

## To Know and Share God's Love

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 16, 2024

### YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

#### YOUTH GROUP EPIC SUMMER OF FUN STARTS NOW!

Parents, have your rising 6th–12th graders outgrown the traditional camp experience, but they are still looking for opportunities to have fun, serve, and have adventures? Then St. Matt's summer youth group is where it's at! From a day trip to NYC to see Hamilton to fun weekly events like Fireworks, Volcano Island, and Bowling, and service opportunities—it's a jam packed, epic summer of fun. **Learn more at [stmmts.org/youth-events](http://stmmts.org/youth-events).**

### SUMMER CAMP VBS AT ST. MATT'S



#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 22-26, 2024

#### REGISTER: [STMMTS.ORG/VBS](http://stmmts.org/vbs)

Join us for our favorite Summer Camp Experience, VBS! This summer, kids will dive into an ocean of discovery, learning God is a real friend who loves them forever!

To make VBS an awesome experience for our community, we need many volunteers, both adults and teens. Teen helpers are invited to stay each evening after VBS for special fun activities! Service hour certificates are provided.

## WELCOME

We know that going to church or to a new church for the first time can be nerve-racking. We want to help make your first experience at St. Matthew's a great one!

If this is your first visit to Saint Matthew's, we welcome you. Please join us between services for coffee, tea and refreshments in the Parish Hall. For more information about our community, visit our website [www.stmtts.org](http://www.stmtts.org). We are so glad you are here!



## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to participate in communion. If you would like to receive, simply place one hand on top of the other, palms up, and the priest will place bread in your hand. You may then consume the wafer. If for any reason you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Would you like to learn more about baptism? Please visit our website: [stmtts.org/Baptism](http://stmtts.org/Baptism) or contact our office via email at [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org) or phone at 703-430-2121.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to.

### Please pray for the following:

James, Sean, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Glo, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ruth, Remmie, Webster, Julia, Madison, Nora, Robert, Missy, Tom, Lynne, Arianna, Amy, Jackie, Ann, Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Amelia, Kassadi, Kyle, Samantha, Dawn, Rudy, Kay, Clarissa, Huxsten, Dottie, Jonathan, Ageanna, Becky, RL, Darla, Gerry, Paul, Jenny, Reena, Sarah, Brandi, Barbara, Michael, Peggy, Emmett, Cathleen, Ray, BMR, Asley, Robyn, Emma, Frances, Christy, Nick, Gus, Jim, Bill, Aldana, Clint, Chealsie, Edgar, Rusty, Anne, Shelby, Kiera, Marty, Verdun, Candace, Kevin, John, Ome, Renee, Grace, Kristina, Fire Victims, Freya, Ava, Steve, Natalie, Kristen, Sophia, Sadie, Shaundra, Larry, Don, and Fabiano.

If you or someone you care about are in need of Pastoral Care, please call 703-430-2121.

# 8 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Opening Prayer	
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Collect of the Day (contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13	
Psalm • 20	
Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17	
Gospel • Mark 4:26-34	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
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## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*(An offertory plate is not passed at this service. If you wish to make a donation, the collection plate can be found at the back of the church, or donations are accepted online at [www.stmmts.org/give](http://www.stmmts.org/give))*

*All things come of thee, O Lord,  
**And of thine own have we given thee.***

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## **The Word of God**

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Magnolia

Song • Walking on Water

Gospel • Mark 4:26-34

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory

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Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus • Wholly Yours

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Springtime

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • River of Life

Dismissal

# 11 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #398 • I Sing the Almighty Power of God  
(all verses)

Acclamation and Collect for Purity 355

Gloria • S280

Collect of the Day (Contemporary) Insert

Lessons

First Reading • 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

Psalm • 20

Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Gospel • Mark 4:26-34

Sermon The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Nicene Creed 358

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution 359-360

Peace 360

Announcements & Welcome

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • Come, Everyone, and Clap for Joy

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology •

Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer C 369

Sanctus • Hymnal S114

The Lord's Prayer 364

Breaking of the Bread 364

Invitation to Communion

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn • #482 • Lord of All Hopefulness (all verses)

Post-Communion Prayer 366

Blessing

Procession into the World • #473 • Lift High the Cross (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

Dismissal 366

## YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

### YOUTH GROUP ON SUNDAYS

**Donuts and Discovery:** Middle and high school students are invited to meet on Sundays at 9:30 AM in classroom four.

Stay updated with all the youth happenings by using Band App! Scan the QR code to join for group updates, chats, & event reminders.



### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

#### HAMILTON IN NYC! Cost: \$125

Youth and chaperones are invited to a day trip to NYC to step into the world of history and hip hop as we experience Hamilton—live on Broadway. Bus fare, show tickets, and lunch are included. Additional details on this trip and more can be found on the website. RSVP is required and space is limited!  
**STMTTS.ORG/YOUTH-EVENTS**

### More summer fun and opportunities for service hours:

- July 4—Fireworks!
- July 7—Bowling
- July 10—Hamilton in NYC
- July 15—Volcano Island
- July 22-26—VBS
- July 29—Aug. 3—Serve & Fun Camp

Find all upcoming events on the Band App and/or website:

**STMTTS.ORG/YOUTH-EVENTS**

## LUNCH & LEARN

FREE CLASSES FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS & YOUNG ADULTS

### LUNCH & LEARN SUMMER SERIES TUESDAYS AT 12PM

#### STMTTS.ORG/LUNCH-AND-LEARN

Are you a high school graduate or college aged young adult eager to gain valuable skills? This series of free classes is designed to equip you with essential tools for personal and professional growth. Visit the link above for the details on the weekly topic. This week, June 18 is How to have difficult conversations.

Bring along a bag lunch, something for taking notes, and be prepared to engage and learn! Friends are welcome to join us!



### EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GRADUATION—JUNE 23, 11AM

Join us on Sunday, June 23 at 11 am as we celebrate our EfM graduates: Gerry Wardell and Dick Almarode.



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## MESSAGE ON THE GO

### CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY PODCAST

Listen at [stmtts.org/podcast](https://stmtts.org/podcast)

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## **CELEBRATION GARDEN STMTTS.ORG/GARDEN**

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to help supply fresh produce to those in need in our community! Join us on Tuesdays at 8:30AM. Questions? Contact Heidi at [garden@stmtts.org](mailto:garden@stmtts.org).



## **JUNE BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM AND THURSDAYS AT 12PM**

For the month of June, we'll take a closer look at what it really means to put love into practice using various passages from the Bible.



## **MEN'S GROUP SATURDAYS AT 8AM**

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for fellowship, Bible study, and encouragement. Contact [mensgroup@stmtts.org](mailto:mensgroup@stmtts.org).



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY STMTTS.ORG/WOMENSGROUPS**

Sunday Women's Small Group is back for the summer. Please join us from 2PM–3:30PM in classrooms 1 & 2 on June 23, July 7, July 21, Aug 4, Aug 18, and Sept 1. For more information, or to be added to the What's App group, please contact Sara at [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org).



## **ROB RECOMMENDS STMTTS.ORG/ROBREADS**

Rev. Rob often recommends books in Sunday messages. If you're looking to add to your summer reading list, check out some of his latest suggestions at the link above.

Registration for our **2024 Women's Retreat**, September 20-22, is open. Visit the link above for details and registration. Space is limited.



## CHURCH TO GO VACATION KITS

HEADING ON VACATION?  
GRAB A CHURCH-TO-GO KIT



### VACATION KIT

Stay connected to Saint Matt's this summer with a church vacation kit available starting Sunday, June 16.

SEND US A POSTCARD  
OR TAG US IN A PHOTO OF  
YOUR SUMMER VACATION

#StMattsSummer



### SEND ST. MATT'S A POSTCARD

We'd love to hear about your travels this summer. Send a postcard to: 201 E. Frederick Dr, Sterling, VA 20164

## WHAT'S YOUR SUMMER WISH?

### SUMMER WISH STMTTS.ORG/WISH

Wishing for a cup of your favorite Starbucks coffee, a new pair of sunglasses, tickets to a show or is there someone you'd like to surprise with a wish? Submit a wish at the link above.

Join us on Sundays for The Great Summer Lovefest at St. Matthew's, and see if your wish was granted!

## SUMMER Kids Events

### SUNDAY SUMMER FUN

Join us for worship each Sunday and also enjoy fun and games with our summer interns in between the 9:30 and 11:00 AM services!

Sunday, June 16—Father's Day Kids vs. Adults Kickball Game (Adults wear red, Kids wear blue)  
Sunday, June 23—Bubbles & Chalk  
Sunday, June 30—Red, white, and blue popsicles and Capture the Flag



### GAME NIGHT FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 6-9PM

Do you love tabletop games? Parks, Forbidden Desert, Sushi Go, Wing Span, Who Killed Dr. Lucky? There are so many great games! Which is your favorite? Bring your favorite game and a snack to share, as we hang out and try new games. We meet the last Friday of each month, in classrooms 1 & 2. (No meeting in July due to VBS.)

