



CELEBRATE
EASTER
HE IS RISEN



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Sunday, April 20, 2025

9:30 AM Service

stmtts.org

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. For more information about our community, visit our website www.stmmts.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, please follow the directions from the ushers and on the slides. 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 contact our office via email at Office@stmmts.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:

Sean, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Glo, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ruth, Rennie, Arianna, Jeanine, Hunter, Robyn, Emma, Frances, Christy, Nick, Gus, Aldana, Clint, Chelsea, Edgar, Rusty, Anne, Shelby, Kiera, Marty, Candace, Gerry, Becky, RL, Panita, Jane, Kevin, John, Ome, Renee, Grace, Kristina, Freya, Ava, Steve, Natalie, Kristen, Sophia, Sadie, Shaundra, Larry, Don, Fabiano, Luke, John, Brenda, Pete, Valorie, Cathy, Naomi, Dan, Christy, Dennis, Diane, Brent, Mary, Sybil, Judy, James, Rick, Avery, Emory, Mario, Molly, Cooper, Rose, Sarah, Jessica, Jay, Amanda, Venessa, Desira, Rose, Sarah, Natalie D, Natalie S, Paul, Katy, Randy, Maura, Kaufman Family, Rinker Family, Blair Family, Colon Family, Suaib Family, Gonzalez Family, Omar, Mona, Tala, Dima, Carter, Jean, Martha, Tony, Nancy, Clara, Elijah, Maria, Bob, Cindy, Don, Megan, Ian, Marielle, Sharp Family, Mila, Moreau Family, Pat, Heather, Marilyn, Katie, Madison, Karen, Marcy, Barbara, Katt, Jenn, Charles, John, Arlene, and Darla.

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

Dedications for Easter Flowers

Webster Anderson	In celebration of Marilyn's birthday.
Webster & Marilyn Anderson	In celebration of our marriage and our children.
Darrell Breed	In memory of Merry Breed.
George & Penny DeFilippi	In remembrance of Connie McAdam.
Sandra Gentry	In thanksgiving for family and friends.
Cheryl Gilligan	In loving memory of Francis A. Gilligan.
Elly Hilz	To the glory of God in thanksgiving for many blessings received.
Suzanne Lawrence	In remembrance of my husband, Jack and children, Kathy and Scott.
Vicki Nelson	In love and celebration of my husband, sons and their families.
Martha Olson and Family	In loving memory of Jose & Victoria Campos, Arthur & Jane Olson, Rosie Garcia, and my good friends, Dessie, Ben and Carey. In thanksgiving for the many blessings of family and friends.
Rick & Alexis Sather	In memory of our earthly fathers: Mark A. Roberts and Richard E. Sather.
Andy & Mary Scherer	In thanksgiving for our mothers, Ann and Barbara.
Priscilla Shingleton	Remembering Dick and 60 years of marriage, and our parents and siblings, especially my sister, Kathy.
David Stoneburner	In loving memory of Carolyne and Jeffery.
Tom & Mary Ann Smith	In memory of our loved ones.
John Thomas, Carolyn Keeton, and Janet Hart	In loving memory of Verdun.
Lowell & Barbara Thomas	In loving memory of our son, Timothy.
Candace Timmons	In loving memory of my parents, Howard & Miriam, and my brother, Howard II.
Zebrowski Family	In celebration of all the Joy in life, including our St. Matthew's family.



EASTER DAY



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, April 20, 2025

COLLECT

Traditional

O GOD, who for our redemption didst give thine only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection hast delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through the same thy Son Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

PETER BEGAN TO SPEAK to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee

after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

or

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

I AM ABOUT to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy

the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Refrain

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 | Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; * his mercy endures for ever. | 15 | There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous: |
| 2 | Let Israel now proclaim, * “His mercy endures for ever.” | 16 | “The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!” |
| 14 | The LORD is my strength and my song, * and he has become my salvation. | | |

- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of
the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished
me sorely, * but he did
not hand me over to
death.
- 19 Open for me the gates
of righteousness; * I will
enter them; I will offer
thanks to the LORD.
- 20 “This is the gate of the
LORD; * he who is righ-
teous may enter.”
- 21 I will give thanks to
you, for you answered
me * and have become
my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which
the builders rejected *
has become the chief
cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD’s do-
ing, * and it is marvelous
in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD
has acted; * we will re-
joice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

IF FOR THIS LIFE ONLY we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

or

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GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

EARLY ON THE FIRST DAY of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did

not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

or

GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

ON THE FIRST DAY of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



YOUTH GROUP

Activities, connection, and conversation designed specifically for middle & high school students.

