

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MARCH 1, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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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
- Mar 8* **St. Matt's Movie Group, 3pm** in the Parlor
- Mar 29* **Palm Sunday, 8am** gather outside of the chapel (inside of the chapel if weather is poor); 10:30am gather outside of the sanctuary (inside of the assembly room if weather is poor). **Bring Bells & Noisemakers!**
- Apr 2* **Maundy Thursday Liturgy, 7:30pm** in the Church
- Apr 3* **Good Friday Worship, 7:30pm** in the Church
- Apr 5* **Easter Eucharist with Sermon, 8am** in the Chapel
- Easter Eucharist with Choir, 10:30am** in the Church

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.

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ONLINE FORM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

2120 Lincoln St. Evanston, IL 60201

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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 the wine made holy.

† THE WORD OF GOD †

All stand as able as the Choir sings

THE OPENING CANTICLE

The song of Zechariah

Leo Sowerby



1. Blest be God, the Lord of Is - rael; he has come to set us free!
2. God has come in might to save us from the ha - tred of our foes.
3. God has sworn to grant de - liv - 'rance and re - store us to our place:
4. Bring the knowl - edge of sal - va - tion to God's peo - ple in their sin.



And a horn of full sal - va - tion he has raised from Da - vid's seed.
From their cru - el hand he frees us, and his ten - der mer - cy shows
serv - ing bold - ly in his pres - ence, just and ho - ly all our days.
Preach that God is ten - der - heart - ed, and by him are sins for - giv'n.



God has vis - it - ed his peo - ple to re - deem them as fore - told
mer - cy prom - ised in his cov - 'nant to our fa - thers whom he chose.
You, my child, will be his Pro - phet, called and sent by God Most High.
His great mer - cy, like the sun - rise, bright - ly shines in deep - est night,



in the prom - ise he had spo - ken thro' his pro - phets from of old.
He will keep his oath to A - br'am to re - lease us from our woes.
You must go be - fore the Lord now to pre - pare his ways a - right.
guid - ing those who sit in dark - ness to the way of peace and light.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

The people kneel as able, and a period of silent reflection is observed.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and
with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor
as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

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.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (12:1-4a)

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."

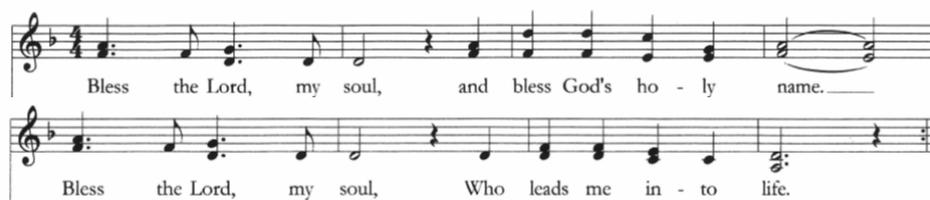
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 121 *Levavi oculos*

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- ² My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

REFRAIN

- ⁵ The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- ⁶ So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- ⁸ The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

REFRAIN

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS (4:1-5, 13-17)

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For 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

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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.

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 W293

Lenten Acclamation

Richard Proulx

Cantor: Jack Ellis

Glo - ry to you, O
Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Verse: From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (3:1-17).

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

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“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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, the people are invited to stand, as able, and together say

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;

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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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".
For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found
without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Paula, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other
ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and
that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the
ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may
receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among
nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those in positions of public trust, especially Daniel, our mayor; J.B., our governor,
and Donald, our President, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and
freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this congregation for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those on our parish prayer list, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. Matthew, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I will lift up mine eyes

Leo Sowerby

Soloist: Angela Torres-Kutkuhn

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help
My help cometh even from the Lord: who hath made heaven and earth
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and he that keepeth thee will not sleep
Behold, he that keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep
The Lord himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth
forevermore. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS 121

Baptized in water

Eugene Hancock



1. Bap - tized_ in wa - ter, _ sealed by the Spi - rit, _ Cleansed by the
2. Bap - tized_ in wa - ter, _ sealed by the Spi - rit, _ Dead in the
3. Bap - tized_ in wa - ter, _ sealed by the Spi - rit, _ Marked with the



1. blood of Christ _ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, _
2. tomb with Christ _ our King: One with his ris - ing, _
3. sign of Christ _ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, _



1. trust - ing his prom - ise, _ Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
2. freed and for - giv - en, _ Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
3. we are his child - ren, _ Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The people stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. 58 You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Matthew, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

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.

After all who desire communion or a blessing have received, all stand, as able.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **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

Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

All stand to sing.

THE CLOSING HYMN Hymnal 1982 #473

Lift high the cross

Crucifer

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.
Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
Repeat Refrain
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes, for mezzo-soprano soloist, chorus and organ, is, without a doubt, Sowerby's most popular work of all, a masterful expression of genuine religious faith. Taking Psalm 121 as his text, the composer produces a work that has remained a repertory staple of church choirs for over 75 years. Early on, a publisher had purchased the anthem outright for a one-time payment of \$10. Much to the composer's great regret after the fact, he would receive no royalties on what was destined to become a "best seller."

