

**WORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**
In-Person & Online

8:00AM | This is a traditional communion service using Rite I 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.

Noonday Prayer | Mon. – Fri. 12pm on Facebook

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

Online Worship
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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, July 25, 2021

 <p>CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION, & RECEPTION</p> <p>Contact MaryMargaret@stmmts.org for information</p> 	<p>SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE</p> <p>Every student deserves access to supplies! Help us provide for area schools!</p>  <p>SHOP OUR SUPPLY WISHLIST HERE: stmmts.org/BackToSchool</p>
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BISHOP VISIT - SEPTEMBER 26

Adults and youth who are interested in making an adult affirmation of faith, reaffirming their baptismal covenant, or being received into the Episcopal Church are encouraged to attend WatCh on Wednesdays at 7pm during September. We will be exploring what it means to be a person of faith and an Episcopalian. The Bishop's visit is also an excellent opportunity to celebrate baptisms.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

stmmts.org/BacktoSchool

We are collecting specific school supplies to help ensure students at our local schools have ready access to learning necessities. You can help by purchasing items from our Wal Mart registry and either ship them directly to church, or drop off during office hours or at Sunday worship by August 12. Sorting and storage items are also needed. See details at the link above.

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MOBILE HOPE NEEDS YOU! SAT., AUGUST 7, 10AM-12PM

Mobile Hope provides support and emergency shelter to youth up to age 24 who are at-risk, precariously housed or homeless and empowers them to become self-sufficient. Last year alone, they supported 373 youth (169 of which were homeless).

St. Matt's is holding a volunteer event to support Mobile Hope's good work at their one of their Leesburg locations - 40 Catocin Circle SE, Leesburg, VA 20175, directly behind Deli South. We will help sort and organize donations such clothing, household items, food, hygiene and diapers.

Please be a part of our effort to lend a helping hand and see in person the facilities and programs this organization manages - mark your calendars and sign up here: stmtts.org/MobileHope



Help fight food insecurity in Loudoun County

- Toilet Paper
- Paper towels
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Feminine Products
- Misc. non-perishables
- Pasta
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta Sauce
- Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Rice, Beans
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

Donation drop off Tues & Thurs 8 AM - 5 PM

LINK FOOD PANTRY

The last two weeks of July are St. Matt's dedicated weeks to deliver for the pantry. Please help deliver food to those in need! Select a date: stmtts.org/LINK

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S!

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 St. Matthew's, we welcome you. Please join us after the 8am or 9:30am services or before the 11am service for coffee in the Parish Hall. For more information about our community, visit our website www.stmtts.org.

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, Alexis, Abby, McKeown family, Lane, Jones, Bill, Ashley, Frankie, Romaine, Mabel, Gary, Betty, Ray, Liisa, Luke, Ella, Jackie, LK, Madison, Katie, Lorraine, Dan, Don, Kelsey, Dai, Bishop Susan, Debbie, Lynda, Renee, Phil's family, Kathy, Sandra, Kenny, Cheryl, Beckett, Rudy, Nenet, Nehman family, Fowler family, Morgan family, Habab Family, Fiaschetti family, Olivia, Jessica, Terry, Tiana, Herb, Sean, Theresa, Tess, Johnny, Marion, Rob, Lorinne, Terry, Kathy, Denny, Larry, Chris, Anna, Lucas, Joe, Kamala, Lorainne, Boyd, Clara, DeWayne, Leila, Patti, Heidi, Eileen, Leyla, Swann family, Cristal, Elias, Joe, Rebecca, Jack, Guthrie, Bridgette, Witt Family, Josiah, Jason, Lisa, Cammeron, Patrick, Ted, Kassi, Melinde, Daylina, Jessica, Bridgette, Brian, Kumar, Cameron, Lisa, Jeanne, Annette, Allen, Nicholas, Crystal, Paulo, John, Emma, Kristina, Joe, Heather, Frank, & Emilia.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, July 25th

8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
12:30 pm - Young Professionals Small Group
7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, July 26th

12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
7:00 pm - Bread of Life
7:30 pm - Free to Live
8:00 pm - Compline
8:20 pm - Social Time with Kevin

Tuesday, July 27th

12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
5:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00 pm - Girl Scouts 2274
7:00 pm - Vestry
7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, July 28th

12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
5:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
7:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
8:00 pm - Compline

Thursday, July 29th

10:45 am - EfM Anam Cara
12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
7:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
8:00 pm - Compline

Friday, July 30th

12:00 pm - Noonday Prayer
7:00 pm - Dancing
7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
8:00 pm - Compline

Saturday, July 31st

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

View our full events list online
STMTTS.ORG/EVENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 25th: Joseph Greenlund
July 26th: Eliana Fair
July 27th: Brett Golden, Nick D'Ambrosi
July 28th: Debbie Mueller, Leigh Guthrie, Kathy Majewski
July 29th: Marie Thomen
July 30th: Reagan Miskovich
July 31st: Lilah O'Connell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 26th: Stephanie & Robert Burns
July 30th: Rebecca & Matthew Pepper, Erin & Thomas Jackson
July 31st: Patty & Matt Harmon

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	15	19
9:30 AM	25	85
11:00 AM	23	37
Faith Factory		13

HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

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 **OFFERING
PLATE**

the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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9 PENTECOST

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12



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COLLECT

July 25, 2021

Traditional

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 11:1-15

IN THE SPRING of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to

David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Refrain

Those who are wise seek after God.

Psalm 14 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| <p>1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." * All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.</p> | <p>2 The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, * to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.</p> |
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| <p>3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; * there is none who does good; no, not one.</p> <p>4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers * who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?</p> <p>5 See how they tremble with fear, * because God</p> | <p>is in the company of the righteous.</p> <p>6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, * but the LORD is their refuge.</p> <p>7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! * when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.</p> |
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SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

FOR THIS REASON I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

JESUS WENT to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now