

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 25, 2026
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



2120 Lincoln Street | Evanston, IL 60201 | 847-869-4850

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

Sundays	Sunday Forum: Practicing Hope led by Whayne, 9:15am in the Parlor Youth Group, 6pm at Church of the Holy Comforter
Tuesdays	No Bible Study This Week , We will resume on Tuesday, November 3
Oct 25	Vision Keeper Dinner, 5:30pm at the Orrington Hotel, downtown Evanston
Oct 31	Trick-or-Treat, 4-6pm on St. Matt's front lawn. Candy donations appreciated.
Nov 15	EChO Presents: Tetrapin Cello Quartet, 7pm at St. Matthew's
Nov 25	Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7pm 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.

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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 PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as able.

THE OPENING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #517* How lovely is thy dwelling place *Brother James's Air*
Verses 1, 2 & 4



1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

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

Mass for St. Columba

Francis Lynch

(Organ) (All Voices)

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord

God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

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

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The score is divided into two parts: (Organ) and (All Voices). The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words in italics. There are several triplets marked with a '3' and a bracket. The piece ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 DEUTERONOMY (34:1-12).

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17 *Domine, refugium*

Karlos Piñero-Mercado



¹ Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

REFRAIN

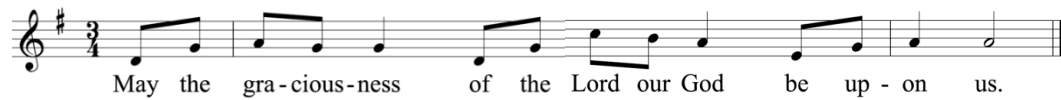
³ You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

REFRAIN

⁵ You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

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⁶ In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

REFRAIN

¹³ Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

¹⁴ Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

¹⁵ Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

REFRAIN

¹⁶ Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷ May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

REFRAIN*The people sit.***A READING FROM PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE THESSALONIANS (2:1-8).**

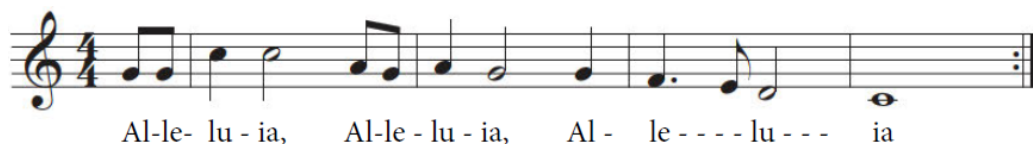
You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

*People***Thanks be to God.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia

Mark Crayton

Verse sung by Aliyah Necaise

Verse: Thanks be to God, Call his name. Tell all the world the great things He has done.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

(22:34-46)

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 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 The Herschaft Family, Cathy, Connie, Alison, Jan, Tobin, Becky, Bob, Steve, Bill, Jack, Ethan, Carol, Timmy, David, Larry, Harriet, Kate, Bob, Jessica, Maeve, Donna, Carol and for Maua and her 5 daughters;

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

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Jeremy Herschaft.

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.

Celebrant 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. The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† THE HOLY COMMUNION †

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Travelin' Thru

Dolly Parton / arr. Greg Gilpin

Soloist: Michaela Bateman

Due to copyright, the full lyrics for Dolly Parton's "Travelin' Thru" cannot be displayed in their entirety but here is a taste:

*Well, I can't tell you where I'm going, I'm not sure of where I've been
But I know I must keep travelin' till my road comes to an end*

...
As I'm stumblin', tumblin', wonderin', as I'm travelin' thru

...
I'm just travelin' thru, I'm just travelin', travelin'

Dolly Parton's inspirational hit was nominated for the Academy Award, Golden Globe and Grammy Award. Its motivating text, rhythmic melody and bluegrass accompaniment create an exciting, refreshing selection for choirs. "God made me for a reason and nothin' is in vain. Redemption comes in many shapes with many kinds of pain..."

THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS #181

Amazing Grace

New Britain

Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5



1. A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound, That
2. 'Twas grace that taught— my heart to fear, And
3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
5. When we've been there— ten thou - sand years, Bright



1. saved a wretch like me!— I once was lost, but
2. grace my fears re - lieved;— How pre - cious did that
3. word my hope se - cures;— He will my shield and
4. have al - read - y come;— 'Tis grace that brought me
5. shin - ing as the sun,— We've no less days to



1. now am found, Was blind, but now— I see.—
2. grace ap - pear The hour I first— be - lieved!—
3. por - tion be As long as life— en - dures.—
4. safe thus far, And grace will lead— me home.—
5. sing God's praise Than when we'd first— be - gun.—

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),

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and continues with a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and might,' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody, with lyrics 'hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the highest.' The third staff is marked '(Upper notes descant)' and features a more complex melody with many beamed eighth notes, leading to the final lyrics 'Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

(Organ) (All Voices)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow - er and might,

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the highest.

(Upper notes descant)

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 ANTHEM *He's everything* Dolly Parton / arr. Keith Christopher Soloist: Angela Torres-Kutkuhn

I see Him when the children are at play I hear Him when the church bells ring on wedding days I feel Him when the breezes blow Adore Him where the flowers grow Revere Him when the oceans roll He's everything We're born, we live, we die and life goes on We love, we laugh, we cry And we're a part of His creation Every person, every nation He's in every situation Everything He's everything Let's lift Him up Through everything, He's loving us Is it asking all that much That we should do the same So let us sing and raise our voice Let us make a joyful noise Let us praise His holy name He's everything In everything, He plays a part In everything, He leaves His mark Restores our lives, our broken hearts The God of hope and change So let us sing and raise our voice Let us make a joyful noise Rejoice and praise His name Rejoice, sing it again Rejoice, His joy remains He's everything Praise His name, His holy name He's everything He's always lovin' us We should show a little love in everything, everything He's the God of hope and change He's the cure for hurt and pain You know He loves us all the same 'Cause He's everything, He's everything Everything He plays a part Heals and mends our broken hearts Restores us when we fall apart 'Cause He's everything, He's everything So lift Him up, rejoice, rejoice Let us sing and raise our voice And let us make a joyful noise He is everything

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

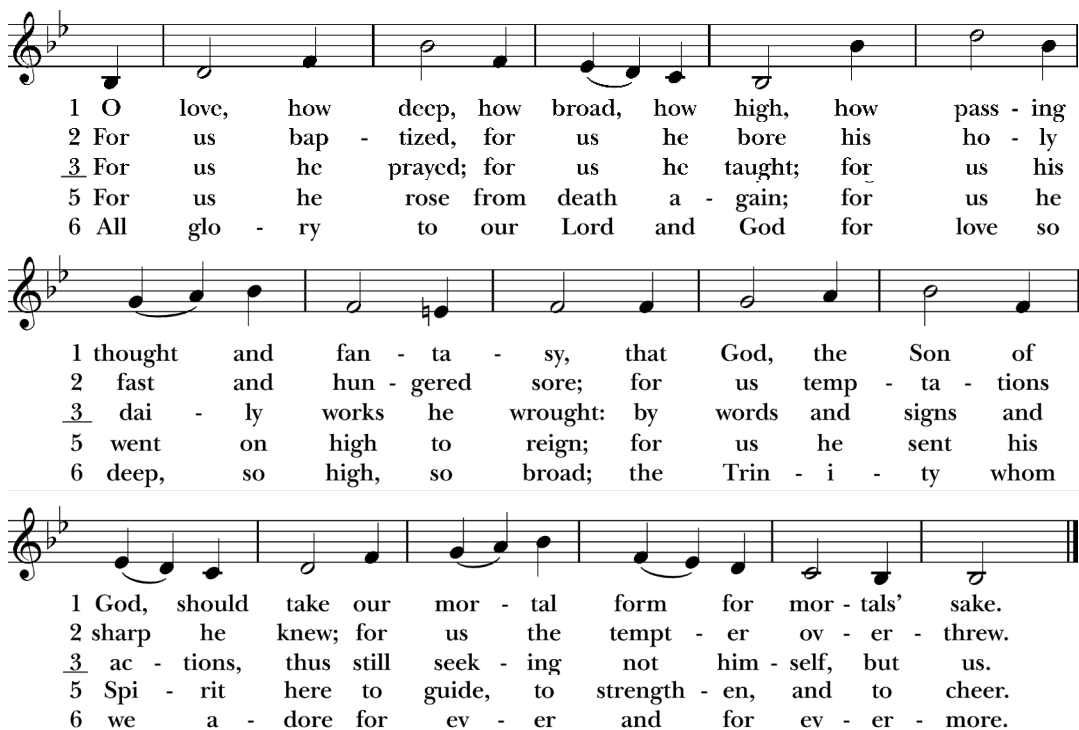
Presider Let us pray.

