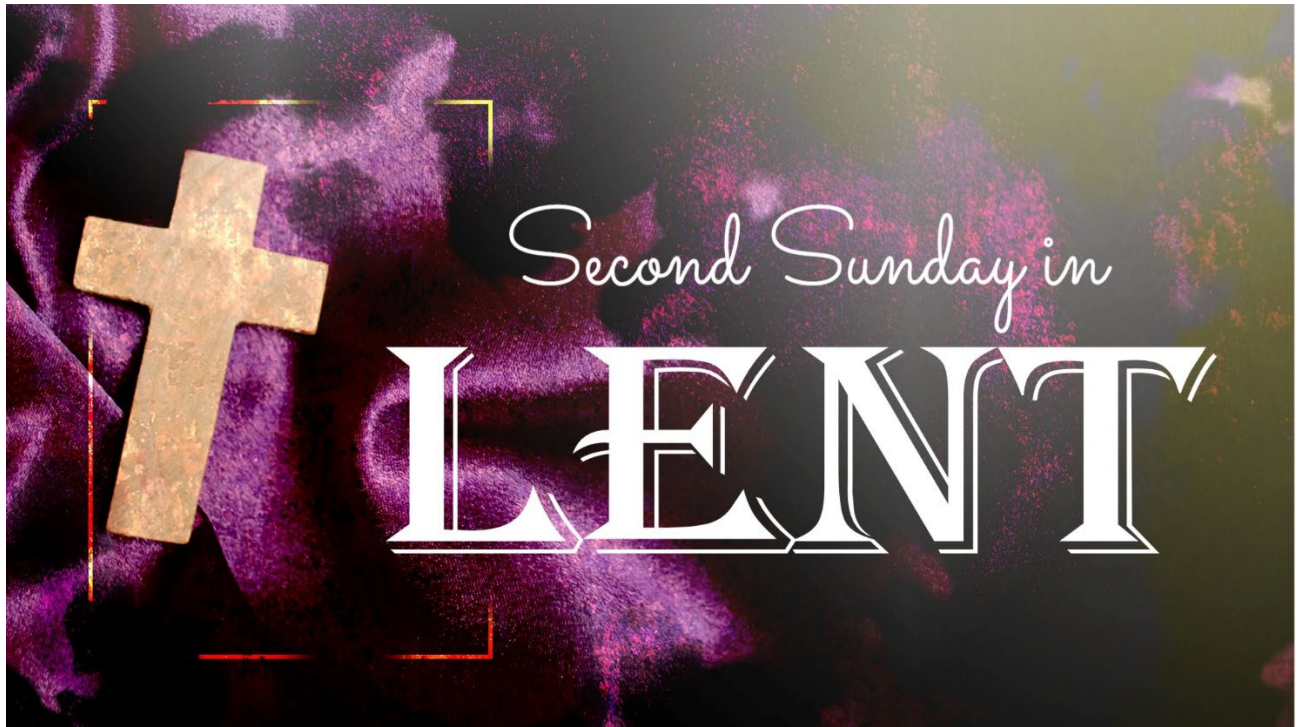


ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MARCH 16, 2025
10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



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

ST. MATTHEW'S EVENTS

Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

<i>Sundays</i>	Sunday Forum led by Whayne 9:15 - 10:15am in the Parlor
<i>Mar 17</i>	Lenten Programming, 7pm via Zoom
<i>Mar 22</i>	Walter Givler Memorial Service, 11am Westminster Place
<i>Mar 26</i>	St. Matt's Movie Group, 3pm in St. Matt's Parlor
<i>Mar 29</i>	St. Mark's Then & Now, 2pm at St. Mark'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 the wine made holy.

† THE WORD OF GOD †

All stand as able as the Choir sings

THE OPENING CANTICLE:

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the God of Israel
who comes to set us free
and raises up new hope for us:
a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared
that with his mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies
and all that wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still
the covenant recall,
the oath once sworn to Abraham;
from foes to save us all;
that we might worship without fear
and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness
to serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord
you will prepare the way,
to tell God's people they are saved
from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
shine forth and never cease,
to drive away the gloom of death
and lead us into peace.

All remain standing as the acolytes and clergy enter in silent procession

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

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

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

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

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

Mark 12:29-31

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,**

and in the world you have created.

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,**

and the evil done on our behalf.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS (15:1-12, 17-18)

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 27 *Dominus illuminatio*

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- ³ Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

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- ⁴ And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- ⁵ One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- ⁶ To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- ⁷ For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- ⁸ Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- ⁹ Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- ¹⁰ Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- ¹¹ You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- ¹² Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- ¹³ You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- ¹⁴ Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the LORD will sustain me.
- ¹⁵ Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- ¹⁶ Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
- ¹⁷ What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- ¹⁸ O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS (3:17-4:1)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able, and sing together.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN LEVAS #89

My Jesus, I love thee

Adoniram J. Gordon

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,

1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,

1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou:—
2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns— on thy brow:—

1. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
2. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO [LUKE]

(13:31-35).

