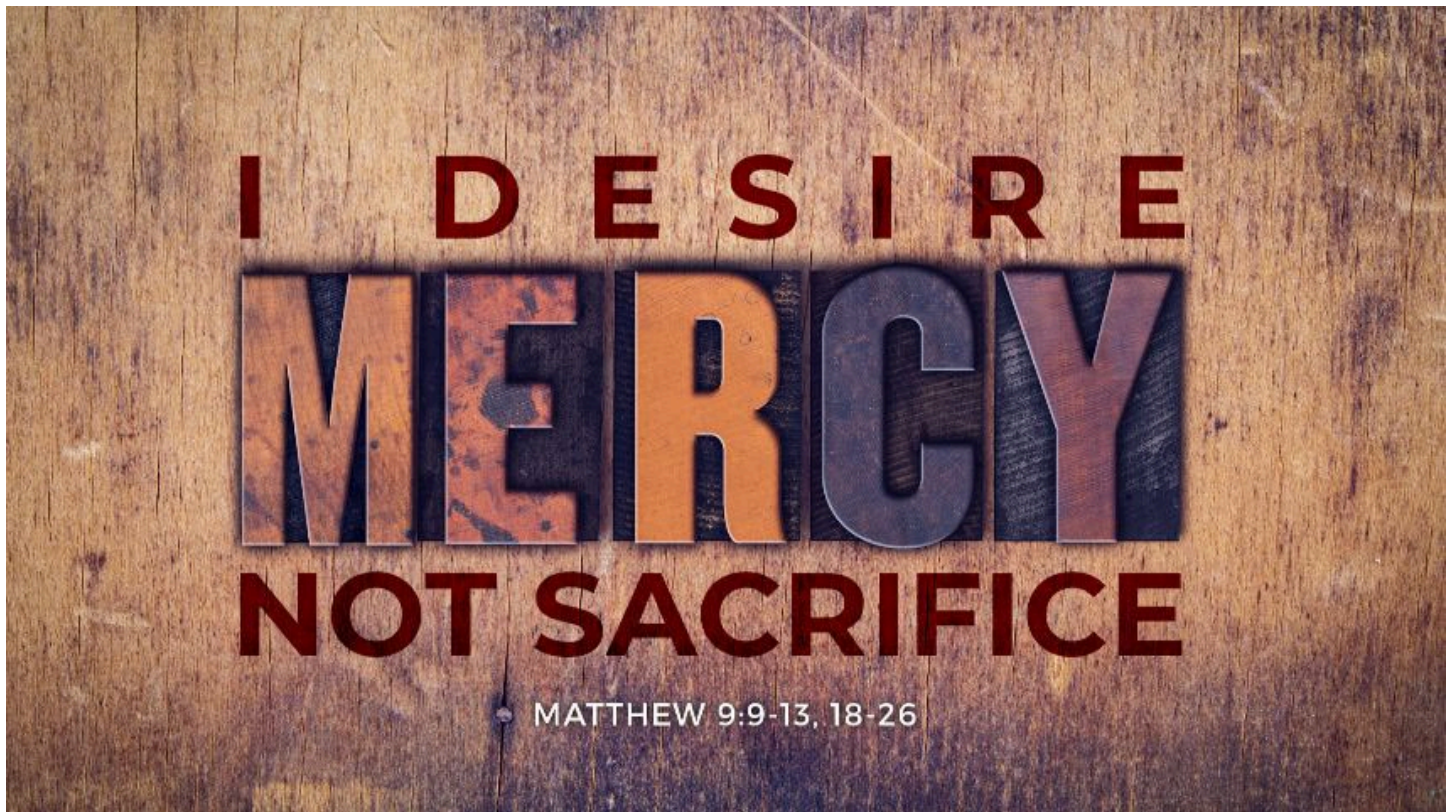


ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 7, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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.