\*\*Childcare now available upon request. Email Miriam at [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org).



Satan? If a kingdom is divided  
not stand. And if a house is  
will not be able to stand. And  
self and is divided, he cannot  
o one can enter a strong man's  
without first tying up the strong  
be plundered. "Truly I tell you,  
ins and whatever blasphemies  
es against the Holy Spirit can  
ty of an eternal sin"— for they  
rit." Then his mother and his  
de, they sent to him and called  
d him; and they said to him,  
and sisters are outside, asking  
e my mother and my brothers?"  
und him, he said, "Here are my  
ver does the will of God is my



## 3 PENTECOST

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary  
TRACK ONE

COLLECT

O GOD, from whom all good things  
thy inspiration we may think those things  
merciful guiding may perform them;  
Lord, who liveth and reigneth with  
God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O GOD, from whom all good things  
inspiration we may think those things  
merciful guiding may do them;  
who lives and reigns with you a  
ever and ever. *Amen.*

### FIRST READING

1 Samuel 8:4-11, [12-15]

ALL THE ELDERS of Israel gathered  
at Ramah, and said to him, "You are  
in your ways; appoint for us, the  
nations." But the thing displeased  
a king to govern us." Samuel prayed  
to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of  
you; for they have not rejected you  
being king over them. Just as the  
brought them up out of Egypt to  
other gods, so also they are doing  
voice; only—you shall solemnly  
ways of the king who shall reign  
all the words of the LORD to the  
a king. He said, "These will be the  
over you: he will take your sons

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and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” [Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

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### Refrain

O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

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### Psalm 138 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 I will give thanks to you,<br>O LORD, with my whole<br>heart; * before the gods I<br>will sing your praise.        | 3 For you have glorified<br>your Name * and your<br>word above all things.        |
| 2 I will bow down toward<br>your holy temple and<br>praise your Name, *<br>because of your love and<br>faithfulness; | 4 When I called, you<br>answered me; * you<br>increased my strength<br>within me. |

- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \* when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \* that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \* he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \* you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \* O LORD, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

### **SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

JUST AS WE have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### **GOSPEL:** Mark 3:20-35

THE CROWD came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in

parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, June 16th

- 8:00 am - Rite II Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Faith Factory
- 9:30 am - Middle & High School Student Groups
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service

### Monday, June 17th

- 10:00 am - St. Gabriel's STEAM Camp
- 12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
- 7:00 pm - Bread of Life
- 7:30 pm - Free to Live
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Tuesday, June 18th

- 8:00 am - Celebration Garden Harvest
- 10:00 am - St. Gabriel's STEAM Camp
- 12:00 pm - Lunch & Learn
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Wednesday, June 19th

- 10:00 am - St. Gabriel's STEAM Camp
- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Thursday, June 20th

- 9:30 am - Tree of Life Harvest
- 10:00 am - St. Gabriel's STEAM Camp
- 11:00 am - Anam Cara (closed group)
- 12:00 pm - Bible Study
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Friday, June 21st

- 8:00 am - Flower Harvest & Bouquet Creation
- 10:00 am - St. Gabriel's STEAM Camp
- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Saturday, June 22nd

- 4:00pm - Pohl Wedding
- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- June 16th: Alexis Sather, Max Bellamy
- June 17th: Tim Reed, Mary Merola
- June 18th: Sarah Sta. Ana, Lauren McCall
- June 19th: Jenny Greenlund
- June 20th: William Parham
- June 21st: Aaron Metcalfe, Debbie Majewski

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 17th: Chris & Dave Hallett
- June 19th: Regina & Neil McPhie
- June 21st: Corrine & James Boddy
- June 22nd: Hillary & Sean Colins

## ATTENDANCE

June 9, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	12	29
9:30 AM	24	135
11:00 AM	8	43
Baccalaureate		55
Faith Factory		15
Youth Group		11

## HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



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information on automatic giving:

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## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In-Person & Online

**8:00AM** | This is a traditional communion service using Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

**9:30AM** | This is a vibrant communion service with our very own live band. If you are looking for a joyous family service with some of the best music around, this is the service for you.

**11:00AM** | A classic communion service with our fabulous choir. We use Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

**Compline (evening prayer)** Mon.–Fri. at 8pm on Facebook

**Online Worship**  
[stmmts.org/live](https://stmmts.org/live)

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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