

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 9, 2024 · 11:00am



OUTREACH VOLUNTEER EVENT **SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 11AM-1PM!**

What better way to celebrate the end of the school year than to host a group of Rolling Ridge Elementary students and their families for a day of fun! (rain or shine) The day of fun will include burgers and hot dogs, games, bouncy house, petting zoo, face painting, and more!

This event will take a village and we hope you will be part of it - sign up to help and celebrate summer!

Register today at:

stmmts.org/SummerOutreach



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. 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 or contact our office via email at 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, Gina, 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, Kyle, Samantha, Dawn, Rudy, Kay, Clarissa, Huxsten, Dottie, Jonathan, Ageanna, Becky, RL, Priscilla, 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, Wesley, Fire Victims, Freya, Ava, Steve, Natalie, Kristen, Sophia, Sadie, Shaundra, Larry, and Don.

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
Holy God	356
Collect of the Day (contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20	
Psalm • 138	
Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1	
Gospel • Mark 3:20-35	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People, Form VI	392
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.stmmts.org/give)

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

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The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	364
Communion of the People	
Post-Communion Prayer	366
Blessing	
Procession into the World	366

9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Cornerstone

Song • Chainbreaker

Gospel • Mark 3:20-35

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

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Wholly Yours

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Trust In You

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #427 • When Morning Gilds the Skies (vs. 1, 2, 3)	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Gloria • S280	
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20	
Psalm • 138	
Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1	
Gospel • Mark 3:20-35	
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 • Because He Lives	
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 • #304 • I Come with Joy (all verses)	
Post-Communion Prayer	366
Blessing	
Procession into the World • #569 • God the Omnipotent! (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:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 22-26

STMTTS.ORG/VBS

ST. MATT'S SERVE & FUN CAMP

JULY 29–AUGUST 3

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 11 is Developing Soft Skills.

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



BACCALAUREATE SERVICE & DINNER

CELEBRATING

The Class of 2024



CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 5:00 PM

Everyone is invited to join us for a special worship service as we celebrate our 2024 high school, college, and trade graduates.

Graduates and their families are invited to stay for dinner immediately following. Graduates must RSVP if you plan to attend: Office@stmtts.org. Contact the office if you are available to assist.



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 every Tuesday at 8:30AM. Questions? Contact Heidi at garden@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. Contact mensgroup@stmtts.org.



BACKPACK BUDDIES/HRTS STERLINGHELP.ORG

Backpack Buddies will meet for our LAST pack of the school year on Tuesday, June 11 at noon. We will resume packing in September.



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.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY STMTTS.ORG/WOMENSGROUPS

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



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.

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 9.

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 9—Water Games
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

FATHER'S DAY SERVICES

CELEBRATE FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 16

This Father's Day, we invite you to create lasting memories with us! Join us for heartwarming worship with a special message from Fr. Rob.

Then between our 9:30 and 11 AM services, enjoy meatball sliders and an exciting Adults vs. Kids kickball showdown for the coveted Golden Meatball. Led by esteemed captains Tom Leary (Adults) and summer intern Rachel Leary (Kids), it's a friendly competition you won't want to miss!

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.*

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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.]

Refrain

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

Psalm 138 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 I will give thanks to you,
O LORD, with my whole
heart; * before the gods I
will sing your praise. | 3 For you have glorified
your Name * and your
word above all things. |
| 2 I will bow down toward
your holy temple and
praise your Name, *
because of your love and
faithfulness; | 4 When I called, you
answered me; * you
increased my strength
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 9th

- 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
- 12:30 pm - Young Professionals Small Group
- 5:00 pm - Baccalaureate Worship & Dinner

Monday, June 10th

- 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 11th

- 8:00 am - Celebration Garden Harvest
- 10:00 am - Outside Book Group
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing
- 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 12th

- 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 13th

- 9:30 am - Tree of Life Harvest
- 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 14th

- 8:00 am - Flower Harvest & Bouquet Creation
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Saturday, June 15th

- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 11:00 am - Outreach Summer Fun Event
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- June 9th: Bob Henry, Jinbo Sun
- June 10th: John Beltrane, Elijah Johnson
- June 12th: Katie Fair
- June 13th: Ann Lowden, Neil McPhie, Ted Elliott, Haley Elliott, Izzie Buitrago
- June 14th: Michael Porter, Savannah Lamb

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 9th: Jen Lofquist & Andrew Lee
- June 10th: Johanna & Ian Smith
- June 12th: Lauren & Alexander McCall
- June 13th: Karen & Wes Clark
- June 14th: Linda & Rob Merola
- June 15th: Judy & Paul Schmid

ATTENDANCE

June 2nd, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	12	29
9:30 AM	26	158
11:00 AM	13	44
Faith Factory		17
Youth Group		11

HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



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CHECK

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

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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

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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