Scan the QR Code to stay up to date with all the youth happenings, or contact our Youth Minister at Ben.Merola@stmtts.org



DONUTS & DISCOVERY Sundays at 9:30AM

Students are invited to join us for donuts and engaging faith discussions tailored just for them.

TREE OF LIFE MEAL PREP SUNDAY, MAY 18, 4:30-7:30PM

Meet at church to prepare dinner for 70 people at the weekly Tree of Life dinner. Help our local neighbors by providing a warm, delicious meal. Dinner will be provided.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP AUGUST 2-8 TO FLORIDA!

Join us as we serve communities, grow in faith, and make lasting memories. Before we head home, we'll take our minions on a detour to Universal Studios and spend our last day making magical memories and having big fun!

Register using the link below. Payment plans and scholarships are available.

STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHMISSION



SUPER MARIO SUNDAY, APRIL 27

LEVEL UP your Sunday fun on April 27th at 10:30 AM. Join us for worship and then at 10:30 AM coffee hour - Meet **MARIO & PRINCESS PEACH, POWER UP** with some **SUPER SNACKS**, and bring the whole family for a morning of fun! We can't wait to see you there.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 21-25, 2025

VBS 2025 will guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust—our True North.

Register today or share with a friend at stmtts.org/VBS.

Make a difference in the life of a child this summer. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to make VBS the best week of summer. Sign up today using the link above. Documentation of service hours will be provided.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

WOMEN'S MINISTRY STMTTS.ORG/WOMENSGROUPS

Join us for a delightful morning of coffee and fellowship. All women are invited to meet on Saturday, May 10 at 9AM at Ridgetop Coffee and Tea in Sterling for a casual morning of conversation, and connection. Kids are welcome.

The women of St. Matthew's invite you to a volunteer event at Women Giving Back on Sun., May 18, 1 - 3:30PM. RSVP required using the link above.



BACKPACK BUDDIES STERLINGHELP.ORG

Backpack Buddies provides weekend meals for 309 local school children each week. Pack with us on Tuesdays at 12PM, and the first Sunday of each month at 10:30AM.

WEDNESDAYS THIS SPRING



Discussion Series:
The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times

WEDNESDAYS AT CHURCH, STARTING APRIL 30, 7PM-8PM

Join Fr. Rob and friends this spring to continue discussing Gregory Boyle's book, *Cherished Belonging* - exploring the powerful themes of love, healing, and connection.

MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAYS AT 8 AM
IN THE TRAILER & ON ZOOM.
mensgroup@stmtts.org

MEN'S GROUP SATURDAYS AT 8AM

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for fellowship, Bible study, and encouragement. For more information, contact mensgroup@stmtts.org.

Celebrate
Mother's Day
at St. Matt's



MOTHER'S DAY, SUN., MAY 11

Stop by the parish hall at 10:30AM for pics and Create Your Own Mom-Osa Bar—a fizzy, fun toast to the incredible people who lift us up.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

FRIDAY FLASH

Weekly Newsletter

Email office@stmtts.org to be added to the distribution list!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, April 20th

- 6:00 am - Easter Vigil & Brunch
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Faith Factory for Children
- 9:30 am - Middle & High School Student Groups
- 11:15 am - Classic Worship Service
- 2:00 pm - On That Note Rehearsal

Monday, April 21st

- 12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
- 5:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2157
- 7:00 pm - Bread of Life
- 7:30 pm - Free to Live

Tuesday, April 22nd

- 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm - HRTS/Backpack Buddies Packing
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Naturalization Class
- 7:00 pm - Vestry
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, April 23rd

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Cherished Belonging Book Discussion
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group

Thursday, April 24th

- 12:00 pm - Bible Study with Fr. Rob
- 6:15 pm - Girl Scouts
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 25th

- 6:00 pm - Game Night
- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers

Saturday, April 26th

- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 9:00 am - Reverence Committee
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 20th: Allison Dodd, Janet Hart, Finn Dolan
- April 21st: Dave Hallett, Randall Schrock
- April 23rd: Huyen Dang, Marcy Sternitzke
- April 24th: Bekah Harding, Jack Hester
- April 25th: Tracy Hartsel, Elise Merola

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- April 20th: Erin & Tom Leary

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	17	33
9:30 AM	29	165
11:00 AM	17	57
Faith Factory		21
Youth Group		

HELP SUPPORT
ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

WEBSITE

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CASH/
CHECK Checks can be made payable to "St. Matthew's Church"

For more ways to give and information on automatic giving:
stmmts.org/give