Leo Sowerby was the leading composer of American church music and many virtuoso organ works during the first half of the twentieth century and, at the same time, the most distinguished Anglican musician to be produced by the Protestant Episcopal Church in North America. During his career he would compose music in all genres, except for opera, but it is in the field of church music that his life's major work was accomplished. Between his discharge from the Army, Sowerby held several church jobs in Chicago. Among these was Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, where he served as associate organist/choirmaster. In 1925 Sowerby was hired to teach at the American Conservatory, and in 1927 he began his lengthy tenure as organist/choirmaster at Saint James Episcopal Church (later Cathedral). He would retain both positions until 1962.

Source: "DRAM: Notes for 'I Will Lift up Mine Eyes: Music of Leo Sowerby.'" 2026. Dramonline.org. 2026.
<https://www.dramonline.org/albums/i-will-lift-up-mine-eyes-music-of-leo-sowerby/notes>.

Leading Worship This Evening

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whyne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors: Larkin Myers, Elizabeth Parks

Prayer Leader: Mary Jo Deysach

Acolytes: Roxanne Myers, Harper Olsen,
Willow Myers

Chalice Bearers: Mary Jo Deysach

Bread Baker: Volunteer

Altar Guild: Joyce Weber, Mary Clark

Green Team: Karen Hertel, Peter Meyer

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist/Percussion

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Chloe Beal**

Kaylie O'Dell**

Michaela Bateman***

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*

Nancy Churchill

Allyn Rawling

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Zachary Schwartz*

Anthony Rohr***

Brian Pember***

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis*

*Section Leader

***Substitute Singer

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

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Sermon text can be found on Substack @theritualway or Whyne Hougland, Jr.

ST. MATT'S MOVIE GROUP

March 8 | 3pm in the Parlor



One more film nominated for four Oscars including Best Picture: Train Dreams! The movie group will discuss this one on Sunday, March 8, 3 pm in the parlor at St. Matthew's. Please watch on Netflix and let's share our thoughts and feelings. RSVP to Ann Searles by phone 847-745-8712 or searlesil@yahoo.com. And don't forget daylight savings time starts that day!

Robert Grainier lives all of his years in the forests of the Pacific Northwest, working on the land, helping to create a new world at the turn of the 20th century.

One reviewer said: "This movie hit me so hard. It's a beautiful film, the scenery and atmosphere is haunting. The acting is subtle but so good. The message though is what struck me. It's literally searching for and maybe finally finding the meaning of life."



Lent Madness 2026

As our journey through Lent approaches, please take some time to consider participating in Lent Madness and taking on the joyful practice of learning from the saints. Lent Madness is modeled on bracket-style sports competition (e.g. March Madness), and begins with a slate of 32 saints culminating in The Golden Halo. Unlike past years, there will be no Saintly Scorecard published in advance. Bios of the saints will be posted in each day's matchup. Matchup posts will begin the first week of Lent, on Thursday, February 19. There are two ways to participate - you can play along each day and record your progress - or fill out your bracket in advance!

Questions?? Contact Deacon Terri at terri@stmatthewsevanston.org to find Lent Madness resources, which include a printable bracket, visit www.lentmadness.org and click on the Menu in the upper right corner. Additional information about the saints is available from the following resources: Lesser Feasts and Fasts - www.episcopalcommonprayer.org; Wikipedia - visit The Calendar of the Church Year (Episcopal); Saints and Commemorations of the Episcopal Church - www.satucket.com

Anti-Racism / Loving Our Neighbor

Chicago origins of gospel music: Gospel music has its roots in West African traditions, the Blues, and spirituals, but the genre as we know it was born in Chicago during the Great Migration of the early 20th century. Watch the hour-long documentary “The Birth of Gospel” at WTTW

(<https://tinyurl.com/44s55v2u>). If you’re at the Chicago History Museum, check out showings at 1:30 and 3 (T-Sat.) or 1 and 3:30 (Sun). Details at <https://tinyurl.com/y658jzsn>.



Wild & Scenic Film Festival

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is an annual event. It's a collaboration of the Evanston Environmental Association (EEA) and the City of Evanston. The national Wild & Scenic Film Festival (<https://www.wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/>) is organized and produced by SYRCL (the South Yuba River Citizens League) and was started in part to help environmental organizations like the EEA to grow our membership base by hosting on-tour events across the country.



Wild Women

Date: Friday, March 13, 2026

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave, Evanston IL

Purchase tickets at <https://www.evanstonenvironment.org/event-6421856>

Water Tales

Date: Friday, March 20, 2026

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave, Evanston IL

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FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE



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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 Chicago-South Deanery:* St. Paul & the Redeemer in Chicago; St. Thomas in Chicago; *Santa Teresa in Chicago Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* La Ascención in Veracruz; St. Michael in Geiger Centre

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 March: Mark Austin, Philip Castillo, Judith Creech, Andrew Davies, Patty Dreibelbis, Drew Kelly, Andrew McDermott, Daniel Meyer, Chris Motogawa, Grace Motogawa, Joyce Weber, Allison Zidek

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in March.

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: Steve Goranson, Jason, Maggie, David Kelson, Carol Imperial, Jim, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Juliette, Jancie Dark, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Becky Wilson, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, 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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