

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 11, 2023 •



NARCAN
TRAINING

OPIOID AWARENESS TRAINING
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 7:00PM
RSVP: [STMMTS.ORG/NARCAN](https://stmmts.org/narcn)

Learn how to recognize the signs and to how to respond to an opioid overdose emergency with the administration of naloxone. Class is offered by Loudoun County and St. Matt's is proud to serve as the host location.

Open to High School Age Students and Adults. Please RSVP and indicate if you'd like to receive a complimentary dose of naloxone.



SMALL GROUP SURVEY
[STMMTS.ORG/SURVEY](https://stmmts.org/survey)

Help us improve and grow our small group offerings at St. Matthew's by filling out this short 8 question survey. Use the link above or scan the QR code.



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 visit our website: stmtts.org/Baptism or 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:

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, Damar, Jeremy, Kyeron, Abigail, Verdun, Candace, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Gina, James, Sean, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, 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, and Phil.

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 sentence	78
Grace to you and peace from God our Father And the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:2	
Confession of Sin with Absolution	79
Invitatory and Psalter	80
Glory to the Father	80
Venite - Psalm 95:1-7	82
Lessons	
First Reading • Genesis 12:1-9	
Psalm • 33:1-12	
Second Reading • Romans 4:13-25	
Lesson from the Gospel • Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	
Homily (by video)	Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Apostles' Creed	96
Announcements & Welcome	

The Prayers

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The Lord's Prayer	97
Suffrage A	97
Collect for the Day (INSERT, CONTEMPORARY)	229
Collect for Sundays	98
Collect for Peace	99
Collect for Guidance	100
General Thanksgiving	101
Closing Prayer	

9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Welcome

Prelude

Opening Prayer

Song •

Song •

Reading • Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Homily (by video)

Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

Peace

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The Lord's Prayer

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Closing Song •

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

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PRAYING
PELICAN
MISSIONS

ADULT MISSION TRIP CREDITS

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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.

WOMEN'S retreat

SIGN UP TODAY!

ST. MATT'S WOMENS RETREAT SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023 STMTTS.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.

COOKOUT AT ROB & LINDA'S

COOKOUT AT ROB & LINDA'S WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 7-8:30PM RSVP: OFFICE@STMTTS.ORG

On Wednesday, June 21, there will be a cookout in Rob and Linda Merola's backyard (34 Bedford Drive) from 7PM to 8:30PM. Bring a chair and something to share (there is always plenty of food) and enjoy some great discussion with wonderful people!



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

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

We'd love to meet you and we invite you to join our small group. We are meeting the 1st and 3rd Sundays in June. Contact Caitlin for information.



VBS YOUTH VOLUNTEER EVENTS

VBS is a special gift we offer our community, and it's powered by volunteers! We like to give special thanks to our middle and high school aged volunteers by inviting them to participate in super fun events each evening after VBS.

When the campers go home, the VBS volunteers get to play! Register to volunteer at stmtts.org/vbs. Don't miss fun events like: karaoke, ice cream, water games, slip n slide kickball and more!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 24-29, 2023, 5:30-8:30PM
STMTTS.ORG/VBS

VBS is a week long extravaganza that will launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light on the world. Dinner is served followed by an evening full of fun, games, science, Bible drama, and more! Registration for the best week of summer is open now for campers (preschool-rising 5th graders) and for volunteers (rising 6th graders - adult). Use the link above and register today.

Questions? Contact Kathleen at
Kathleen@stmtts.org

KIDS PARENT
 CHAPEL MEETING

KIDS CHAPEL PARENT MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 10:30AM

As we head into the summer, Pete Hart, Kids Chapel Leader, invites parents of kids aged 4 through rising 6th grade to discuss summer Kids Chapel, rising 6th grader programming, and summer events. Kids will enjoy "School's out for summer" popcorn treats and an activity while parents are meeting.