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 #448* O love how deep how, how broad, how high

Deus tuorum militum



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought; by words and signs and
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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. Wayne Hougland, Jr.

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Organist: Quinn Brann

Greeter: Curt Nilsson

Lectors: Tim Patenode, Judy Royal

Prayer Leader: Oluseye Fakinlede

Chalice Bearers: Volunteers

Acolytes: Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers,

Molly Purse, Bob Purse

Bread Baker: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Altar Guild: Volunteer

Green Team: Volunteer

Livestream: Volunteer

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

Michaela Bateman*

Aliyah Necaie*

Alto

Bernadette Brockman*

Nancy Churchill

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Zachary Schwartz*

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Samuel Orsi-Weiser*

Donnell Dorsey***

*Section Leader

**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

***Substitute Staff Singer

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

Rev. Whayne Led Adult Forum: Practicing Hope

Sundays, 9:15 - 10:15 am in the Parlor

This twelve-week forum treats hope as something Christians practice together, drawing on Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, the saints, and writers including Moltmann, Wright, Williams, Tutu, Buechner, and Rohr. It is part of the Practicing Hope stewardship campaign. No prior study is needed.

Dates: Sundays, Now through December 27, 2026.

Format: 60 minutes: gather and prayer, a short teaching, table conversation, and a practice to take home.

What to bring: a Prayer Book if you have one, a Bible, and a notebook for the Hope Journal (two or three lines after each week's practice). Prayer beads are welcome from Session 3 on.

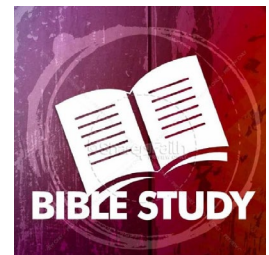
Expectations: come as you are, whether hopeful or not. Read the week's texts if you can; the session works without them. Speak from your own experience, and listen the same way. Questions about the series: contact the parish office.

- **October 25:** Praying Hope *Psalm 130*
Daily Office and Compline; prayer beads Pray Compline for seven nights

Bible Study with Rev. Whayne

Tuesdays at 12 Noon, St. Matt's Library

Join Rev. Whayne 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! **Please note: We will not meet next Tuesday, October 27.**



Vestry Vacancies

Our Vestry has four vacancies coming soon. We are looking for 3 parishioners for a 3-year term and 1 parishioner for a 2-year term. If you would like to join our Vestry or have a recommendation of someone you think would like to join our Vestry, please contact Rev. Whayne at whayne@stmatthewsevanston.org.



**TRICK
OR
TREAT**

**Stop by for Trick-or-Treating at St. Matthew's
on Halloween, Saturday, October 31 from
4 - 6 pm where we will be passing out candy.**

Candy donations appreciated. Drop off in the
rectory office any time before Halloween.

All Saints' Day - Día de Muertos

On November 1, all are invited to add a photo or memento of their loved ones to the memorial ofrenda at the back of the church near the baptismal font.

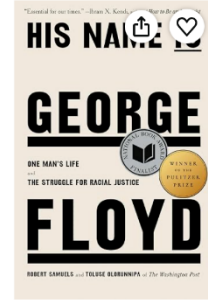


the green team
ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

For packed lunches for school, purchase foodstuffs in the largest package available and then divvy them out into reusable containers for the day. Avoid the trash of “snack size” packaging that adds to the landfill, teach your children an alternative to the throw-away culture, and empower them to do something good for the environment.