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

After a time of silent reflection, the people are invited to stand, as able, and together say

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

People **Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

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

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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 the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
Katilynn Meine, soprano

John Blow

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN LEVAS #59 I trust in God wherever I may be Charles H. Gabriel

1. I trust in God wher - ev - er I may be, Up - on the
2. He makes the rose an ob - ject of His care, He guides the

1. land or on the roll - ing sea; For come what
2. ea - gle through the path - less air; And sure - ly

1. may, from day to day,
2. He re - mem - bers me, My heav'n - ly Fa - ther watch - es o - ver

me. I trust in God, I know He cares for me, On moun - tain

bleak or on the storm - y sea; Though bil - lows roll, He keeps my

soul, My heav'n - ly Fa - ther watch - es o - ver me.

The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

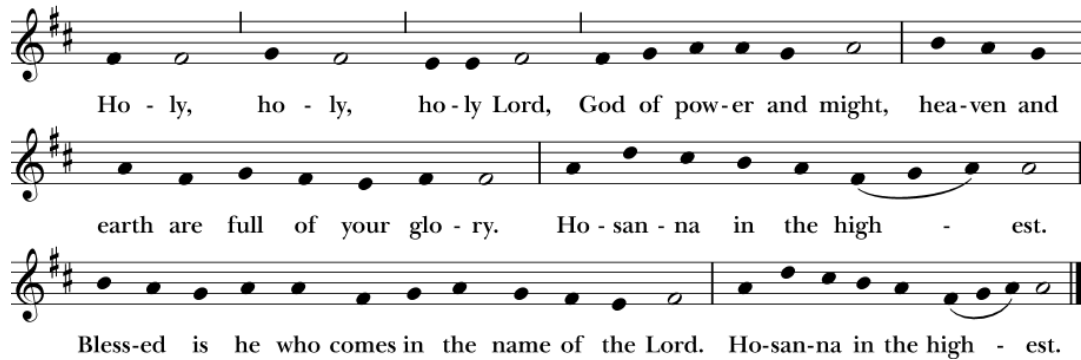
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

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

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

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



The people stand or kneel as able.

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

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be

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filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Matthew, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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

THE COMMUNION HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #337* And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Unde et memores

Verses 1, 2 & 4

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
*3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
*4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most
bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so
him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery
forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and
eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

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

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

THE BLESSING

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

People Amen.

All stand to sing.

THE CLOSING HYMN *Hymnal 1982 #495* Hail, thou once despis'd Jesus *In Babilone*

1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bid; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,

thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art

Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us

we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Leading Worship This Evening

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Houglan, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Mark Crayton

Greeter: Gary LaBranche

Lectors: Gary LaBranche, Volunteer

Prayer Leader: Tim Patenode

Acolytes: Bob Purse, Harper Olsen

Chalice Bearers: Volunteer

Bread Baker: Volunteer

Altar Guild: Joyce Weber, Pat Egan

Green Team: Anne Branning

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director

Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

Soprano

Monique Austin

Charlotte Bishop

Ginger Carr

Alice Dolan

Rachel Handrick*

Kunying Li

Katilynn Meine*

Kaylie O'Dell**

Alto

Bernadette Brockman

Nancy Churchill

Emily Scharf*

Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†

Tenor

Riley Brown**

Michael Kirby*

Francis Lynch

Karlos Piñero-Mercado*

Peter Lorenzo

Bass

Terry Bucher*

Steve Carr

Jack Ellis**

Jake Engel

Louise Floyd*

*Section Leader

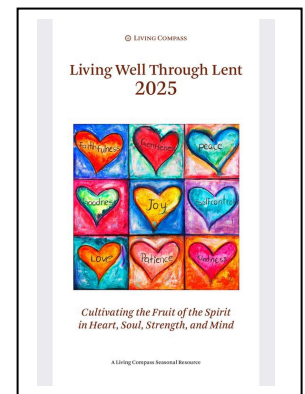
**Staff Singer

†Choral Assistant

As our journey through Lent begins, please take some time to consider participating in Lent Madness and taking on the joyful practice of learning from the saints. Lent Madness is modeled on bracket-style sports competition (March Madness), and its bracket includes a round of 32 saints culminating in The Golden Halo. In past years, Lent Madness provided a printed version of their Sainly Scorecard, however, this year it will be digital. To download a printable bracket, go to lentmadness.org and click on the 3 lines in the top right corner. You can also find other Lent Madness resources there. Subscribe to Lent Madness to receive updates and voting links. Questions? Contact Deacon Terri at terri@stmatthewsevanston.org.



Available Now - Living Well Through Lent 2025: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind, is daily devotional that provides a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Lent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Easter.



The devotional includes reflections from: The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner and featuring reflections from eight guest writers: The Rev. Molly Bosscher, Robbin Brent, The Rev. Canon Randy K. Callender, The Rt. Rev. Brian Lee Cole, The Rt. Rev. Shannon Rogers Duckworth, The Rev. Jenifer Gamber, The Rev. Gary B. Manning and The Rev. Abigail W. Moon.

