Tonia, Bronwyn, Sanjay, Susanna, Lawrence family, Fabiano, McKeown family, Viola, Harry R, & Karter.

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	323
Trisagion (Holy God)	324
Collect of the Day (traditional)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	
Psalm • 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	
Second Reading • Romans 10:5-15	
Gospel • Matthew 14:22-33	
Sermon	Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
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Announcements & Welcome	

## The Holy Communion

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<i>All things come of thee, O Lord, <b>And of thine own have we given thee.</b></i>	
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# 9:30 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Shelter

Song • Carry Me

Gospel • Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

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

Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • If I Stand

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Hallelujah Anyways

Dismissal



# 11 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #450 (verses 1, 2, & 3)	
Opening Acclamation	299
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	
Psalm • 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	
Second Reading • Romans 10:5-15	
Gospel • Matthew 14:22-33	
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	<i>Carl John Kotraba</i>
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Sanctus • S125	
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Communion of the People	
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Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World • #525 (verses 1, 2, & 3)	
Dismissal	366



### **SUMMER FUN - DETAILS & RSVP AT [STMTTS.ORG/FOODFUN](http://STMTTS.ORG/FOODFUN)**

Students are invited to make the most out of summer at these fun events. Friends are welcome! Chaperones and drivers are needed. Please use the link above to find more info and let us know your student will attend.

#### **Monday, August 7, 1PM-6PM**

Middle and high school students are invited to go tubing at Watermelon Park. Cost \$25, plus food money. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel and change of clothes. Chaperones and drivers are needed

#### **Friday, August 11, 5PM-7PM**

Middle and high school students are invited to go bowling! \$30 includes bowling and snacks. Meet at Bowl America on Dranesville Rd.

#### **Monday, August 14, 5PM-7PM**

Middle and high school students are invited for Laser Tag fun! Cost: \$25 Meet at Monster Mini-Golf in Chantilly.

#### **Friday, August 18, 6PM-8PM**

Middle and high school students are invited for an end of summer hang-out with food and bonfire. Friends are always welcome to join in the fun!

**Questions? Ask Colin or Cassidy:**  
[journey@stmtts.org](mailto:journey@stmtts.org)



### **BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 9:30AM**

Students of all ages, teachers and school staff are all invited to our annual Back to School & Backpack Blessing service.

Receive a blessing and tag for your schoolbag and stay for coffee hour following the service for treats and some Back to School fun.

Back to School prayers, lunchbox notes, printables, recipes for busy nights, and more are available on our website: [stmtts.org/Backpack Blessing](http://stmtts.org/BackpackBlessing)



### **BISHOP VISIT, SEPTEMBER 17 [STMTTS.ORG/CONFIRMATION](http://STMTTS.ORG/CONFIRMATION)**

Adults and youth who are interested in making an adult affirmation of faith, reaffirming their baptismal covenant, or being received into the Episcopal Church are encouraged to complete the interest form at [stmtts.org/confirmation](http://stmtts.org/confirmation).

The Bishop's visit is also an excellent opportunity for baptism. Please email [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org) for more information.

## DELIVER FOOD FOR LINK FOOD PANTRY



### LINK FOOD PANTRY DELIVERIES [STMTTS.ORG/LINK](https://stmtts.org/link)

LINK is an all volunteer, emergency food bank serving Sterling, Herndon, and Ashburn. It supplies food to approximately 60 families each month and your help is needed to deliver. This is a great service opportunity for a small group of friends or a family. Please use the link above to register to help this August. We need delivery drivers!



## HELPING HANDS

EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP

### HELPING HANDS MINISTRY [OFFICE@STMTTS.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@STMTTS.ORG)

Our helping hands ministry provides meals, rides, and assistance with errands to community members. It's an easy way to help when it fits into your schedule. Email Miriam to be added to the distribution list.



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## MESSAGE ON THE GO

CHECK OUT OUR  
WEEKLY PODCAST

Listen at  
[stmtts.org/podcast](https://stmtts.org/podcast)



## SUMMER LADIES NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, AUG 19  
6 PM - 9 PM



### ST. MATT'S LADIES NIGHT [STMTTS.ORG/LADIES NIGHT](https://stmtts.org/ladies-night)

Looking for a fun ladies' night out? Join some of your St. Matt's besties for an evening at Tarara Winery and enjoy DC Area's most popular party band Gonzo's Nose! Grab a friend and RSVP below to let us know you're coming, and don't forget to purchase your tickets ahead of time directly from Tarara Winery!

**Purchase your ticket today at**  
[tararaconcerts.com](https://tararaconcerts.com)



SUPPORT BACKPACK BUDDIES

### HUNGER RESPONSE TEAM OF STERLING - HRTS [STERLINGHELP.ORG](https://sterlinghelp.org)

HRTS is a new 501c3 started to address the growing needs of our community. 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.





## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Join Fr. Rob for a weekly Bible study. We'll meet on Wednesdays in August at 7pm, and finish promptly by 8pm.