Anti-Racism Team / Loving Our Neighbor

You can still be part of the antiracism book discussion: The group discussing *His Name is George Floyd* has only met once. Please join if you'd like to hear more about the person, not just the symbol, who was killed when a police officer knelt on his neck for nine minutes. The book, which won a Pulitzer Prize, promises to be very engaging. Let Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com know if you'd like to join, so she can let you know the schedule.



Schools are still segregated: Although segregation in schools is no longer the policy of school districts in the United States, it is the de facto reality in many places. White flight and the creation of all-white private schools have been factors, and you can read more about the causes, harms, and solutions in in two articles, one from the Legal Defense Fund (<https://tinyurl.com/47ppd86d>) and one from National Public Radio (<https://tinyurl.com/37pkpksa>).



Special requests for food donations: In the Hearts & Hands fridge and pantry, we put up a piece of paper for shoppers to write in special requests. Here are some that you can keep in mind if you'd like to pick up something to donate: ramen/cup noodle, soup (particularly chicken noodle), bottled water, and the mac and cheese with the liquid cheese inside (like Kraft Deluxe and Velveeta). Thank you to those who have already donated and are planning to soon! For questions, contact Roberta Buchanan robertabuchanan@comcast.net or Kristin Jacobsen at kejcat@gmail.com.

Dear Friends in Christ,

On St. Matthew's Day, we gathered with Bishop Paula to give thanks for 150 years. We walked a freshly restored hallway and gallery, sang, ate, and told stories. More than once someone said, "I can't believe they kept this place going through *that*."

They did. For 150 years, the people of St. Matthew's have worshiped, served, welcomed, adapted, and begun again. Through seasons of plenty and seasons of real uncertainty, they practiced hope, and they practiced it with their prayers, their hands, and their checkbooks. The ministry we share today is what their hope looks like now.

Now it is our turn.

Practicing Hope

Giving Life to What Comes Next

Christian hope isn't a mood we wait to feel. It's a practice. Like prayer, it gets stronger the more we do it. At St. Matthew's, it looks like this:

- **Worship and formation.** The 8:00 Eucharist in the chapel and the 10:30 with our choir, livestreamed to people who can't be in the room. Beach Church on the lakefront. Tuesday noon Bible Study in the gallery, the Sunday Forum, a Tuesday morning prayer group that has been holding this parish and this city in prayer for years and our outstanding choir.
- **Young people and families.** Sunday-evening youth group with our partners at Holy Comforter. Wiggleworms toddlers learning their first songs in our building. Summer Youth Theatre Camp.
- **Neighbors and justice.** Walking with refugee families as they make a home here. Shelter and meals through Interfaith Action. The Race Against Hate Eucharist, our Green Team and pollinator garden, and a parish that shows up.
- **The arts.** Friday Night Coffeehouse open mics, the Jack and Elise Lerman Gallery, two ballet schools, and the Evanston Chamber Opera, all filling our spaces with beauty.

This summer, Wayne reminded us that the word *nave* comes from the Latin for "ship." Every Sunday we walk into a boat. A boat built to carry people across hard water needs tending: a roof and walls that keep the water out, a clean inviting space for worship and education, staff and clergy who keep the whole thing sailing. Your pledge is how we keep her afloat and headed somewhere worth going.

Last year you responded with remarkable generosity. Pledges rose and more households took part than the year before. Thank you. As we build the 2027 budget, costs continue to rise, and our Treasurer will share the full picture in a letter on November 8. We are asking every household, if circumstances permit, to **increase its pledge by 10% over its 2026 commitment**. Some of you will be able to do more. Some will need to hold steady or adjust, and that pledge is received with the same gratitude. If you are new to St. Matthew's, we would be honored to receive your first pledge. Every commitment matters, whatever its size.

