

## To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**eclipse**  
stop and see the SON

NEW SERMON SERIES  
Beginning April 14th

### **ECLIPSE, STOP AND SEE THE SON SUNDAYS STARTING APRIL 14**

We hope you'll join us each Sunday in April, starting Sunday, April 14 for our new sermon series, Eclipse - stop and see the son.

This series will encourage us to pause amidst life's busyness and distractions, compelling us to gaze intently at the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Be sure to pick up a pair of Eclipse viewing glasses on your way out this morning.

ST. MATTHEW'S

**Small  
Groups**

FIND YOUR COMMUNITY

### **LIFE IS BETTER IN COMMUNITY STMTTS.ORG/GROUPS**

Our faith journey becomes even more enriching when accompanied by laughter and shared moments with friends. While meeting people on Sunday morning is wonderful, the real magic of building lasting friendships, essential for nurturing your faith, happens in the warmth of a smaller group setting.

That's why we encourage everyone to become part of a small group. Visit the link above to explore and find the right group for you.

## 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.stmmts.org](http://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, 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: [stmmts.org/Baptism](http://stmmts.org/Baptism) or contact our office via email at [Office@stmmts.org](mailto: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:**

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, Rennie, 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, Renee, and Kristina.

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	
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## 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.***

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# 9:30 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Death was Arrested

Song • Joy

Gospel • John 20:19-31

Sermon

Pastor Annabelle Markey

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

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Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus • Revelation Song

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Thank God I Do

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • What a Friend

Dismissal

# 11 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #484 • Praise the Lord Through Every Nation  
(verses 1 & 2)

Acclamation and Collect for Purity 355

Gloria • S280

Collect of the Day (Contemporary) Insert

Lessons

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Psalm • 133

Second Reading • 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel • John 20:19-31

Sermon Pastor Annabelle Markey

Nicene Creed 358

Prayers of the People

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Announcements & Welcome

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • Dance, Sing, Clap Your Hands

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A 361

Sanctus • Hymnal S129 • Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

The Lord's Prayer 364

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Invitation to Communion

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn • #469 • There's a Wideness in God's Mercy  
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Post-Communion Prayer 365

Blessing

Procession into the World • #494 • Crown Him with Many Crowns  
(verses 1, 2, & 3)

Dismissal 366





## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

### YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS

**Donuts and Discovery:** Middle and high schoolers are invited to meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM. High school students will meet in classroom five (music room) with Ben and middle school students will meet in classroom four with Tom. 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.



### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEVENTS

#### Service Event at Good Shepherd Wednesday, April 10, 2 PM - 5 PM

Join Ben and help out the community with yard work + optional pillow drive. Bring extra rakes & gloves to work with!

#### 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 and sunscreen.



## 2024 YOUTH GROUP SUMMER MISSION TRIP

### SUMMER 2024 YOUTH MISSION STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHMISSION

Register now for the youth mission trip, June 23-29. Open to rising sixth - twelfth graders. The goal this year is to help students navigate the many influences in their lives and encourage them to look toward Jesus, the greatest influencer of all time, so they use their influence to positively change their culture.

Find details and register at the link above.



### FAITH FACTORY STMTTS.ORG/FAITHFACTORY

Faith Factory is our 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, songs, art, and more! Faith Factory meets in the classrooms off the parish hall. Ask an usher for directions.

We are very excited to announce that starting Sunday, April 7, we will be offering Faith Factory at both 9:30AM and 11AM worship services.

## ST. MATTHEW'S GAME NIGHT

### 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.

## JOIN THE CHOIR

ALL ARE WELCOME

### JOIN THE ST. MATT'S CHOIR

All are welcome as we lift our voices and sing each week at the 11am worship service. Join us for weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 PM. Questions? Contact our Choir Director, Kevin Fletcher at [Kevin@stmmts.org](mailto:Kevin@stmmts.org)

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



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SUPPORT BACKPACK BUDDIES

### BACKPACK BUDDIES/HRTS STERLINGHELP.ORG

Backpack Buddies/HRTS is busy providing weekend meals to 280 school children in our neighborhood. Share the good work of HRTS and follow us on social media @hungerresponse. Also, Backpack Buddies will be packing today in the parish hall at 10:30AM and noon on Tuesday in the Classroom on the Hill.

