

## To Know and Share God's Love

*St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, October 20, 2024**



**TRUNK OR TREAT—TODAY!**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2PM-4PM**  
**STMTTS.ORG/TRUNKORTREAT**

St. Matthew's Trunk or Treat is a gift to our Sterling neighbors and their children who are looking for a safe place to enjoy this fun holiday.

Register today (using the link above) to host a trunk or volunteer to help share joy with the children and families in our neighborhood. We are excited to welcome back Woofie's with free dog nail trims, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the Sterling Library.

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

**THANKSGIVING FOOD BAGS**  
**GOAL 250 BAGS! DUE NOV. 11**  
**STMTTS.ORG/THANKSGIVINGBAGS**

Fill a reusable grocery bag (or two) for a family in need this holiday season. Bags and suggested shopping items are available at the front of the church or online.

Use the link above to share the shopping list with a friend. Volunteers are needed November 14, 15, and 16 to sort, shop, and pack. Contact Anna for more info at [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@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. Please join us between services for coffee, tea and refreshments in the Parish Hall. For more information about our community, visit our website [www.stmmts.org](http://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, 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: [stmmts.org/baptism](http://stmmts.org/baptism) or contact our office via email at [Office@stmmts.org](mailto: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, Webster, Julia, Madison, Nora, Robert, Missy, Tom, Lynne, Arianna, Amy, Jackie, Ann, Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Amelia, Kassadi, 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, Aldana, Clint, Chelsea, Edgar, Rusty, Anne, Shelby, Kiera, Marty, Verdun, Candace, Kevin, John, Ome, Renee, Grace, Kristina, Hurricane Victims, Freya, Ava, Steve, Natalie, Kristen, Sophia, Sadie, Shaundra, Larry, Don, Fabiano, Diana, Phil, Luke, John, Brenda, Pete, Valorie, Cathy, Naomi, Dan, Christy, Dennis, Diane, Brent, Mary, Sybil, Judy, James, Rick, Avery, Emory, Mario, Molly, Rose, Sarah, and Jessica.

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	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Gloria	356
Collect of the Day (contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Job 38:1-7	
Psalm • 104:1-9, 25, 37b	
Second Reading • Hebrews 5:1-10	
Gospel • Mark 10:35-45	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People, Form III	387
Confession of Sin and Absolution	359-360
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	

## 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.stmtts.org/give](http://www.stmtts.org/give))*

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

Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	364
Communion of the People	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World	366

# 9:30 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Running Home

Song • Magnolia

Gospel • Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

## The Holy Communion

Offertory

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Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus • Bring the Rain

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Friend in High Places

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Your Love Never Fails

Dismissal

# 11 AM SERVICE

## The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #561 vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Gloria • S280	
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Job 38:1-7	
Psalm • 104:1-9, 25, 37b	
Second Reading • Hebrews 5:1-10	
Gospel • Mark 10:35-45	
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 • Here I am, Lord	Fedak
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Doxology • Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
Sanctus • S130	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Hymn • #693 vs. 1, 2, 3, & 5 Just as I am	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World • #657 vs. 1, 2, 3 Love's Divine	
Dismissal	366



## **DONUTS&DISCOVERY**

Bite Into Faith, One Donut at a Time

### **DONUTS & DISCOVERY SUNDAYS AT 9:30AM**

Middle and high school students are invited to start Sunday mornings with a treat and some thought-provoking conversations at Donuts and Discovery. Join us for donuts and engaging faith discussions tailored just for you. It's the perfect way to connect with friends, explore big questions, and deepen your understanding of faith.



### **FALL YOUTH FUN & SERVICE Sunday, October 20, 1PM-4PM Trunk or Treat**

Cost: Free! Wear your favorite costume and join Ben to decorate his trunk and hand out candy to neighborhood kids at this year's Trunk or Treat! Set-up starts at 1PM

October 20–Trunk or Treat  
October 27–Anna Sudha Kitchen

Stay updated with all the youth happenings by using Band App! Scan the QR code, or visit the website:



**STMTS.ORG/YOUTHEVENTS**



### **YOUTH ALPHA, SUNDAYS 5-7 PM**

Each session includes dinner, fun games, and meaningful conversations aimed at helping teens grow in faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus.

Alpha Youth exists to **EQUIP THE CHURCH** to help **RIISING GENERATIONS** discover and develop a **RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS**. We do this by providing transformative **EXPERIENCES AND CURIOUS CONVERSATIONS**.



### **COMMUNITY KITCHEN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1-3PM**

All middle and high school students are invited to earn service hours by volunteering at the Community Kitchen. RSVP on Band App.

The Anna Sudha Community Kitchen is located in the Dulles Mall. It is a licensed kitchen which sells Indian cuisine to help fund their community effort to prepare and donate over 6,000 meals per month, plus they maintain a food pantry.



## **BACKPACK BUDDIES STERLINGHELP.ORG**

Backpack Buddies has returned for the 2024-2025 school year, and we are already packing 258 bags per week! Join us for packing on Tuesdays at noon and Sunday, November 3 at 10:30AM.

