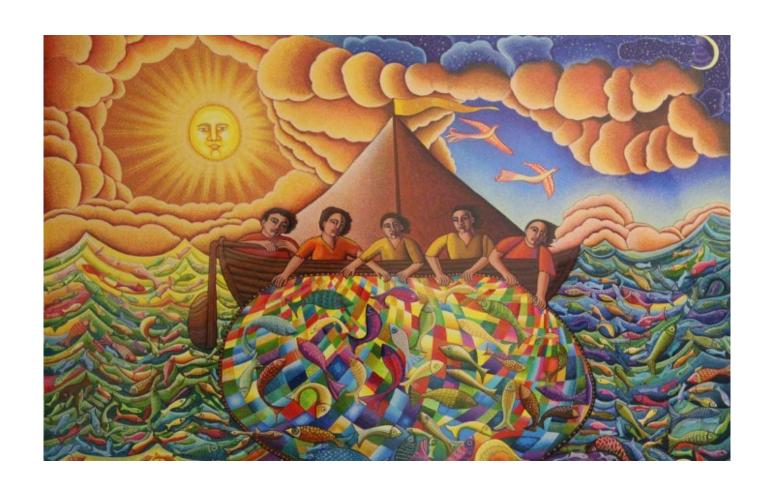
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Third Sunday of Easter MAY 4, 2025 10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations. This land was also a place of travel and trade to many other tribes, including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, and Miami tribes. These Native Peoples were forced off their lands with the Second Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829. After a series of land transfers, St. Matthew's acquired its current site within this territory in 1906. Today, Cook County is home to tens of thousands of Native Americans from many tribes. We acknowledge and respect our Indigenous neighbors, as we strive to be good stewards of this Native land.

ST. MATTHEW'S EVENTS

Sundays	Sunday Forum led by Whayne 9:15 - 10:15am in the Parlor
May 4	TODAY St. Andrew's and St. Matthew's Partnership Meeting, 1:30pm at
	St. Andrew's
May 9	Uncaged Art Exhibit Opening Reception, 6 - 7:30pm at Christ Church
May 17	The Green Team A Walk in the Woods, 1pm at Harms Woods
May 31	Spring Cleaning Day, 9am, Help wash windows, clean the basement and
	the second floor classrooms.
June 15	Race Against Hate, 7:30am in Evanston
June 22	Early Chapel Service Begins, 7:30am in the Chapel
	Beach Church Begins, 9:00am at Grosse Point Lighthouse Park (weather
	permitting; watch for emails if we need to move indoors).

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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

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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 made holy.

THE PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING HYMN Hymnal 1982 #305 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

Rosedale



All stand.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People Amen.

The people may sit.

THE GLORIA James Janssen



The people stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES (9:1-6).

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 30 Exaltabo te, Domine



¹ I will exalt you, O LORD,

because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

- ² O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health.
- ³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- ⁴ Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- ⁵ For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime.
- ⁶ Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁷ While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed. *

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

- ⁸ Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear.
- ⁹ I cried to you, O LORD; *
 I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

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THE PSALM 30 Exaltabo te, Domine



- ¹⁰ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- ¹¹ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper."
- ¹² You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
- ¹³ Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN (5:11-14).

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

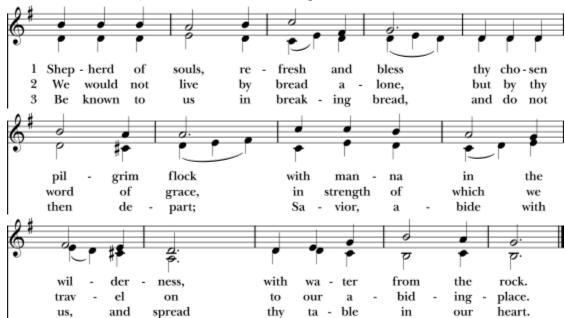
Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

People Thanks be to God.



THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN (21:1-19). People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ. People

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr.

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

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God.

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God.

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven.

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

People Christ is risen indeed.

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

People Christ is risen indeed.

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

People Christ is risen indeed.

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

People Christ is risen indeed.

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

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

People Christ is risen indeed.

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

People Christ is risen indeed.

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

People Christ is risen indeed.

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

People Christ is risen indeed.