We also accept donations of shelf-stable, single-serve pantry items (e.g. tuna, ramen, snacks, fruit cups).

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@hrtsterling.org](mailto:Hilary.Hultman-Lee@hrtsterling.org)



### WOMEN'S OUTREACH EVENT SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1-3:30PM STMSTS.ORG/WOMENSGROUPS

Join the women of St. Matthew's for a volunteer event at Women Giving Back on Sun., April 28, 1 - 3:30PM, at 20 Export Drive, Sterling. RSVP required using the link above.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY [STMTTS.ORG/WOMENSGROUPS](https://stmtts.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 8 AM  
IN THE TRAILER & ON ZOOM.  
[mensgroup@stmtts.org](mailto:mensgroup@stmtts.org)

## [STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHEVENTS](https://stmtts.org/youthevents) MEN'S GROUP SATURDAYS AT 8AM

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for fellowship, Bible study, and encouragement. Want to learn more? Contact [mensgroup@stmtts.org](mailto:mensgroup@stmtts.org).

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## FRIDAY FLASH

Weekly Newsletter

Email [office@stmtts.org](mailto:office@stmtts.org)  
to be added to the  
distribution list today!

## The CHOSEN

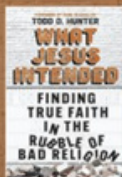
SEASON 4  
STREAMING & DISCUSSION

## THE CHOSEN - SEASON 4

This April and May, 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



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Starting April 1, this co-ed book group will resume reading and discussing, *What Jesus Intended: Finding True Faith in the Rubble of Bad Religion*. Come for a fresh hearing of Jesus - one that offers us the healing and goodness we've always longed for.



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## MESSAGE ON THE GO

## CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY PODCAST

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







## 2 EASTER

Second Sunday of Easter



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, April 7, 2024

### COLLECT

*Traditional*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

NOW THE WHOLE GROUP of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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## Refrain

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How good and pleasant it is to live in unity!

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### **Psalm 133** *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 | Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity! |   | down upon the collar of his robe.                                  |
| 2 | It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,       | 4 | It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.  |
| 3 | Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs                                      | 5 | For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore. |

### **SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1–2:2**

WE DECLARE TO YOU what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light

as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

### **GOSPEL:** John 20:19-31

WHEN IT WAS EVENING on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and

said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, April 7th

- 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
- 10:30 am - Backpack Buddies Packing
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 11:00 am - Faith Factory
- 1:00 pm - Letters from Love Women's Small Group
- 6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

### Monday, April 8th

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

### Tuesday, April 9th

- 9:30 am - All Ages Read Together
- 10:00 am - Outside Book Group
- 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 - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline

### Wednesday, April 10th

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 2:00 pm - Youth Good Shepherd Service Event
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group
- 8:00 pm - Compline

### Thursday, April 11th

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

### Friday, April 12th

- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
- 8:00 pm - Compline

### Saturday, April 13th

- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 9:00 am - Music Class
- 3:00 pm - Celebration of Life for Marie Thomen
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 7th: Gwen Lee
- April 8th: Elly Hilz
- April 9th: Anne Beltrane, Kaylyn Burakowski
- April 10th: Katherine Gomez
- April 11th: Olivia Sta. Ana

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- April 12th: Jenny & Matt Greenlund, Vicki & Peter Nelson
- April 13th: Sarah & Justin O'Connell

## ATTENDANCE

Easter, March 31, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
6:30 AM	n/a	123
9:30 AM	35	315
11:15 AM	13	94
Faith Factory		52
Youth Group		20

## HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



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CHECK

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

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## 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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