Do you know a teen looking for service hours? We are actively seeking people or companies interested in hosting neighborhood or company food drives.

Learn more about feeding children in our community by visiting the link above or contact Hilary at Hilary.Hultman-Lee@hrtsterling.org.



## **HELPING HANDS**

One of the ways we support St. Matt's members is by sharing meals after a baby is born, illness, or surgery. Please email Miriam at Office@stmtts.org to be added to the email distribution list, then you choose how often you'd like to participate. It's a very flexible way to serve and share love.



## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES STMTTS.ORG/OUTREACH**

Outreach is one of the hallmarks of our shared life together at St. Matt's, and one of the many ways we share God's love. We have lots of ways to participate and lead. Will you prayerfully consider how you might be called to serve?

Among the many opportunities, we are seeking a LINK Food Pantry Liaison (mostly virtual) and Vegetable Garden Lead. Training is provided, and positions can be shared with a friend. To learn more, please visit contact Kristin at office@stmtts.org.



## **WOMEN' RETREAT 2025 STMTTS.ORG/WOMENSGROUPS**

Save the date: Women's Retreat Sept. 19-21, 2025 at Shrine Mont.





### **BREAD OF LIFE BOOK GROUP MONDAYS AT 7PM**

This is a co-ed book group and you may join at anytime. Our next book will be AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD, by Barbara Brown Taylor. We expect to begin that book on October 28.

Please contact Darrell if you'd like to learn more. [Office@stmtts.org](mailto:Office@stmtts.org)

### **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY**

Join Fr. Rob every Wednesday in October at 7 PM or Thursdays at 12 PM for an engaging Bible study.

Whether you're new to studying the Bible or a seasoned reader, this group offers a welcoming space to explore scripture, share insights, and grow in faith together. All are welcome—bring your questions.



### **KIDS SUNDAY FUN**

Sunday morning is an important faith building time for the entire family. We invite your preschool–fifth grade children to join us at 9:30AM for Faith Factory - St. Matt's Sunday morning faith formation. It's a chance for kids to learn about God's love for them through Bible stories, relationship building, singing songs, art projects, & more! After worship stay for fun and games or a special treat each Sunday at 10:30AM!

October 20–Pumpkin Art  
**October 27–Character Dress Up**  
November 3–HRTS/Backpack Buddies Packing for all

### **GAME NIGHT**

#### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 6-9PM**

Do you love tabletop games? Uno, Machi Koro, Star Wars Deck Building, King of Tokyo, Tether, Forbidden Desert, 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. curiosity!







# 22 PENTECOST



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24

Revised Common Lectionary  
TRACK ONE

## COLLECT

October 20, 2024

### *Traditional*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *Contemporary*

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **FIRST READING:** Job 38:1-7, [34-41]

THE LORD ANSWERED JOB out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?” [Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to

you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?]

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## Refrain

How excellent is your greatness, O God.

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### **Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b** *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; * O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.        | 4 You make the winds your messengers * and flames of fire your servants.                       |
| 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak * and spread out the heavens like a curtain.                                      | 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, * so that it never shall move at any time.      |
| 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; * you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. | 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; * the waters stood higher than the mountains. |
|  | 7 At your rebuke they fled; * at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.                 |

- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \* to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; \* they shall not again cover the earth.
- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \* in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 37b Hallelujah!

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

EVERY HIGH PRIEST chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

JAMES AND JOHN, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

### Sunday, October 20th

- 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
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 1:00 pm - Trunk or Treat Set-up
- 2:00 pm - Trunk or Treat
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group

### Monday, October 21st

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

### Tuesday, October 22nd

- 8:00 am - Celebration Garden Harvest
- 9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
- 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 - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Wednesday, October 23rd

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group

### Thursday, October 24th

- 9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
- 12:00 pm - Bible Study
- 6:15 pm - Girl Scouts
- 6:30 pm - Doors Open
- 7:00 pm - Anthem String Quartet Spooky Strings Concert
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, October 25th

- 8:00 am - Flower Harvest & Bouquet Creation
- 9:30 am - Tree of Life Harvest
- 6:00 pm - Game Night
- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

### Saturday, October 26th

- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 8:30 am - Girl Scout Service Unit 70-4 Encampment (rain location)
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- October 20th: Webster Anderson
- October 21st: Patricia Wagner
- October 22nd: Johanna Smith
- October 23rd: Jessica Pyhtila, Cammie Ecker
- October 24th: Kevin Fletcher
- October 26th: Brenda Jacoby

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- October 20th: Natascha & Nick Hunter
- October 24th: Susy & John Nixon

## ATTENDANCE October 13, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	14	29
9:30 AM	22	153
11:00 AM	16	44
Faith Factory		10
Youth Group		19

## HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



GIVE ONLINE



[stmmts.org/give](https://stmmts.org/give)



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CASH OR  
CHECK

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

For more ways to give and  
information on automatic giving:

[stmmts.org/give](https://stmmts.org/give)

## 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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