ST. MATTHEW'S EVENTS

Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

- Sundays* **Sunday Forum** led by Whayne, 9:15 - 10:15am in the Chapel
Tuesdays **Bible Study** led by Whayne, 12pm in St. Matt's Library
June 14 **Green Team Movie**, after the 10:30am service
June 21 **Race Against Hate**, 7:30am at Floyd Long Field, Evanston
June 28 **Early Chapel Service Begins**, 7:30am in the Chapel
 Beach Church Begins, 9:00am at Grosse Point Lighthouse Park (weather permitting; watch for emails if we need to move indoors).
July 5 **5-Church Beachapalooza**, 10am, Lakefront at Hamilton Street

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Welcome! If you would like to become a registered parishioner or are just updating your information, please complete as much information as possible. Completed forms may be returned to the Parish Office, placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office. You may also fill out this form online by scanning the QR Code below.

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
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HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:	



ONLINE FORM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

2120 Lincoln St. Evanston, IL 60201

847-869-4850

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 PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #401*

The God of Abraham praise

Leoni

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend;
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.**

All say together:

THE SONG OF PRAISE *Hymnal 1982 #S236* A song of praise (Benedictus es, Domine. Canticum 13)

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

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.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 33:1-12 *Exultate, justi*

Mark Crayton, Cantor

We read the Psalm alternately by half verse; the congregation reads the second half, which is printed in bold.



By the word— of the Lord were the heav - ens— made, by the breath of his mouth all the heav - en - ly hosts.

- ¹ Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- ² Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- ³ Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- ⁴ For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

REFRAIN

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⁶ By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.

⁷ He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.

⁸ Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

⁹ For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.

REFRAIN

¹⁰ The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.

¹¹ But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

REFRAIN

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE 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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *All sing two times through*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(9:9-13, 18-26).

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

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.

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

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

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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, other St. Matthew's leaders, and every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Paula, our Bishop; for Whyne, our priest-in-charge, and for Terri, our deacon;

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

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for Donald, 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 control 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 Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, we pray especially for For all who suffer and all who mourn, especially we pray for Becky, Bob, Steve, Bill, Jack, Ethan, Carol, Timmy, David, Larry, Harriet, Kate, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol, Will and for Maua and her 5 daughters;

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

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Penny Jacobsen, mother of Kristin Jacobsen

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

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

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

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.

Presider Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
God of all mercy,

All **we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,**

and in the world you have created.

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

and the evil done on our behalf.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS #189 Great is Thy faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther,
3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth,

1. There is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;
3. Thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not,
3. Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

1. As thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
3. Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;

All I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed,

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord un-to me!

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C (adapted)

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, Jesus reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS LEVAS #255 Holy, holy, holy *Grayson Warren Brown*

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

Hea-ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant And so, we who have been redeemed by Jesus, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night Jesus was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Jesus's name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The people are seated for the Agnus Dei

THE AGNUS DEI LEVAS #270

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant 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.

THE COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS #203

There is a balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed
whole; There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, You can
3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged For Je - sus is your friend, And

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.
3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

D.C.

After all who wish to receive communion or a blessing have come forward, all stand.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us: So be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #493*

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rev. Patricia Snickenberger

Preacher: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Organist / Pianist: Quinn Brann

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors: Steve Carr, Ginger Carr

Prayer Leader: Volunteer

Chalice Bearer: John Searles

Acolytes: Bob Purse, Molly Purse,
Harper Olsen

Bread Baker: Deborah Williams

Altar Guild: Joyce Weber

Green Team: Volunteer

Livestream: Volunteer

**Follow Rev. Wayne
on Substack**

 **substack**

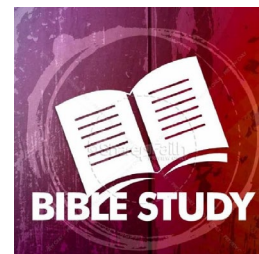
Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Wayne Houglan, Jr.

Sunday Forum Led by Rev. Wayne 9:15am in St. Matt's Parlor

Beginning today, Rev. Wayne will hold a multi-week instructed Eucharist in the Chapel.