You can find copies of the devotional in the back of church, the chapel and outside the office.

Lenten Programming March 17, 7pm via Zoom To join use Recurring Meeting ID: 811 4635 9717

Lent isn't just about "giving something up" – we can also choose to take on something new. Church of Our Saviour is offering Lenten Programming via Zoom that explores contemplative Christian spiritual disciplines.

Lectio Divina with Stephen Wetmore, CMJ. "Lectio divina" or "divine reading" was established much as we know it in the 6th century as part of Benedictine Spirituality. It is a way of directly engaging with scriptural selections in ever-deepening contemplation of the varieties of ways that God, through our Biblical tradition, expresses God's love for us.





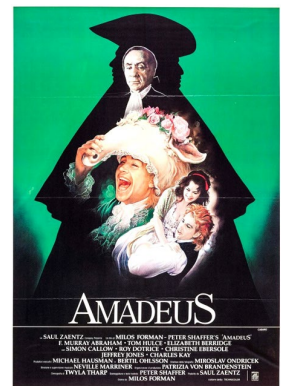
Where to Take Styrofoam for Recycling

Most recycling facilities can't process it, and the city's recycling program doesn't accept it. But now we have a convenient way to avoid sending polystyrene foam (commonly called styrofoam) to the landfill or worse, with the risk of negative environmental effects. Styrofoam packaging materials, takeout containers, cups, and other items can be dropped off at First United Methodist Church of Evanston from 10 AM until noon on the third Saturday of every month. **The next drop-off date is this Saturday, March 15.** Volunteers will be present to help unload items in front of the 516 Church Street entrance.

In addition, the Abt Appliances recycling program (1200 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Glenview) accepts some types of white styrofoam as well as electronics and appliances.

St. Matt's Movie Group Wednesday, March 26 3pm in St. Matt's Parlor

We will discuss the film Amadeus which can be viewed on several streaming sites. Amadeus won eight Oscars in 1984. Rsvp to host Louis Allred [via email](mailto:lu@stmatthew.org) or at 847-570-3424.



Antiracism Learning

Event highlight: Living Stories: Contemporary Woodland Native American Art, an exhibit of current artists working on themes of Ancestors' spirituality, balance in nature, identity and representation, and expression of survival; Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum (formerly the Mitchell Museum), 3001 Central Street, Evanston; Visit <https://gichigamiin-museum.org/exhibits/living-stories/> for more information.

St. Mark's Then & Now: A Tour of Architecture and Community

Saturday, March 29

2:00 - 2:45 PM

1509 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

Join us for a tour of St. Mark's
Episcopal Church, where
architecture and community
needs intersect.

DON'T MISS IT! RSVP TODAY.

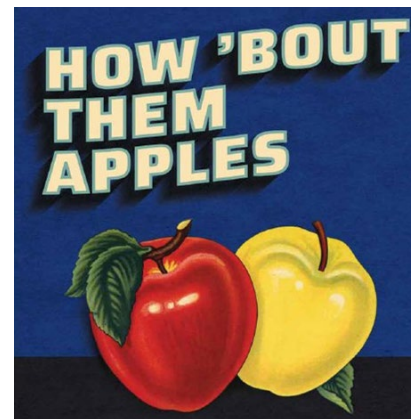


How 'Bout Them Apples...

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7pm at Steve and Charlotte's Home

We're resurrecting an apple-based fund-raiser at Steve and Charlotte's home. At 7 p.m., we will host a Calvados and apple brandy tasting. Calvados will date to a 1987 vintage from France to Steve's own "living cask" of local apple brandy with a blend of 2021, '21, '23, '24 and 25. As an aperitif, these samplings will be complemented by a charcuterie board. Seating is limited to the first eight to sign up with a \$50 contribution to St. Matthew's. Call or text Steve at 847-867-1123.



Easter Music & Flowers

Remember someone special this Easter by contributing to the flowers in the sanctuary or supporting our music program.

EASTER MUSIC / FLOWERS DONATION

MUSIC

FLOWERS

In Memory Of: _____

In Thanksgiving For: _____

Other: _____

Given by: _____

Email: _____

Amount Donated: _____

Deadline for listing in the Easter bulletin is Monday, April 14.

Return this form to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church:

2120 Lincoln Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Please make checks

out to St. Matthew's with "Easter Music/Flowers" in the memo.

To donate online, scan the QR code below or go to:

onrealm.org/stmatthewsevanston/-/form/give/now

and choose the flower or music fund.



NOTES:

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: *Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery:* St. Andrew in Chicago; St. Martin in Chicago; St. Margaret of Scotland in Chicago *Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk:* Holy Trinity in Oaxaca; St. John in Melut.

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

We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in March: Mark Austin, Phillip Castillo, Judith Creech, Andrew Davies, Patty Dreibelbis, Drew Kelly, Andrew McDermott, Daniel Meyer, Chris Motogawa, Grace Motogawa, Joyce Weber and Allison Zidek.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in March.

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

We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf: Cobe Layag, Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford, 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: Nicholas Churchill, 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*

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