

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 19, 2025
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



Welcoming all in community;

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

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

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| Oct 19 | Parish Reading Group , 9:15am in the Parlor – bring a copy of the book
Youth Group , 6pm at The Church of the Holy Comforter |
| Oct 21 | Bible Study with Rev. Whayne , 12pm in the Library / Gallery |
| Oct 26 | Vision Keepers Dinner , 5:30pm at Hilton Orrington Hotel |
| Oct 31 | Trick-or-Treating , 4 – 6pm on St. Matt's Front Yard |
| Nov 2 | St. Matt's Movie Group , 3:30pm at St. Matthew's Parlor |
| Nov 9 | EChO Concert , 4pm at St. Matthew's |

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	
EMAIL:	RECEIVE EMAILS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S? ☐ YES ☐ NO
HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:	



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 wine made holy.

The altar flowers are given by Steve and Ginger Carr in memory of The Rev. Gregory B. Taylor, former Episcopal chaplain at Case Western Reserve University, and his wife, Anne, who both died in the last few months in Charlottesville, Virginia.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #450*

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Coronation

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros-trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People **Amen.**

All say together:

THE SONG OF PRAISE *Hymnal 1982 #278*

Glory to God

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The people sit.

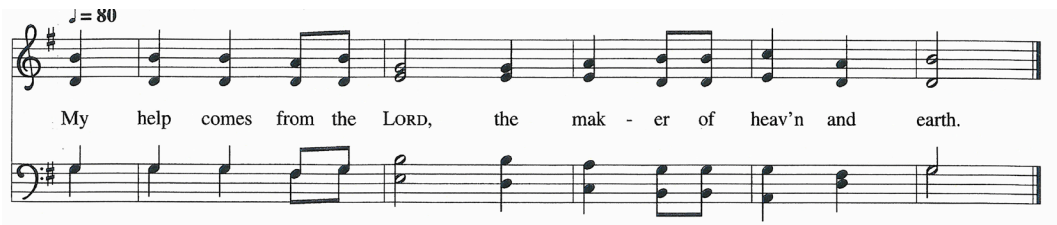
A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (32:22-31).

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 121 *Levavi oculos*



- 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**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER TO TIMOTHY (3:14-4:5).

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

Bernadette Brockman

We will repeat the Alleluia 2 times before the verse and 2 times after verse



Verse: The commandments of the Lord are sure, they stand fast for ever and ever.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE (18:1-8)*People* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.****THE SERMON***The Rt. Rev. Wayne 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 Whayne, 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 Timmy, David, Juliette, Janice, Gina, Dorothy, Jeremy, Tobin, Kaden, Larry, Beth, Brad, Ann, Bob, Becky, Ramona, Harriet, Paige, Kate, Benjamin, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, John, Cathy, Donna, Carol, Will and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne:

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

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

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.**

Silence may be kept

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. The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

Herbert Howells

Katilynn Meine

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS #147

Come, ye Disconsolate

Sammuel Webbe



1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3. Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

1. Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel:
2. Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
3. Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:

1. Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
2. Here speaks the com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
3. Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

1. Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
2. "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
3. Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

The people remain standing.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

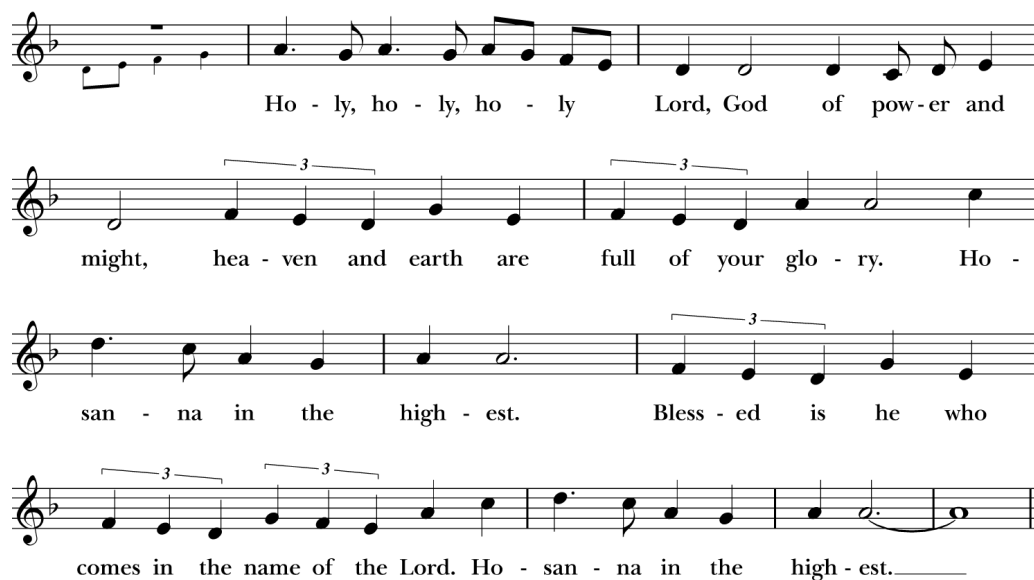
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