Bible Study with Rev. Wayne Tuesdays at 12 Noon, St. Matt's Library

Join Rev. Wayne for Bible Study every Tuesday. We will meet at Noon in St. Matt's Library / Gallery. Bible Study will last around an hour. Bring your lunch - and a friend!



Additional Sunday Volunteering Opportunities

If you're really observant, you might have noticed that the opportunity to participate in Altar Guild on Sundays is missing from the Rota sign-up. That's because Altar Guild is a rogue team keeping its own schedule. New members are always welcome to help prepare the table for the Eucharist - an essential ministry at St. Matthew's. To join Altar Guild or for more information ask any Altar Guild member or contact Jennie Woodring at jenniewoodring@sbcglobal.net.



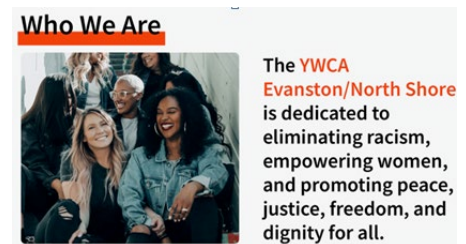
SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 14

The Green Team invites you to stay after the 10:30 service to enjoy a casual lunch while watching *The Biggest Little Farm*. This delightful and uplifting 90-minute film has gotten rave reviews and has been shown at all the major film festivals.



Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor

What does Race Against Hate support? Besides honoring Ricky Byrdsong, a Black man who was murdered by a white supremacist, funds raised go to YWCA efforts to eliminate racism and empower women. By supporting the YWCA, we are following our baptismal vows to resist evil, love our neighbor as ourselves, strive for justice, and respect the dignity of every human being. For more information on the YWCA Evanston North Shore, see <https://www.ywca-ens.org/who-we-are>.



To participate and/or donate, see below.

- To donate to our team, go to <https://secure.ggiv.com/event/raceagainsthate2026/team/1030993/>. Select the box on the right side of the page that says Donate to Our Team Goal.
- To join our team, Episcopalians United Against Hate, first register at <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/107572/race-against-hate-2026>, and then go to the team page <https://secure.ggiv.com/event/raceagainsthate2026/team/1030993/>. Select the box on the right side of the page that says Join Our Fundraising Team.
- To register without joining the team, go to <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/107572/race-against-hate-2026>.

Thank you to those who have already donated. For questions, contact Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com.

The Mosquito Bucket Challenge



Join thousands reducing mosquitoes without fogging—in your own yard.

A project by Homegrown National Park

Mosquitoes are often controlled with broad pesticide spraying, called fogging. These treatments don't just affect mosquitoes—they can impact other insects, wildlife, and people, and they don't address where mosquitoes reproduce.

The Mosquito Bucket Challenge offers a more targeted approach. By controlling mosquitoes at the source, it reduces populations without affecting the rest of the ecosystem. It's safe, it's affordable, and it's better for biodiversity.

Scan the QR Code to watch a short video.



Interested in Singing for Change?

A singing resistance group is forming in Evanston—a community of voices coming together to protest, uplift, and inspire through music. Inspired by the singing resistance in Minneapolis, local folks are gathering to learn simple songs, build community and join their voices to rallies, marches, vigils, or community gatherings.



No auditions, no experience required — just a voice and a desire to show up.

Interested? Reach out to Kate Lauderbaugh at 847-542-3475 to learn more. Or check out <https://www.instagram.com/singingresistanceevanston/>

Plastic Recycling: What Can You Do?

It's not possible for an individual to fix the waste stream. That requires policy fixes across states and the federal government. But you can take steps to recycle what you can, better dispose of what you can't, and push for change in your own community.