Please return the enclosed pledge card by **Commitment Sunday, November 22**, when we will offer our pledges at the altar just before Thanksgiving. You can bring it to worship, return it to the parish office, or pledge online. Gifts of appreciated stock and IRA charitable distributions are welcome too. The parish office can help.

The 150th isn't over. A December service project, a February lecture, an April gala, and a June garden party are still ahead. The next 150 years won't be built by any one person or gift. They'll be built by all of us, praying, serving, giving, and practicing hope together.

With gratitude for your faithfulness,

Tim Patenode, Senior Warden
Karen Hertel, Junior Warden



EChO presents our musical friends again!
**Tetrapin Cello Quartet returns to
Evanston**



Sunday, November 15, at 7:00 pm
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

A free concert, sponsored by Evanston Chamber Opera Company

Tetrapin Cello Quartet (featuring EChO's principal cellist Elizabeth Anderson) returns to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Evanston for a special free concert of music for four cellos, much like the one they performed at St. Matthew's in December 2023. The program will include two new works that EChO's resident composer Francis Lynch has written for cello quartet: *Four Hymn Tunes for Four Cellos*, and a short piece titled *Introduction and Allegro for Four Cellos*. A good will offering will be accepted and the proceeds divided equally between EChO and the music program at St. Matthew's.

Please join us in Evanston for music, stories, and marvelous music written or arranged for an underappreciated ensemble!



LEAVE THE LEAVES

Most of us grew up thinking a tidy yard meant clearing every leaf each fall. There's a better way to care for your yard and the life that depends on it.

Fallen leaves aren't debris. They're shelter, food, and nesting material for the wildlife living in your yard through winter. Small changes in how you handle them can support a lot more life.

For more info, go to <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/leave-the-leaves/>

FRIDAY NIGHT COFFEEHOUSE



Perform. Listen. Be Heard.



NOVEMBER 13
ST. MATTHEW'S
7:00 - 9:30PM



Special Guest:
SAM GENUALDI
Open Mic
Live Music
Snacks
BYOB



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CORNER OF HARTREY & LINCOLN
2120 LINCOLN ST

“Figures, Fauna and Flora”

Jack Lerman & Elise Pike



An Exhibition on Display in our First Floor Gallery

Figures, Fauna and Flora brings together the work of two local artists Jack Lerman (b.1930 -) and Elise Pike (b.1927 - 2018). Married to each other, Jack and Elise each share with us their extraordinary vision of beauty and spirituality that surrounds the human condition and our environment. Jack begins with a studied approach to the human form and its psychology. As he begins to describe other forms of life in his drawings and paintings, we subtly, and not so subtly, become aware of the interconnected nature of all living things – great and small. Elise also begins with a studied approach to the human form and its psychology but rarely ventures far from its most essential nature – our emotions, life experiences and highest ideals. Elise creates paintings and drawings that never lets us forget that the story of the human condition can just as easily lie behind a set of *Dancing Cats* as it does a *Lady With a Red Flower*.

To purchase artwork, please note the catalogue number on the lower right hand side of each art work and visit our parish office (847-869-4850) or contact [Terri Morrissey](#). A portion of all sales support St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Evanston.

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 the Province of Central Africa

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the growth and vitality of our congregations

And for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and 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, 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, 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: The Herschaft Family, Cathy Conley Schiltz, Connie Conley, Alison Widmer, Jan Dark, Tobin Hudgins, Becky Wilson, Bob Baker, 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 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 Jeremy Herschaft.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

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

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

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at
The 150th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 25, 2026

St. Matthew's Vestry

Tim Patenode, *Senior Warden*

Karen Hertel, *Junior Warden*

Kelsey Davies, Dudley Conley, Larkin Myers (2027)

Roberta Buchanan, David Parks (2028)

Charlotte Bishop, Don Churchill (2029)

Clerk of the Vestry, Larkin Myers (2027)

Christopher Motogawa, *Treasurer* (2026)

Trustees of St. Matthew's Endowment

Steve Carr (2028) William Widmer (2028) Rick Worden (2028)

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

Ann Searles, Steve Carr

Clergy and St. Matthew's Staff

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

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

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