## FLOWER BOUQUETS

Pick up a bouquet on Sunday, August 13 so you can share with a friend, neighbor, or stranger. If you need inspiration, Miriam has a list of St. Matthew's friends that would love to be surprised with a bouquet! Volunteers are also needed. Contact Heidi at [Garden@stmtts.org](mailto:Garden@stmtts.org) to learn more.



**JOIN OUR NEW EFM CLASS  
THIS SEPTEMBER!**

EFM is a small group program where participants read, study, and discuss ways to live into their theological beliefs and to be an example of the heart and hands of Christ.

[www.stmtts.org/efm](http://www.stmtts.org/efm)

## EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY SMTTS.ORG/EFM

Visit the website to learn more, and then plan to join us for an Open House on Tuesday, August 22 at 7pm in the classrooms on the hill.



## VOLUNTEER IN THE GARDEN!

Volunteers of all ages are welcome on Tuesdays from 8:30am - 10:30am to work in the garden!

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

**Young Professionals  
A.K.A YoPro**

[CAITLIN.DRONFIELD@STMTTS.ORG](mailto:CAITLIN.DRONFIELD@STMTTS.ORG)



## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

We'd love to meet you and we invite you to join our small group. We are meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays in August. Contact Caitlin for info.



## ST. MATT'S WOMENS RETREAT SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023 SMTTS.ORG/RETREAT

You're invited to join the women of St. Matthew's to enjoy fellowship and relaxation as we cultivate fertile soil into our hearts. We are excited for the weekend's special guest speaker, Rev. Mary Margaret Winn. Visit the link above for details and registration. Space is limited.



# 11 PENTECOST

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14



Revised Common Lectionary  
TRACK ONE

Sunday, August 13, 2023

## COLLECT

*Traditional*

GRANT TO US, LORD, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

GRANT TO US, LORD, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

JACOB SETTLED in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him



from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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### **Refrain**

Remember the marvels God has done.

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**Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b** *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 Give thanks to the<br>LORD and call upon his<br>Name; * make known his<br>deeds among the peoples. | 17 He sent a man before<br>them, * Joseph, who was<br>sold as a slave.                        |
| 2 Sing to him, sing praises to<br>him, * and speak of all his<br>marvelous works.                    | 18 They bruised his feet in<br>fetters; * his neck they put<br>in an iron collar.             |
| 3 Glory in his holy<br>Name; * let the hearts of<br>those who seek the LORD<br>rejoice.              | 19 Until his prediction came<br>to pass, * the word of the<br>LORD tested him.                |
| 4 Search for the LORD and<br>his strength; * continually<br>seek his face.                           | 20 The king sent and released<br>him; * the ruler of the<br>peoples set him free.             |
| 5 Remember the marvels he<br>has done, * his wonders<br>and the judgments of his<br>mouth,           | 21 He set him as a master<br>over his household, *<br>as a ruler over all his<br>possessions, |
| 6 O offspring of Abraham<br>his servant, * O children of<br>Jacob his chosen.                        | 22 To instruct his princes<br>according to his will * and<br>to teach his elders wisdom.      |
| 16 Then he called for a famine<br>in the land * and destroyed<br>the supply of bread.                | 45 Hallelujah!  |

**SECOND READING:** Romans 10:5-15

MOSES WRITES concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is

Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

### **GOSPEL:** Matthew 14:22-33

JESUS MADE THE DISCIPLES get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S**

**Sunday, August 13th**

- 8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 12:00 pm - Private Baptism Reception
- 12:30 pm - Young Professionals
- 6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

**Monday, August 14th**

- 12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group Laser Tag
- 7:00 pm - Bread of Life
- 7:30 pm - Free to Live
- 8:00 pm - Compline

**Tuesday, August 15th**

- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline

**Wednesday, August 16th**

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 8:00 pm - Compline

**Thursday, August 17th**

- 2:00 pm - CSA pick-up
- 8:00 pm - Compline

**Friday, August 18th**

- 6:00 pm - Youth End of Summer Cookout
- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
- 8:00 pm - Compline

**Saturday, August 19th**

- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 9:00 am - Reverence Committee
- 6:00 pm - Ladies Night: Tarara Concert Series
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- August 14th: Paul Schmid
- August 15th: Bennett Wallis
- August 18th: Corrine Glascock
- August 19th: Regina McPhie, Katrina Schmid

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- August 13th: Dawn & Joe Sharp
- August 17th: Janet & Joe Hart

**ATTENDANCE**

Sunday, August 6, 2023

<i>Time or Place</i>	<i>Attendance Online</i>	<i>Attendance In-Person</i>
8:00 AM		27
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Faith Factory		11

**HELP SUPPORT**  
ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

**GIVE ONLINE**  
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[@stmttssterling](https://venmo.com/stmttssterling)



**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](https://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**  
[stmtts.org/live](https://stmtts.org/live)

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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### **Service Volunteers**

**Ushers** | Emory Henderson, Sharon Ferguson, Lorenzo Martini

**Lectors** | Richard Henry, Kevin Fletcher

**Eucharistic Ministers LEMs** | Martha Olson, Richard Henry, Lisa Lintelman, Brian Bellamy, Heather Tomaszek, Gerry Wardell

**Tellers** | Dan Robertson

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