

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 2024

10:30am Holy Eucharist in the Church



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ST. MATTHEW'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations. This land was also a place of travel and trade to many other tribes, including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, and Miami tribes. These Native Peoples were forced off their lands with the Second Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829. After a series of land transfers, St. Matthew's acquired its current site within this territory in 1906. Today, Cook County is home to tens of thousands of Native Americans from many tribes. We acknowledge and respect our Indigenous neighbors, as we strive to be good stewards of this Native land.

COVID GUIDELINES

Our Covid protocols have eased, but the number of cases has begun to rise again. Please be attentive to the following:

- Vaccines are recommended when gathering with others.
- Masks are optional in the building and at our services. Please respect the choices others make in this regard.
- In the Church and the Chapel
 - Air purifiers continuously clean the air.
 - Before services begin, the windows are opened and fans run, creating substantial air flow.
- Medical grade N95 masks are available upon request from our ushers.
- At Communion
 - Before beginning the Eucharistic Prayer, the clergy sanitize their hands.
 - Wine at communion: Communion ministers will be off to the side offering a chalice and an intinction bowl. We ask you decide either to drink from the chalice, instinct the wafer (dip the wafer into the wine) using the bowl, or forgo the wine.
- Please follow any further communion guidelines as given.
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Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

Jan. 28	Annual Meeting , after 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall All-ages Cross-Quarter Day celebrating Candlemas 4pm at St. Luke's
Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday – The Season of Lent begins – Services at St. Matthew's: Holy Eucharist, Chapel, 8:00am Morning Prayer with Ashes, Chapel, 10:30am Holy Eucharist with Ashes and Choir, Church, 7:30pm
March 17	Episcopal Visitation – The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, visits St. Matthew's
March 24	Palm Sunday – Holy Week begins
March 30	The Great Vigil of Easter , 7:30pm
March 31	Easter Sunday , 8am and 10:30am

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith,
you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

† THE WORD OF GOD †

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #448* O love, how deep, how broad, how high
Verses 1 – 3, 6

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE *LEVAS 243* Glory, glory, hallelujah!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, saying together:

People **God of liberation,
confronting the powers
that exclude the unclean
and bind us to death:
may we receive
your word of authority,
your rule of peace,
your earthy holiness,
which comes
not to destroy
but to set us free;
through Jesus Christ, the holy one of God. Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY (18:15-20).

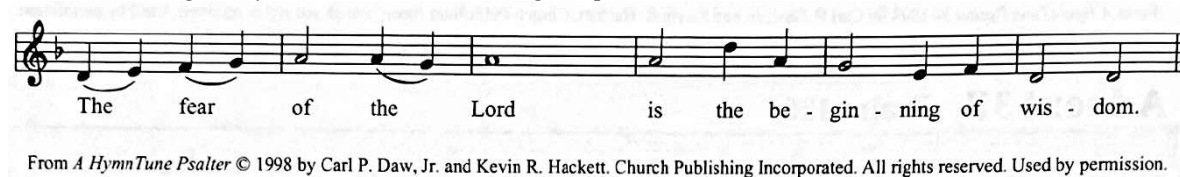
Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111 *Confitebor tibi*

All are encouraged to join the choir in chanting the psalm.



¹ Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my **whole heart**, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the deeds of the **LORD**! *
they are studied by all who **delight in them**.

³ His work is full of majesty and **splendor**, *
and his righteousness endures for **ever**.

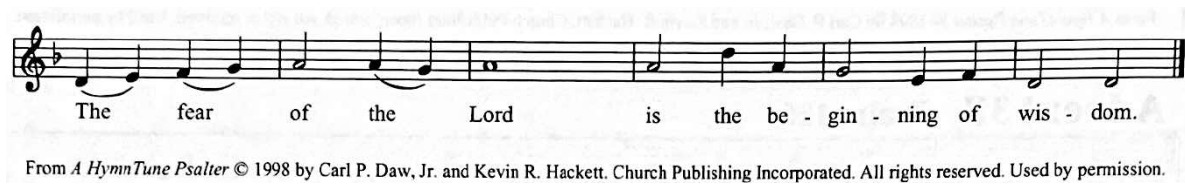
⁴ He makes his marvelous works to be **remembered**; *
the LORD is gracious and full of **compassion**.

⁵ He gives food to those who **fear him**; *
he is ever mindful of his **covenant**.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his **works** *
in giving them the lands of the **nations**.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithfulness and **justice**; *
all his commandments are **sure**.

⁸ They stand fast for ever and **ever**, *
because they are done in truth and **equity**.



- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
 he commanded his covenant for **ever**; *
 holy and awesome is his **Name**.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of **wisdom**; *
 those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
 his praise endures for **ever**.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (8:1-13)

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth – as in fact there are many gods and many lords – yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able, and sing together.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #493* O for a thousand tongues to sing
Verses 1-3 before the Gospel, 6 after

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK (1:21-28)

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

After a time of silent reflection, all are invited to stand and say together:

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Source: Church of England, adapted)

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Creator,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Form III, adapted)

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that our wardens and vestry, all St. Matthew's leaders, the leaders of St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church, and every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader Watch over all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop as he recovers from surgery; Paula, our bishop; for our own clergy and those serving at St. Andrew's Pentecost Episcopal Church;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader Guide all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Joseph, our President; J.B., our governor; Daniel, our mayor; for the leaders of our neighboring communities, and for all those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; and for the will to enact common-sense gun-safety laws. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake, that we may be agents of God's kingdom, offering radical welcome and committed to dismantling systems of injustice;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Look favorably upon all those in harm's way – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as those suffering from natural disasters and a changing climate. Have mercy on the suffering in Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel, and all who love them. Let us pray

People **That they may have hope to greet the coming days.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for Andrew, Paige, David, Curt, Ted, Kate, Bob, Joan, Maria and family, Benjamin, Bob, Ralph, Sam, Phil, Cindy, Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Betty, Jessica, Maeve, Fame, Mike, Cathy, Maggie, Mark, Corky, Donna, Angela, Sharon, Will, Don, Manuel, for the Westerfield family, and for the Congolese family with whom we have been matched by RefugeeOne. God of hope: comfort and restore to wholeness all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.

People **That they may be delivered from any distress.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to offer their intercessions, either silently or aloud.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for blessed Matthew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
(*Silence may be kept.*)

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of Christ. The people sit.

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM SM#996

Ubi Caritas
Jake Engel, baritone

Michael John Trotta

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #535* Ye servants of God, your Master proclaims
Verses 1-2, 4

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have
caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the
knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ
our Savior.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels
and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *LEVAS 255* Holy, holy, holy

The people stand or kneel.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and,
when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your
mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to
your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, Jesus broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with Matthew and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE AGNUS DEI *Hymnal 1982 S169* My flesh is food indeed
Terry Bucher, cantor

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine made holy.

Communion is distributed.

Please follow the instructions for receiving communion, which are subject to change as conditions change.

THE COMMUNION HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #339* Deck thyself, my soul with gladness
Verses 1 and 3

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

THE BLESSING

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you,
that your lives may be a light to the world; and
the blessing of God almighty,
the Creator, the Liberator, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #438*

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
Verses 1, 2 and 4

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Leading Worship This Morning

Presiding: The Rev. Charles A. de Kay

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Assisting: Samuel Love, Jr.

Guest Pianist: Sarah Loisch

Hymn Leader / Choir Director: Mark Crayton

Greeters: Curt Nilsson, John Searles

Acolytes: Molly Purse, Bob Purse, Willow

Myers, Roxanne Myers

Prayer Leader: Ann Searles

Lectors: Ginger Carr, Larkin Myers

Chalice Bearer: Mary Clark

Altar Guild: Connie Conley, Mary Clark,
Pat Egan

Green Team: Jennie Woodring

Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Soprano

Monique Austin
Charlotte Bishop
Ginger Carr
Megan Cook*
Alice Dolan
Rachel Handrick*
Kunying Li
Kaylie O'Dell**

Alto

Scott Bass*
Nancy Churchill
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch
Karlos Piñero-Mercado*
Riley Brown**
Michael Kirby

Bass

Terry Bucher*
Steve Carr
Jack Ellis**
Jake Engel*

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

Taking Place Today

148th Annual Meeting of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Evanston



JANUARY 28, 2024
AFTER 10:30AM SERVICE | ST. MATT'S PARISH HALL

Please join us for our Annual Meeting TODAY after the 10:30am Service in the Parish Hall.

Join us as we gather for a meal and a time to reflect on the year past, and imagine the year ahead. We will be electing new officers. We will give thanks for those who have been serving so very faithfully. And, together, we will courageously, faithfully, honestly, and creatively, with God's help, consider our best future that lies before us.

Join us, won't you please?

Cross-Quarter Day

JANUARY 28
4PM | ST. LUKE'S
Celebrating Candlemas



Nature Celebration of Candlemas! All are invited to celebrate the midpoint between Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox when God's cold resting world holds just the faint promise of the new life to come. We will gather together to roll beeswax candles of many beautiful colors (no heat involved) and also make elegant ephemeral nature art with tree "cookies," seeds, beans, rocks, pinecones and other natural materials on black felt. We'll have a brief liturgy to bless our church's candles for the year, led by the new Rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Rev. Greg Millikin. This is an all-ages event; we will be welcoming members of other churches in the deanery for this beautiful celebration of God's world. Join us TODAY, Sunday, January 28, 4pm - 5pm, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Parlor (enter via the door in the garth or courtyard)