Questions? Contact Ron at
journey@stmtts.org



JOURNEY BREAKFAST CLUB JUNE 11 & 25, 9:30AM

We are thrilled to launch our student ministry mentoring groups. Rising 7th -12th graders are invited to come and be who they are, make friends, and have real conversations about God. Meet in classrooms one & two.

Questions? Contact Ron at
journey@stmtts.org



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.

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.

CHANGE JARS

SUPPORTING

YOUTH MISSION 2023

RETURN CHANGE JARS BY SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Please return change jars to support the Youth Mission Trip on or before Sunday, June 25. Coins collected will be used to provide transportation and support fun activities during their mission trip. Please continue to pray for our students and leaders as they venture off to Erie, PA July 9-15.

POPCORN BAR SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH COFFEE HOUR



POPCORN BAR SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 10:30AM

Join us in the parish hall in between the 9:30 and 11am services to celebrate National Corn Day by enjoying popcorn and assorted toppings.



MEN'S GROUP SATURDAYS AT 8AM

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for fellowship, Bible study, and encouragement.

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MESSAGE ON THE GO

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2 PENTECOST

Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 5



Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK ONE

Sunday, June 11, 2023

COLLECT

Traditional

O GOD, from whom all good doth come: Grant that by thy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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 12:1-9

NOW THE LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the

LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Refrain

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, by the
breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

Psalm 33:1-12 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 | Rejoice in the LORD, you
righteous; * it is good for
the just to sing praises. | 7 | He gathers up the waters of
the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of
the sea. |
| 2 | Praise the LORD with the
harp; * play to him upon
the psaltery and lyre. | 8 | Let all the earth fear the
LORD; * let all who dwell in
the world stand in awe of him. |
| 3 | Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your
skill upon the trumpet. | 9 | For he spoke, and it came to
pass; * he commanded, and
it stood fast. |
| 4 | For the word of the LORD is
right, * and all his works are
sure. | 10 | The LORD brings the will of
the nations to naught; * he
thwarts the designs of the
peoples. |
| 5 | He loves righteousness
and justice; * the loving-
kindness of the LORD fills
the whole earth. | 11 | But the LORD's will stands
fast for ever, * and the
designs of his heart from
age to age. |
| 6 | By the word of the LORD
were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth
all the heavenly hosts. | 12 | Happy is the nation whose
God is the LORD! * happy
the people he has chosen to
be his own! |

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

THE PROMISE THAT he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

AS JESUS was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, June 11th

8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
9:30 am - Journey Breakfast Group
11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
4:00 pm - Girl Scouts
6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

Monday, June 12th

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

Tuesday, June 13th

9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
10:00 am - Outside Book Group
10:00 am - Staff Meeting
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
7:00 pm - Narcan Training (open to community)
8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, June 14th

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

Thursday, June 15th

9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
10:45 pm - Anam Cara (Closed Group)
12:00 pm - Wedding Set-up
2:00 pm - CSA pick-up
5:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal
8:00 pm - Compline

Friday, June 16th

12:00 pm - Set-up
5:00 pm - Huynh and Villatoro Wedding
6:00 pm - Reception
8:00 pm - Compline

Saturday, June 10th

8:00 am - Men's Group
9:00 am - Wedding Clean-up
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 12th: Kathryn Fair
June 13th: Ann Lowden, Neil McPhie, Ted Elliott, Haley Elliott
June 14th: Pete Lunn, Savannah Lamb, Amelia Schlabach, Michael Porter
June 16th: Alexis Sather, Maxwell Bellamy
June 17th: Mary Merola

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 12th: Lauren & Alexander McCall
June 13th: Karen Haldeman-Clark & Wes Clark
June 14th: Linda & Rob Merola
June 15th: Judy & Paul Schmid
June 17th: Chris & Dave Hallett

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, June 4, 2023

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	10	28
9:30 AM	26	115
11:00 AM	12	24
Kids Chapel		11
Baccalaureate	3	26

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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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