

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, June 30, 2024

SUMMER CAMP VBS AT ST. MATT'S



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

REGISTER :[STMTTS.ORG/VBS](https://www.stmtts.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.

FLOWER MINISTRY



FLOWER BOUQUETS

The Celebration Garden is proud to share the second season of our cut flower ministry. Look for beautiful hand tied floral bouquets just inside the front doors on Sunday morning! Pick up a bouquet and a handmade card so you can share a bouquet blessing with a friend, neighbor, or stranger. If you need inspiration, Miriam has a list of St. Matthew's friends that would love to be surprised with a bouquet! Contact Heidi at Garden@stmtts.org to learn more.

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, 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, Fabiano, Diana, Phil, Luke, and Brenda.

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 • 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	
Psalm • 130	
Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 8:7-15	
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Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
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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)

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

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Communion of the People	
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Blessing	
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9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Opening Song

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Grace Like Rain

Song • Less Like Me

Gospel • Mark 5:21-43

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Presentation of Candidate for Baptism

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Wesley Acierto

Baptismal Covenant

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Baptism

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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 • If I Stand

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Running Home

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #517 • How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place (all verses)

Acclamation and Collect for Purity 355

Gloria • S280

Collect of the Day (Contemporary) Insert

Lessons

First Reading • 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm • 130

Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel • Mark 5:21-43

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 • Kum Ba Yah arr. Douglas Wagner

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 • #325 • Let Us Break Bread Together (all verses)

Post-Communion Prayer 366

Blessing

Procession into the World • #657 • Lord Divine, All Loves Excelling
(all verses)

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. This week, July 2 is Good Financial Habits 101. Register at the link above.

Bring along a bag lunch, something for taking notes, and be prepared to engage and learn!



SPECIAL EVENT

OPIOID OVERDOSE TRAINING TUESDAY, JULY 16, 12PM

You've likely heard about the opioid overdoses which are ravaging our schools and communities. St. Matt's is proud to offer training on how and when to administer Naloxone - a simple way to reverse an opioid overdose. Those who register for this free training by July 9 will receive a dose of Naloxone. This training is open to all! Register by emailing Office@stmmts.org

National Mac & Cheese Day



SUNDAY, JULY 14, 10:30AM

Celebrate National Mac & Cheese day by bringing a dish or crock pot of your favorite mac and cheese to share during coffee hour. Then join us in between the 9:30AM and 11AM services to feast, mingle, and enjoy the cheesiest day of the year!

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 30—Red, white, and blue popsicles and Capture the Flag;
Sunday, July 7—VBS Décor Making

VBS DECOR PREP DAYS



VBS DECORATION PREP DAYS

We need YOU to help prepare for the best week of summer! Join us as we create fun art to decorate the walls (and ceiling) of St. Matthew's to share our SCUBA VBS theme. All supplies will be provided. Join us: Sunday, July 7, 10:30AM or Tuesday, July 2, 9, & 16 from 1-3PM



SAMOSAS & MANGO LASSI

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 10:30AM

St. Matt's youth group has enjoyed serving at the Anna Sudha Community Kitchen to help provide meals to those in need. As a thank you to our entire St. Matt's family, Anna Sudha is providing samosas and mango lassis for coffee hour.

CHURCH TO GO VACATION KITS

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

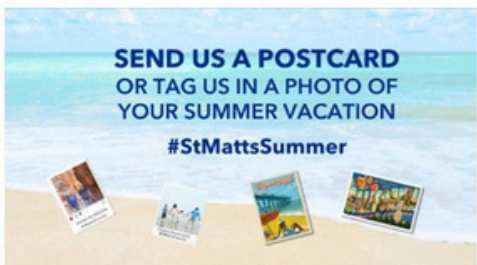


VACATION KIT

Stay connected to Saint Matt's this summer with a church vacation kit.

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



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.



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.



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.



JULY BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM AND THURSDAYS AT 12PM

Join us as we finish watching season four of the Chosen. We will meet on Wednesday, July 3, but not on July 4.



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 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.

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





6 PENTECOST

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 8



Revised Common Lectionary
TRACK ONE

COLLECT

June 30, 2024

Traditional

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; 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 GOD, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

AFTER THE DEATH of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the

bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

Refrain

With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

Psalm 130 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, * O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; * in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD, more than watchmen for the morning, * more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, * for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

NOW AS YOU EXCEL in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

WHEN JESUS had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in

the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, June 30th

- 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
- 2:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, July 1st

- 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, July 2nd

- 8:00 am - Celebration Garden Harvest
- 10:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm - Lunch & Learn
- 1:00 pm - VBS Decorating Prep
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Wednesday, July 3rd

- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Bible Study
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Thursday, July 4th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:30 am - Tree of Life Harvest
- 11:00 am - Anam Cara (closed group)
- 12:00 pm - Bible Study
- 5:15 pm - Youth: DC Fireworks!
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Friday, July 5th

- 8:00 am - Flower Harvest & Bouquet Creation
- 7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Saturday, July 6th

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- June 30th: Tracy Beltrane, Reiff Severino
- July 2nd: Linda Merola, Derek Watson
- July 5th: Panita Greer, Allie Robertson, Evie Robertson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- July 1st: Emilia & Luiz Gazonie
- July 2nd: Genevieve Zetlan & Bob Henry

ATTENDANCE

June 23, 2024

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	10	30
9:30 AM	22	128
11:00 AM	14	47
Faith Factory		10
Youth Group		12

HELP SUPPORT

ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



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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

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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