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

Celebrant 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 sing (say),



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The people stand or kneel, as able.

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call 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 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, he broke it, gave 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, 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."

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:

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

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.

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

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #662*

Abide with me

Eventide

1 A - bid with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid:
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
help of the help - less, O a - bid with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bid with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid with me.

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

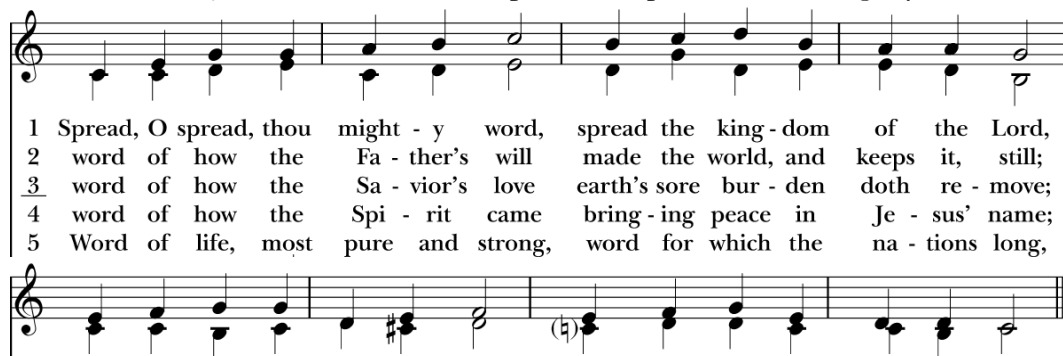
THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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 BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #530* Spread, o spread, thou mighty word *Gott sei Dank*



1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Leading Our Worship This Morning

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors: Ginger Carr, Tim Patenode

Prayer Leader: Nancy Churchill

Chalice Bearer: Mary Clark

Acolytes: Harper Olsen, Molly Purse,
Bob Purse

Bread Baker: Terri J. Morrissey

Altar Guild: Joyce Weber

Green Team: Pete Meyer, Karen Hertel

Livestream: Diane Senechal

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director and Conductor

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

Monique Austin
Charlotte Bishop
Ginger Carr
Alice Dolan
Katie Harstad*
Kaylie O'Dell**

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*
Nancy Churchill
Allyn Rawling
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn**†

Tenor

Francis Lynch
Charlie Mann
Karlos Piñero-Mercado*
Zachary Schwartz*

Bass

Terry Bucher*
Steve Carr
Jack Ellis*

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

Why We Love St. Matthew's...



In this stewardship season, we reflect on why we support the church. The reasons are in the pews next to us in church and in the seats next to us in the choir, at movie group, study class, the coffeehouse, etc. We've asked parishioners to tell us why they support St. Matthew's. This is the first in a series. If you would like to tell your story, email Wayne at whayne@stmatthewsevanston.org or Tim at tim.patenode@gmail.com.

"I am a pledging member of St. Matthew's church because it has become an important part of my life. I joined because I felt it was a church where my less than orthodox views of Christianity would at least not be a barrier. I stayed because I found a community of supportive people who have enriched my life and because it has enabled me to be involved in the kind of outreach work that I think is necessary to support a just and inclusive community." - *Roberta Buchanan*

2026 Pledges Are Now Open - Pledge Today!

Your pledge of financial support for 2026 makes all the difference. It ensures that our worship remains vibrant, that our outreach extends compassion into Evanston and beyond, and that our ministries continue to form disciples in the way of Jesus. More than dollars and cents, your pledge is an expression of trust in God's faithfulness and of gratitude for the many blessings of this community.



