

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Easter

MAY 11, 2025

10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



Welcoming all in community;

*Joyfully doing God's work
in the world.*

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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

- Sundays* **Sunday Forum** led by Whayne 9:15 – 10:15am in the Parlor
- May 17* **The Green Team A Walk in the Woods**, 1pm at Harms Woods
- May 31* **Spring Cleaning Day**, 9am, Help wash windows, clean the basement and the second floor classrooms.
- June 15* **Race Against Hate**, 7:30am in Evanston
- June 22* **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).

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:

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RECEIVE EMAILS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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 made holy.

THE PRELUDE

The water is wide
Quinn Brann, *piano*

arr. Howard Helvey

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #645* The King of love my shepherd is *St. Columba*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

All stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

The people may sit.

THE GLORIA

James Janssen

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on

5 earth. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

10 we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

15 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of

22 God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy up - on us;

30 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

37 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

42 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

47 *gradually slowing to the end*
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The people stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (9:36-43).

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me*



- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- ³ He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- ⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN (7:9-17).

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (10:22-30).

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr.

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

Leader Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying: Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed. God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader On this feast which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; be with those whose names we bring before you both out loud and in our hearts: especially we pray for Gina, Dorothy, Jeremy, Tobin, Kaden, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Sue, Becky, Audrey, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Ralph, Jessica, Maeve, John, Cathy, Donna, Carol, Will and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Members of the congregation are encouraged to add their own intercessions silently or aloud.

Leader For all our siblings, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today God will wipe away every tear, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Leader We pray for all your children here at St. Matthew's, that we may faithfully live into your mission in the world. May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen:

People **Christ is risen indeed.**

Presider God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People **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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people sit.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The King of love my shepherd is

Edward Bairstow

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever. Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I
strayed, But yet in love he sought me, And on his shoulder gently laid, And home, rejoicing,
brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and
staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy
unction, grace bestoweth: And O what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!
And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing
thy praise Within thy house for ever.

Text: Sir H. W. Baker

THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #664* My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____

He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers

sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger

mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.____
o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.____
or a guest, but like a child at home.____

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

James Janssen

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

5 - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are

9 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

14 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the

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

The people stand or kneel, as able.

Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, Jesus broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in Glory!**

Presider Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with Matthew and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever.
AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider 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

Presider 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

James Janssen

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.

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

The Lord is my Shepherd
Rachel Handrick, soprano

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want, He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, For you are with me, You will comfort me Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider 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 EASTER BLESSING

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us
and made us his children
through the resurrection of his Son our Lord,
bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism
has raised us from sin into newness of life,
make you holy and worthy
to be united with Christ for ever.

Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin
into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer,
bring you to your eternal inheritance.

Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #492* Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness *Finnian*



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

Postlude
Quinn Brann, *organ*

Léon Boëllman

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Volunteer

Lectors: Steve Carr, Gary LaBranche

Prayer Leader: Larkin Myers

Chalice Bearers: Don Churchill, John Searles

Acolytes: Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers,
Harper Olsen

Bread Baker: Volunteer

Altar Guild: Joyce Weber, Roberta Buchanan

Green Team: Jennie Woodring

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Rachel Handrick*

Katilynn Meine*

Kaylie O'Dell**

Alto

Bernadette Brockman

Nancy Churchill

Emily Scharf*

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Riley Brown**

Michael Kirby*

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis**

Jake Engel

Louise Floyd*

Spring Cleaning Day

Saturday, May 31 | 9am St. Matt's Church

Join us at 9am on Saturday, May 31 for an all-morning cleanup at the church. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. We aim to recover spaces that have gotten very cluttered and some that are in need of repair. A dumpster will be there, and we hope to fill it!

For further information, contact Steve Carr, Senior Warden, at s-carr@northwestern.edu.



Beach Season is Coming Soon!

June 22 - September 14 | Grosse Pointe Lighthouse Park

Join us for another season of St. Matt's Beach Church. **Sunday service is at 9am on the lakefront** at Grosse Pointe Lighthouse Park (weather permitting; otherwise, an email will be sent out to all those on our email list that we will be worshipping in the church). For those who prefer to worship indoors, please join us at our early **7:30am service in the chapel** at St. Matt's.

Join Us for a Walk in the

WOODS

Saturday, May 17
Harms Woods
1:00 p.m.

The Green Team and Faith in Place are co-sponsoring a springtime walk in the woods that will include both information about the woods, a time for spiritual reflection and even refreshments at the end! John and Jane Balaban, stewards at Harms Woods, will provide a tour through Harms Woods Nature Preserve. Parking is at Glenview Woods off of Harms Road just south of Glenview Road in Glenview. The lot is small, so if it is filled, park on Arbor Ln, which is the street 1 block east of Harms Rd off of Glenview Rd.

the **green** *team*



Anti-Racism Team

Why donate/volunteer for the Race Against Hate? We are called in our baptismal vows to resist evil, love our neighbor as ourselves, strive for justice, and respect the dignity of every human being.

Racism is the opposite of these vows, an evil of oppression that favors some people above others. The YWCA, which receives the funds raised at the Race Against Hate, has a mission that fits with our vows: "... eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all." Contact Kate Lauderbaugh at <mailto:klauderbaugh@gmail.com> if you would like to volunteer by bringing snacks or help at our tent.



Support the YWCA with Episcopalians United Against Hate

Join us at the Race Against Hate. You can run, walk, or just donate. Your participation will further the mission of the YWCA Evanston/North Shore: eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. Thank you!

To walk or run:

- Go to the team page at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/raceagainsthate2025/team/989979/>
- Click on the white button (right side of page) that says, "Register for the Race," and fill in the form.
- Go back to the team page. Click on the orange box (right side of page) that says, "Join Our Fundraising Team," and fill in the form.
- Share and ask for donations for the team on social media and via email, text, and word of mouth!

To do fundraising only:

- Go to the team page at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/raceagainsthate2025/team/989979/>
- Click on the orange box (right side of page) that says, "Join Our Fundraising Team," and fill in the form.
- Share and ask for donations for the team on social media and via email, text, and word of mouth!

To donate only:

- Go to the team page at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/raceagainsthate2025/team/989979/>
- Click on the orange box (right side of page) for "Donate to Our Team Goal," and fill in the form.
- Share and ask for donations for the team on social media and via email, text, and word of mouth!

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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Congregations in the Evanston Deanery:* St. James the Less in Northfield; St. Augustine in Wilmette; Christ Church in Winnetka; *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* Santa María Virgen in Xalapa; Glory Church

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 May: Christina Burt, Stephen Creech, Catherine LaBranche, Kate Lauderbaugh, Jack Lerman, Francis Lynch, Kathy Riley, Susan Rundle, Xander Senechal, Sarah Skidmore, Steve Steiber and Dorothy Wyandt.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in May: Karen & Gary LaBranche, Dorothy & John Lloyd-Still, Ginny Voedisch & Bill McSweeney, Gina & Bob Purse.

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, 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: Gina Purse, Dorothy Wyandt, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Kaden Brown, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Sue Zundel, Becky Wilson, Audrey Reynolds, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, John Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer 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.

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 149th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 26, 2025

St. Matthew's Vestry

Stephen Carr, *Senior Warden*

Tim Patenode, *Junior Warden*

William Widmer, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)

Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, Karen Hertel, David Parks (2028)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2028)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Don Churchill (2025) Mary Clark (2025) Ann Searles (2026)

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

ONLINE – All Day, Saturday, November 22, 2025

Delegates: Mary Clark, Ann Searles, Julia Green

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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

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