

# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
TRINITY SUNDAY  
MAY 31, 2026  
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

### Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

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

## 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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**St. Matthew's Episcopal Church**

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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 wine made holy.

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The altar flowers are given by Karen and Gary LaBranche in celebration of their anniversary.

## THE PRELUDE

## THE WORD OF GOD

*All stand as able.*

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #423*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

*St. Denio*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,  
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;  
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see  
al - mighty, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

## 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.

All say together:

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

Canticle 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (2:1-21).

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying,

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“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# THE PSALM 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

Karlos Piñero-Mercado, Cantor

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



O LORD our Gov - er - nor, how ex - alt - ed is your Name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of infants and children \*

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

<sup>3</sup> You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**REFRAIN**

<sup>4</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>5</sup> What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*

the son of man that you should seek him out?

**REFRAIN**

<sup>6</sup> You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*

you adorn him with glory and honor;

<sup>7</sup> You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*

you put all things under his feet:

<sup>8</sup> All sheep and oxen, \*

even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>9</sup> The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

**REFRAIN**

## A READING FROM PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS (13:11-13).

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jack Ellis, Cantor



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

# THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(28:16-20).

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

(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 all who suffer and all who mourn, especially we pray for 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

### ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

*Celebrant* O God, You have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants Karen and Gary, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people sit.*

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*For the beauty of the earth*

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth For the beauty of the skies For the love which from our birth Over  
and around us lies Over and around us lies [Chorus] Lord of all, to thee we raise This our  
joyful hymn of praise For the beauty of the hour Of the day and of the night Hill and vale and  
tree and flower Sun and moon and stars of light Sun and moon and stars of light For the joy  
of human love Brother, sister, parent, child Friends on earth and friends above For all gentle  
thoughts and mild For all gentle thoughts and mild

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #362*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

*Nicaea*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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.**

*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 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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

## THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Holy, holy, holy*

*arr. Jay Rouse*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord. Holy, holy, holy, Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son, Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three in One. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Holy, holy, holy!

*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

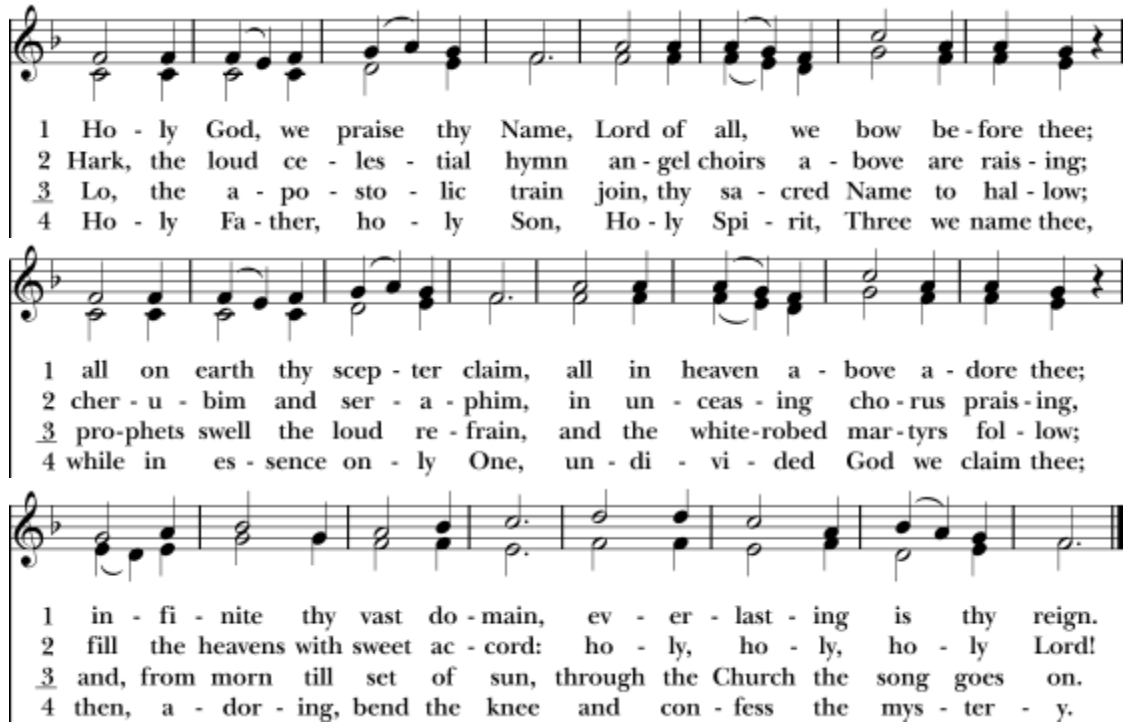
*Celebrant* Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us: So be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #366*

Holy God, we praise thy Name

Grosser Gott



1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;  
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;  
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,

1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;  
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,  
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;  
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.  
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.  
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## THE POSTLUDE

## Leading Our Worship This Morning

*Celebrant:* The Rt. Rev. Wayne Houglan, Jr

*Deacon:* The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

*Choir Director:* Mark Crayton

*Greeter:* Curt Nilsson

*Lectors:* Tim Patenode, Judy Royal

*Prayer Leader:* Gary LaBranche

*Chalice Bearer:* Volunteer

*Acolytes:* Roxanne Myers, Harper Olsen,  
Willow Myers

*Bread Baker:* Volunteer

*Altar Guild:* Mary Clark, Kate Lauderbaugh

*Green Team:* Volunteer

*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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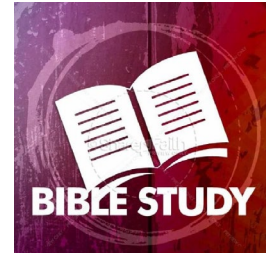
## Sunday Forum Led by Rev. Wayne

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 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 Woodring at [jenniewoodring@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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

Why is the Race Against Hate important? In 1999, a white supremacist murdered two non-white people and injured a number of others. One of those was Ricky Byrdson, a vice president at Aon Corp. and former basketball coach at Northwestern University, who was murdered in front of his two young children. The first race in 2000 grew out of the Byrdson family's desire to honor Mr. Byrdson and to fight against the forces that contributed to his death. Proceeds go towards YMCA Evanston/North Shore programs to eliminate racism and empower women. For more background on the race, see Sherialyn Byrdson's story at <https://tinyurl.com/yu3hkdpu>.



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](mailto:kejcat@gmail.com).



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.



# 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](mailto: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:** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** *Congregations in the Joliet Deanery:* Grace in New Lenox; Transfiguration in Palos Park; Holy Family in Park Forest; Grace in Pontiac *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* St. Michael and All Angels in Cancun; St. Andrew in Wadakona

**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, Dorothy Wyandt.

**We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in May:** Judy & George Darrell, Karen and Gary LaBranche, Dorothy and John Lloyd-Still, Ginny Voedisch and Bill McSweeney, Gina and 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, 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 Steiber, Bill Weber, Jack Cummings, Ethan Muffett, Carol Imperial, Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Larry Anderson, Harriet Brandt, Kate Martin, 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 especially Penny Jacobsen, mother of Kristin Jacobsen**

## 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 150<sup>th</sup> 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 187<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago**

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

### **Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff**

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, 28<sup>th</sup> *Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church*

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

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