

# To Know and Share God's Love

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, August 20, 2023 · 8:00 am**

## BISHOP VISIT

### **BISHOP VISIT, SEPTEMBER 17** **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.



**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, Sieg, 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, Yutzky 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 45:1-15	
Psalm • 133	
Second Reading • Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	
Gospel • Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28	
Sermon	Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	326
Prayers of the People	328
Confession of Sin and Absolution	330
Peace	332
Announcements & Welcome	

### The Holy Communion

Offertory	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
<i>All things come of thee, O Lord,</i> <b><i>And of thine own have we given thee.</i></b>	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer I	333
The Lord's Prayer	336
Breaking of the Bread	337
Invitation to Communion	338
Communion of the People	
Post-Communion Prayer	339
Blessing	339
Procession into the World	339-340

# 9:30 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Joy

Song • Speak to the Mountains

Gospel • Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28

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 • Springtime

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • What a Friend

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 • Genesis 45:1-15	
Psalm • 133	
Second Reading • Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	
Gospel • Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28	
Sermon	Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People, Form III	387
Confession and Absolution	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 • S125	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Song	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World	
Dismissal	366






## PRESSURE WASHING & PAINTING CHURCH EXTERIOR

SAT., AUG. 26TH  
SUN., SEPT. 3RD & MON. SEPT. 4TH

### PRESSURE WASHING & PAINTING CHURCH EXTERIOR

#### INFO: [STMMTS.ORG/PAINTING](http://stmmts.org/painting)

Help us get the exterior of St. Matt's back into tip-top shape! Help is needed with pressure washing on Saturday, August 26th starting at 8 am, and painting on Sunday, September 3rd beginning at 12 PM, and Monday, September 4th. For times and details, visit [stmmts.org/Painting](http://stmmts.org/Painting)



## PARISH WORK DAY

SAT. SEPT. 16TH  
9 AM - 12 PM

### FALL PARISH WORKDAY

**Saturday, September 16, 9:00AM**

Join us Saturday, September 16th for our fall Parish Work Day. Help get the church and grounds ready for the Bishop's visit on Sunday, Sept. 17th. Jobs of all types for all ages and abilities: dusting, gardening, polishing etc. Donuts & Coffee will be there too!



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## FRIDAY FLASH

Weekly Newsletter

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



## BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20  
9:30 AM SERVICE

### 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: [stmmts.org/Backpack Blessing](http://stmmts.org/BackpackBlessing)



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES & BISHOP VISIT

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES SEPTEMBER 15 & 16

#### [STMMTS.ORG/CONFIRMATION](http://stmmts.org/confirmation)

Confirmation classes will be offered Friday, September 15 & Saturday, September 16, and all are invited to join us for a visit from the Bishop and to celebrate confirmations, baptisms, and receptions to the Episcopal Church on September 17. For more information on confirmation, baptism, and reception, visit the link above.

## 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)



### VOLUNTEER IN THE GARDEN!

Volunteers of all ages are welcome on Tuesdays!

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 are meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays in August. Contact Caitlin for info. We'd love to meet you!



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.



A group of people are gathered around a table, looking at a book. A semi-transparent purple box is overlaid on the image.

## BIBLE STUDY

### 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.

A close-up of hands arranging flowers in a vase. A semi-transparent pink box is overlaid on the image.

## FLOWER MINISTRY



### FLOWER BOUQUETS

Pick up a bouquet 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.

A red food truck with a sign that says "BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY".

## BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

### BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY & FOOD TRUCK - SEPTEMBER 3

Join us for Back to Church Sunday! Great worship, catch up with friends, and enjoy some tasty treats from a local food truck during coffee hour between the 9:30 & 11 AM services!

A purple rectangular graphic with white snowflake patterns. The text "WINTER COATS FOR KIDS!" is at the top.

## WINTER COATS FOR KIDS!

COAT DRIVE BEGINS SEPT. 17

NEW & GENTLY USED  
CHILDREN'S WINTER  
COATS SIZE 6-16

### WINTER COATS FOR KIDS! [STMTTS.ORG/WINTERCOATS](http://STMTTS.ORG/WINTERCOATS)

A light pink rectangular graphic with a gold-colored border and floral patterns. The text "WOMEN'S retreat" is in the center.

## WOMEN'S retreat

SIGN UP TODAY!

### ST. MATT'S WOMENS RETREAT SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023 [STMTTS.ORG/RETREAT](http://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.



### 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 [STMTTS.ORG/EFM](http://STMTTS.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.





# 12 PENTECOST

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15



Revised Common Lectionary  
TRACK ONE

Sunday, August 20, 2023

## COLLECT

*Traditional*

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Contemporary*

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## FIRST READING: Genesis 45:1-15

JOSEPH COULD NO LONGER control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his

brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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### **Refrain**

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! | 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 down                                 | 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore. |

**SECOND READING:** Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ASK, THEN, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:[10-20], 21-28

[JESUS CALLED the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my

heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”] Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, August 20th

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

### Monday, August 21st

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

### Tuesday, August 22nd

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

### Wednesday, August 23rd

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

### Thursday, August 24th

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

### Friday, August 25th

4:30 pm - Timms Wedding Rehearsal  
8:00 pm - Compline

### Saturday, August 26th

8:00 am - Church Power Washing  
8:00 am - Men's Group  
1:00 pm - Hold for Wedding  
4:30 pm - Timms Wedding  
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous  
8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 20th: Kathryn Frawley  
August 21st: Joleen Gradich  
August 24th: Erin Leary, Saman Pazooki  
August 25th: Jared Brennan, Wyatt Karnas  
August 26th: Karen Haldeman-Clark, Sophie Drummond

## ATTENDANCE

Sunday, August 13, 2023

<i>Time or Place</i>	<i>Attendance Online</i>	<i>Attendance In-Person</i>
8:00 AM	13	23
9:30 AM	22	95
11:00 AM	18	59
Faith Factory		7

## HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

### GIVE ONLINE

[stmtts.org/give](https://stmtts.org/give)

### VENMO

@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 I 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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## **Service Volunteers**

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, **Lectors** | Debbie Majewski, Sue Reier

**Eucharistic Ministers LEMs** | Darrell Breed, Debbie Majewski, Tom Leary, Cindy Steinman, Gerry Wardell

**Tellers** | Dan Robertson

**Altar Guild** | Richard Henry, Lisa Lintelman, Anitrus Jones