Anti-Racism Opportunities

Lent / Black History Month:

Sacred Ground and The Race Card Project

Lent is a time of turning away from sin and back to God. As part of both the penitence of Lent and February's Black History month, the Antiracism Team has planned two projects: 1) The Race Card project; and 2) Making a U-Turn: Learn About Sacred Ground

The Race Card Project (end of January and February)

The Race Card project, a fascinating exploration of race and identity, was developed by journalist Michele Norris in 2010. She asked people around the world to share their experiences and ideas about identity – in just six words – as the starting point for conversations about race. For questions, contact Kate Lauderbaugh (klauderbaugh@gmail.com) or Kristin Jacobsen (kejcat@gmail.com).

The project has archived more than 500,000 stories and has been used by hundreds of schools, businesses, churches, museums, and even the Justice Department and the U.S. military to foster dialogue and deep examination of how racial dynamics work in institutions.

In partnership with NPR, Norris produced a series of radio segments based on Race Card Project narratives that were honored with a Peabody Award. She is also author of *The Grace of Silence*, a book that includes some of these stories and examines how hidden narratives around race can have a profound and lasting impact.

We'd like your help to gather our own Race Cards throughout the month of February, which is Black History Month.

Think about 6 words that reflect your experiences, questions, hopes, dreams, laments, and observations about race. What shapes your identity?

Each week, we'll physically post responses (retyped and anonymous) on a poster at the back of the church, and we'll select a few for the eblast and Sunday bulletin. We'll use St. Matthew's responses as a starting point for conversations about race, and we may also (with the permission of the author) submit them to the Race Card website to contribute to the national conversation.

Look for more information to come and start thinking about your 6 words!

Some examples from The Race Card Project:

- no, really, where are you from?
- Mexican white girl doesn't speak Spanish
- segregation should not determine our future
- with kids, I'm dad - alone, thug.
- I hate being called a "white boy"
- yes, I'm tobacco-picking white trash

[Michele Norris - The Race Card Project](#)

Recent story on NPR: [Michele Norris shows how brevity conveys powerful truths about Americans' identities : NPR](#)

Make your own race card (<https://theracecardproject.com/send-your-race-card/>)

For questions, contact Kate Lauderbaugh at klauderbaugh@gmail.com or Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com.

Making a U-Turn: Learn About Sacred Ground (Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 3)

Sacred Ground is one of the most moving ways to learn about the history of race and racism through a spiritual lens. Focused on discussion, reading, and watching videos, the series was developed by an Episcopalian whose ancestors were part of the slave trade. Normally presented in 11 sessions over the course of several months or a year, St. Matthew's Lenten program will offer just a taste of three of these sessions. Meet after church on Feb. 18, Feb. 25, and March 3. We will provide a light lunch and a stimulating program. For more information on Sacred Ground, <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/> For questions, contact Sam Love at slove@bexleyseabury.edu or Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com.

Feb. 15 – Shades of Black: Doing Theology and Ethics in a World on Fire (4 p.m. at the Chapel of the Unnamed Faithful, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston). Lecture by Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, a rising star in the Episcopal Church. Register at <https://garrettseminary.wufoo.com/forms/skvgbzu0e9jzdz/>.



Reserved Seating for Those Who Prefer to Be Masked & Seated Among Others Also Masked

St. Matthew's has designated the rear sections of our worship spaces as designated seating areas for those who prefer to wear masks in church, and to sit with others similarly masked.

While we are coming through the COVID Pandemic, there are those who, for a variety of commendable reasons, do not feel comfortable being unmasked indoors. We hope that these seating areas provide them a welcoming space. Please look for the signs at the ends of the pews. **Please be considerate of those of us who need protection.**



Are you aware of eco-grief? That sense of loss of control in response to visible devastation—from draught, flooding, superstorms, wildfires, and heat waves—can be debilitating, especially among young people who also fear the loss of a good future. Help by listening, finding actions to do together, and looking for signs of hope. Trust the Creator and resolve to be among the hands, feet, and voices needed to move us all to a better place.

2024



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FOR JOY**

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I/We plan to give \$ _____ each ☐ week ☐ month

for an annual total of \$ _____ towards our mission and ministry.

I/We understand that this pledge can be changed at any time.

Signature _____ Date _____

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
2120 Lincoln Street
Evanston, IL 60201

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EChO
Opera Company



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Something Old, Something New

Adolphe Adam: *The Chalet*

Francis Lynch: *The Boor*
world premiere performances



Tickets now on sale!