- **Stop wishcycling.** Sending items to the landfill is better than contaminating a recyclable load. If it's not a clean PET bottle (#1), HDPE jug or bottle (#2), or polypropylene (#5), it almost certainly does not get recycled.
- **Avoid plastics #3 through #7 and thin films.** Even if your local facilities take them, these materials have lower recycling rates. Unfortunately, these are often the cheapest packaging.
- **Push for changes to state and local policies.** Laws that make producers more responsible for their own packaging, deposit-return systems, California-style truth-in-labeling rules, and minimum recycled-content mandates can all have an outsized impact.

Volunteering at St Matt's / Lay Eucharistic Leaders

Want to volunteer to help during the Eucharist at St Matt's? Great! We always need more folks! Not sure how? Here's some help.

First, the ways you can volunteer are below:

Greeter (usher) | Lead: Curt Nilsson (curt48@comcast.net)

Lector (reader) | Lead: Deacon Terri (terri@stmatthewsevanston.org)

Intercessor (prayer leader) | Lead: Deacon Terri

Chalice Bearers | Lead: Deacon Terri

Bread Bakers | Lead: Deacon Terri

Livestream | Lead: Diane Senechal (dfairchild25@gmail.com)

Acolytes | Lead: Bob Purse (rasmaster@aol.com)

Once you've decided where you want to serve, connect with the lead for any necessary training so that you're confident in your ability. Next, you'll want to sign up using the digital rota, which you can here: <https://tinyurl.com/bdd7665m>.

I create the "rota" (Latin, "wheel", because we rotate responsibilities) at the beginning of each quarter. When I'm done creating the rota, I send it out to my current list of volunteers with a request that volunteers consult their calendars and "plug themselves in" as they are available to serve. After that, each week I consult the document to see which volunteer opportunities remain vacant, and I send a request out to the volunteer list I have for that category. Whoever can help responds either by navigating to the sheet to "plug themselves in", or, if a person feels they are not able to navigate that situation, they can simply respond via email to me, and I will enter their name into the sheet.

As mentioned above, new volunteers in any category are always welcome, but we are particularly in need of Greeters and Livestream helpers at this time.

Thanks to you all for all that you do to keep St Matt's an active, vibrant community.

Gregory Peebles, *Parish Administrator*

Additional Sunday Volunteering Opportunities

If you're really observant, you might have noticed that the opportunity to participate in Altar Guild on Sundays is missing from the Rota signup. That's because Altar Guild is a rogue team keeping its own schedule. New members are always welcome to help prepare the table for the Eucharist - an essential ministry at St. Matthew's. To join Altar Guild or for more information ask any Altar Guild member or contact Jennie Woodering at jenniewoodring@sbcglobal.net.

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.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Oak Park Deanery:* St. Michael and All Angels in Berwyn; St. Helena in Burr Ridge; Our Saviour in Elmhurst; Grace in Hinsdale; Emmanuel in La Grange; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* San Juan in Chogota; St. Mark in Jelhak

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 June: Hunter Bothfeld, Ginger Carr, Nancy Churchill, Mary Jo Deysach, Leo Herman, Katie Kelly, Gary LaBranche, Bill McSweeney, Catherine Motogawa, Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers and Bob Purse

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in June: Ann & John Searles, Diane & Robert Teska,

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: Cobe Layag, Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford, 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: Becky Wilson, Bob Baker, Steve Steiber, Bill Weber, Jack Cummings, Ethan Muffett, Carol Imperial, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Larry Anderson, Harriet Brandt, Kate Martin, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Champine, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer and for Maua and her 5 daughters.

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.

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.

In today's service, the Opening Acclamation comes from "Text of Expansive Language Liturgies – from Resolution 2018-D078- updated 09-02–2019" and the introductions to prayers and responses and the Peace 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.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 150th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 25, 2026

St. Matthew's Vestry

Tim Patenode, *Senior Warden*

Karen Hertel, *Junior Warden*

Kelsey Davies, Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, David Parks (2028)

Charlotte Bishop, Don Churchill (2029)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2027)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Steve Carr (2028) William Widmer (2028) Rick Worden (2028)

St. Matthew's Lay Delegation to the 187th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, 28th *Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, *Thirteenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago*

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