Scan the QR Code to make your pledge today!

Nominations Today!

Vestry and Board of Trustees nominations for 2026 are now open. Please prayerfully consider running or recommending a person for one of the open positions. Please send your nominations to Rev. Wayne at whayne@stmatthewsevanston.org. Nominations due Saturday, November 1.

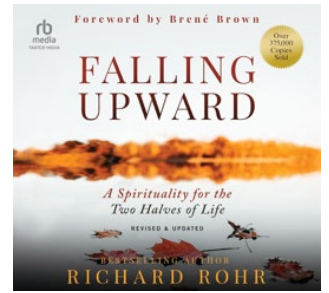


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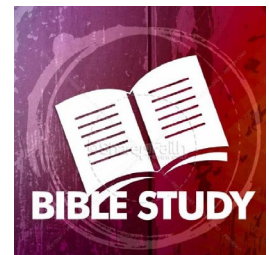
Parish Reading Group:

Falling Upward by Richard Rohr

A Six-week Journey in Spiritual Growth and Renewal starting
Sundays, 9:15 am - 10:15 am in the Parlor



Bible Study with Rev. Wayne Every Tuesday at 12 Noon in 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!

Wednesday Lunches

As part of our outreach, St. Matthews partners with St. Marks, through Interfaith Action of Evanston, to provide lunch every Wednesday to those in need and has been doing so since 2015. We prepare and serve a nutritious lunch meal at St. Mark's Cunningham Hall, 1519 Ridge, Evanston. Lunch is prepared by volunteers in the St. Mark's kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please click on the link for the SignUpGenius which includes further information on what is involved and how it works. If you have any questions, please email Karen Hertel at klchivas@aol.com. <https://tinyurl.com/wedsack>

St. Matt's Movie Group

Sunday, November 2

3:30pm in the Parlor



The next meeting of the St. Matthew's movie group will be hosted by the Antiracism Team. We will meet at St. Matthew's in the parlor on Sunday, November 2 at 3:30 pm. The movie to be discussed is Six Triple Eight (6888), the inspiring true story of the incredible and brave women of the first and only Women's Army Corps unit of color to be stationed overseas during World War II. When they were deployed to Europe in February 1945, the 855 women in the 6888th were handed a backlog of 17 million pieces of mail, some labeled with incorrect or incomplete addresses, and asked to ship it out in six months. Their motto? "No mail, low morale." The task bore high emotional stakes; the families of servicemen at home had not received word from their loved ones in months. Working in three eight-hour shifts, the women of the 6888th set out to work.

Watch this winner of five 2024 NAACP Image Awards on Netflix and some other streaming devices. Let us know if you'll be there on November 2. We hope so.

Contact Ann Searles at 847-679-2372 or email Kristin at kejcat@gmail.com.

Anti-Racism / Loving Our Neighbor

Winter clothing drive for October 25: Boots Especially Needed! RefugeeOne is holding a drive for winter coats, boots, hats, gloves, and scarves. They especially need boots of all sizes. The challenge is that we have just a week to respond. Bring new or clean and gently used items to church this Sunday, October 19 OR buy from the Amazon wish list for RefugeeOne (<https://tinyurl.com/46jxfjkm>). For questions, contact Kristin Jacobsen (kejcat@gmail.com) or Roberta Buchanan (robertabuchanan@comcast.net).



Free Trees for Evanston Residents. Plant a shade or ornamental tree this fall! Public Works is giving away oak, magnolia, birch, crabapple, serviceberry, and hazelnut trees in the old Civic Center Parking Lot (2100 Ridge Ave.). Pickups will take place October 23-24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, October 25, from 9 a.m. to noon. No pre-registration, first-come, first-served, while supplies last!

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 Episcopal Church.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For all retired clergy in our diocese, and for surviving spouses of clergy.

And for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Renk

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 October: Harriet Brandt, Antony Burt, Chris Dakich, Catharine Hamrick, Erik Long, Diane Teska, Robert Teska, Ginny Voedisch, Penny Whiteside, Rick Worden.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in October: Cynthia & Damon Doucet, Julie & Rick Worden.

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: Timmy Arondale, David Julian, Juliette, Jancie Dark, Gina Purse, Dorothy Wyandt, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Kaden Brown, 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, 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

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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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