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

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people sit.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Soon and very soon

Arr. by Rollo Dilworth

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we re going to see the king. No more cryin there we are going to see the king. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we re going to see the king. Should there be any rivers we must cross Should there be any mountains we must climb. God will supply all the strength that we need Give us grace til we reach the other side. We have come from every nation God knows each of us by name. Jesus took his blood and washed our sins away. Yes there are some of us who have laid down our lives, but we shall live again on the other side. No more dying there we are going to see the king. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we re going to see the king. Soon and very soon we are going to see the king. Hallelujah, hallelujah, we re going to see the king.





The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER 3

God be with you. Presider

And also with you. People

Lift up your hearts. Presider

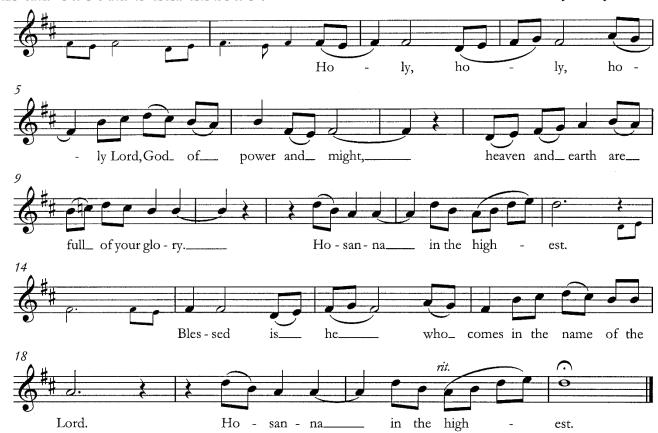
We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to Almighty God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

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

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



The people stand or kneel, as able.

Presider

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE AGNUS DEI

James Janssen



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

THE COMMUNION HYMN Hymnal 1982 #186 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands



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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

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

THE EASTER BLESSING

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

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

People Amen.

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

THE CLOSING HYMN Hymnal 1982 #412 Earth and stars, loud rushing planets Earth and All Stars



THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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: Volunteer

Lectors: Tim Patenode, Judy Royal Prayer Leader: Don Churchill

Chalice Bearers: Mary Clark

Acolytes: Quincy Senechal, Harper Olsen,

Bob Purse

Bread Baker: Volunteer Altar Guild: Volunteer Green Team: Volunteer Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>
Monique Austin	Bernadette
Charlotte Bishop	Nancy Ch
Ginger Carr	Emily Scha
Alice Dolan	Angela To
Rachel Handrick*	
Katilynn Meine*	
Kaylie O'Dell**	

Alto
Bernadette Brockman
Nancy Churchill
Emily Scharf*
Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*

<u>Tenor</u>
Riley Brown**
Michael Kirby*
Francis Lynch
Karlos Piñero-Mercado'

Terry Bucher*
Steve Carr
Jack Ellis**
Jake Engel
Louise Floyd*

Bass

*Section Leader **Staff Singer †Choral Assistant



What's happening with immigration?

How do we love our neighbors during the current chaos around immigration? Come to St. Andrew's Pentecost on Sunday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m. to get more guidance on how we can all be present for immigrants. Rev. Sandra Castillo, Diocese of Chicago's canon for migration ministries, will be with us to talk about how we can respond to threats that immigrants and immigration are facing. She will also lead a "Know Your Rights" training.

Sunday, May 4, 1:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Pentecost, 1928 Darrow, Evanston

For questions, contact Marta Humphreys (<u>martamrcds@msn.com</u>) or Roberta Buchanan (<u>robertabuchanan@comcast.net</u>).



Uncaged Art Exhibit Opening Reception Friday, May 9 | 6 - 7:30pm Christ Church Winnetka Chapel



Please join us for an Uncaged Art Exhibit Opening Reception, THIS Friday, May 9, 6:00 p.m to 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church Winnetka Chapel, 470 Maple Street in Winnetka. Light refreshments will be provided and opening remarks from The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey, Deacon at St. Matthew's, and Sanctuary Task Force representative.

The exhibit will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., from May 10 through May 25 with closing day on Monday, May 26. The exhibit is comprised of inspiring artwork by the children held in the Tornillo, TX Detention Center that opened on June 14, 2018. A local Catholic priest recovered 29 pieces. For questions, please email The Reverend Cynthia Rigali-Lund at mailto:cynthia@christchurchwinnetka.org.