***Evanston Chamber Opera Presents
Something Old, Something New:
Adam's The Chalet and Lynch's The Boor***

Evanston Chamber Opera returns for its seventh season with another double bill of comic operas, featuring *The Chalet* by French composer Adolphe Adam, and *The Boor*, by EChO resident composer Francis Lynch. There will be three performances:

- Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 pm
- Friday, March 1 at 7:30 pm
- Saturday, March 2 at 3:00 pm

Performances will take place at St. Matthew's. Tickets are now available for purchase at <https://evanstonchamberopera.org> or 872-806-4652.

Considered the first French operetta, *The Chalet* was written in 1834 by the composer of the enduring ballet *Giselle* and the dramatic carol *O Holy Night*. The opera tells the story of a young Swiss farmer, in love with the attractive lady owner of a chalet, who spurns his love until her brother returns from 15 years in the Swiss army, and unites the would-be couple with a harmless deception. It will be performed in a new English adaptation for the first time.

St. Matthew's own Francis Lynch wrote *The Boor* in 2023 and based the libretto on an early one-act farce by Anton Chekhov, in which the grieving widow of a landowner in Imperial Russia receives a visit from a brash, loud-mouthed creditor who wants to collect on a debt owed by her late husband. When she defiantly refuses to pay at once, an argument ensues and he comes to realize that he has met his match, in more ways than one. These will be the first performances of the work.

Production staff includes James Janssen, artistic director and conductor; Sally Craige Christensen and Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, stage directors; Francis Lynch, producer; Thomas Kieffer, costume designer; Mark Crayton, lighting designer; Jeremiah Barr, scenic designer, and Kathy Szoke, properties designer.

NOTES:

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are encouraged to include these names in your daily prayers.

During Sunday worship, you are encouraged to offer silently or aloud your prayers to God. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, email info@stmatthewsevanston.org. Names are listed for 4 weeks.

The Prayer List is prayed for weekly by the St. Matthew's Prayer Group and the Rector.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South Africa.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Aurora Deanery:* Calvary in Lombard; St. John in Naperville; St. Charles in St. Charles; Trinity in Wheaton; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* San Juan in Chogota; St. Peter in Wun-Kur

For the congregation at St. Matthew's as we embrace our mission to be welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world: welcoming our neighbors near and far.

We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in January: Donna Brannam, Lara Burt, Juliette Castello, Avery Finnegan, Alexander Fusselman, Sarafina Fusselman, Karen Hertel, Leslie Hinderyckx, Karen Larson, Sydney MacKay, John McCarthy, Joe Meyer, Allannah Spencer, Andrew Torma, Angela Torres-Kutkuhn, Anne Viner and Julie Worden.

We pray for those who celebrate wedding anniversaries in January: Janet & Robert Eder.

We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; that we may be agents of God's kingdom, dismantling systems of injustice wherever and whenever we can, and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws.

We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf: Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Molly Robinson, Joseph Sanford, Emma Seckinger, Thomas Garbee, and the members of our city's fire and police departments, and for their families.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers: Andrew Pickens McMillan, Paige D, David Crummy, Curt Nilsson, Ted Weiss, Kate Martin, Bob Baker, Joan Sanford, Maria G and family, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Phil Costa, Cindy Bass, Uwase Bionce, Brigitte, Clemence, Betty Stafford, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, Fame Brooks, Mike Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Maggie, Mark Jacobsen, Corky Siegfriedt, Donna Wagner, Angela Escobar, Sharon Filipsik, Will Widmer, Don Gabouser, Manuel Aleman, for Tony and the Packard family, the Westerfield family, and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

We pray for all in need: those struggling with the Coronavirus, all victims of this pandemic, organ donors and those awaiting transplant, the lonely and isolated, our nation, especially those oppressed by our current systems, those protesting racial injustice, all elected officials seeking to lead communities in this challenging time, the unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those suffering from acts of violence – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as from natural disasters, and their aftermaths.

We pray for all who have died, and for all who mourn their passing.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (revisions authorized by the Episcopal Church, March 17, 2020), St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world." Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources, adapting them as necessary.

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In today's service, the Opening Acclamation and other responses come from *Enriching Our Worship I*. The Collect of the Day comes from a collection of prayers written to match the lessons appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary: *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary using the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible. The Affirmation of Faith comes from the website of the Church of England. The Blessing comes from The Book of Occasional Services.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 147th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 29, 2023

St. Matthew's Vestry

Damon Doucet, *Senior Warden*

Christopher Motogawa, *Junior Warden*

Robert McSweeney, William Siegfriedt, Penelope Whiteside (2024)

Curtis Nilsson, William Widmer, Deborah Williams (2025)

Stephen Carr, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Christopher Motogawa and Rick Worden, *Co-Treasurer* (2024)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Damon Doucet (2024) Stephen Carr (2025) Ann Searles (2026)

**St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the
186th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

Westin, Lombard, IL November 17-18, 2023

Delegates

Kristin Jacobsen

Stephen Carr

Mary Clark

Alternates

Sally Craige Christensen

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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