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

Please join us to help with spring cleaning. Help wash windows, clean the basement and the second floor classrooms. Many hands make light work. Please plan on helping on May 31 at 9am. Thank you!





Beach Season is Coming Soon!

June 22 - September 14 | Grosse Point Lighthouse Park

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









MORE THAN A RACE, IT'S A MOVEMENT.



SUNDAY, JUNE 15 FATHER'S DAY 7:30 AM | EVANSTON, IL

8K & 5K RUN/WALK Youth Mile/Half-Mile Fun Run









Support our Tent at the Race Against Hate

We need your donations of food and time at this year's Ricky Byrdsong Memorial Race Against Hate on Father's Day, June 15.

"Episcopalians United Against Hate" is once again proud to host a tent, and we want it to be a meaningful presence. This is a wonderful opportunity to show up for racial justice in love and solidarity, and to connect with the wider community.

1. Bring Snacks:

- · Good-quality granola bars
- · Apples or Cuties (mandarin oranges)
- 2. Volunteer at the Tent (Sunday morning, June 15):
 - Set-Up/Shift 1: 6:30 AM 7:30 AM
 - Shift 2: 8:30 AM 9:30 AM
 - Shift 3 & Clean-Up: 9:30 AM end (approximately 10:30 AM)

Please reply to Kate Lauderbaugh (<u>klauderbaugh@gmail.com</u>) if you can donate snacks or help at the tent. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thank you for being part of this important event!



Scan for more information on the Race Against Hate.

Join Us for a Walk in the

WOODS

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

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





THE 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 Church of Ireland.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Congregations in the Evanston Deanery: St. Elisabeth in Glencoe; St. David in Glenview; Holy Comforter in Kenilworth; St. Giles in Northbrook; Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: San Jorge in Tabasco; St. Matthew Cathedral.

For the congregation at St. Matthew's as we embrace our mission to be welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world: welcoming our neighbors near and far.

We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in May: Christina Burt, Stephen Creech, Catherine LaBranche, Kate Lauderbaugh, Jack Lerman, Francis Lynch, Kathy Riley, Susan Rundle, Xander Senechal, Sarah Skidmore, Steve Steiber and Dorothy Wyandt.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in May: Karen & Gary LaBranche,

Dorothy & John Lloyd-Still, Ginny Voedisch & Bill McSweeney, Gina & Bob Purse.

We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; that we may be agents of God's kingdom, dismantling systems of injustice wherever and whenever we can, and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws.

We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf: Cobe Layag, Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford, Emma Seckinger, Thomas Garbee, and the members of our city's fire and police departments, and for their families.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers: Gina Purse, Dorothy Wyandt, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Kaden Brown, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Sue Zundel, Becky Wilson, Audrey Reynolds, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, John Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

We pray for all in need: those struggling with the Coronavirus, all victims of this pandemic, organ donors and those awaiting transplant, the lonely and isolated, our nation, especially those oppressed by our current systems, those protesting racial injustice, all elected officials seeking to lead communities in this challenging time, the unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those suffering from acts of violence – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as from natural disasters, and their aftermaths.

We pray for all who have died.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (revisions authorized by the Episcopal Church, March 17, 2020), St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world." Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources, adapting them as necessary.

In today's service, the Opening Acclamation comes from "Text of Expansive Language Liturgies – from Resolution 2018-D078-updated 09-02–2019" and the introductions to prayers and responses and the Peace come from *Enriching Our Worship I*. The Collect of the Day comes from a collection of prayers written to match the lessons appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary: *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary using the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at The 149th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 26, 2025

St. Matthew's Vestry

Stephen Carr, Senior Warden Tim Patenode, Junior Warden

William Widmer, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026) Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027) Roberta Buchanan, Karen Hertel, David Parks (2028) Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2028)

Christopher Motogawa, Treasurer (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

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

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

ONLINE - All Day, Saturday, November 22, 2025 Delegates: Mary Clark, Ann Searles, Julia Green

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, 28th Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church
The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark, Thirteenth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
The Rt. Rev. Whayne M. Hougland, Jr., Priest-in-Charge | whayne@stmatthewsevanston.org
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