



ST. MATTHEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist10a

Twentieth Sunday after PentecostSunday October 26, 2025

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship. Remember to turn off or silence all phones. Thank you.

The Word of God

Prelude: Voluntary in A minorWilliam Boyce

Opening Hymn: Come thou fount of every blessingHymnal 686
Nettleton

People stand as able.

Opening Acclamation

PresiderBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
PeopleAnd blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children in kindergarten through the fifth grade may choose to follow the cross to Godly Play during the Song of Praise.

Song of PraiseS- 278
William Mathias

Collect of the Day

PresiderGod be with you.
PeopleAnd also with you.
PresiderLet us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First ReadingJoel 2:23-32

The People are seated

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.
PeopleThanks be to God.

Psalm65



- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell here; *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Saint Helena Psalter Translation

Second Reading2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.
PeopleThanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: How firm a foundation, ye saints of the LordHymnal 637
Lyons

The People stand as able

Holy GospelLuke 18:9-14

Remain standing

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

PriestThe Gospel of our Savior.
PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

SermonThe Rev. Suzanne Barrow

Nicene Creed

The People stand as able

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

People Thanks be to God.
Postlude: Allegro

John Bennett



October 26, 2025

2025 STEWARDSHIP

The 2025 Stewardship drive has begun, and we invite you to consider contributing to the long-term financial health of St. Matthew's. As a parish that is a caring, inclusive community --with a mission of "reaching out as Christ's hands to the world," St. Matthew's is assuming an increasingly important role in the local community serving those in need through our food pantry and other outreach ministries. The church also is, and will continue to be, an environment where you can come for spiritual and intellectual growth. Please think about making a generous gift during this stewardship drive so that St. Matthew's can continue to be a beacon for all future generations.

2026 Stewardship Update	
Pledged Amount	\$200,080
Households	32
Pledge Goal	\$625,000
Percentage of Goal Met	32.01%

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

Vaccine Clinic, today, October 26, 11a-2p. St. Matthew's will host a vaccine clinic after the 10a Eucharist on Oct. 26th in Saints Hall. Both COVID and flu vaccines will be offered and administered by Walgreens. Vouchers can be offered for the flu vaccine for those without insurance. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Poore at (502) 641-0187 or Bob Clark at (502) 245-5633.

Time capsule encapsulating on Tuesday, October 28 at 10a. The St. Matthew's bell tower, time capsule will be incorporate into the structure on Tuesday. Please consider joining this encapsulating ceremony if you are available.

Newcomers Classes. We are continuing our Newcomers Class today after the 10a service. This series of four classes is for anyone new to the parish or anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal Church and how to get involved in mission and/or ministry here at St. Matthew's. Today, we will discuss St. Matthew's parish ministries. The following class will be devoted to outreach ministries. Each class is completely independent, so you can attend all or only one. We'll meet in Myll Chapel after the 10a service. If you have any questions or are interested in the class, please contact The Rev. Suzanne Barrow sbarrow@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org

Singles dinner, October 28 at 6p at the Corner Café. All singles are welcome, but please RSVP with Jan at jan.scholtz@janscholtz.com.

Next Saturday (Nov. 1) is Groovy Trivia Night! Sign up to play (tables of 6 & 8), volunteer, or donate small items for baskets.

- To sign up to play, email Joanne at jcoleman@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org. Deadline is October 30th. Tables of 6 are \$150; tables of 8 are \$175; individual tickets are \$25. Ask

- some friends! Get a ministry group table together! Prizes for best decorated table/costumes, and there's a contest between ministry groups!
- To volunteer, visit the bulletin board or click here: www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BAFAD2FA1FF2-58041635-trivia#
 - To donate, ideas are on the bulletin board and here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BAFAD2FA1FF2-59340976-trivia>

No matter how you get involved, it's a lot of fun! No need to be super smart-it's just fun to try!

Vestry nominations are due November 1. If you would like to nominate a parishioner to serve on the St. Matthew's Vestry (please gain their "okay" before submitting their name), please contact Rick Lotz. In addition, if you choose, you can self-nominate, also by emailing Rick at: rlotz@yahoo.com.

All Saints Day, Sunday November 1. Next Sunday for All Saints Day, we invite you to bring photographs of those you wish to remember to place around the altar. Outlines of crosses are available for coloring in the narthex, if you would like to commemorate someone special with hand-colored The photographs will be at the altar for all three services. The crosses will be hung on the brick wall in the narthex.

Safe Talk Training -- a Suicide prevention workshop at St. Matthew's on Sunday, November 9, 2-6p. This class if for anyone 15 years of age and older, and is designed to help you recognize suicide ideation and provide practical tools to respond to and assist a neighbor, family member or friend in need. The workshop is taught by Fr. Nate Ferrell, rector and Navy Chaplain. The cost of \$40 covers materials. (Payment assistance is available.) Please pre-register or request assistance here: Nathan.ferrell@stmlky.org. Or contact Nathan Ferrell at (207) 310-0268.

Old Timey Harvest Hymn Sing, Saturday, November 8, 3:30-4:30p. This intergenerational event is part of our outreach ministry to the local community. FREE ADMISSION. Folks from other traditions will love the old songs, our sanctuary, and our welcoming parish families. Lyrics and snacks provided. The Alzheimer's Association will also have an information table.

New Health Ministry Offering. At the end of a medical appointment, you are often given an After Visit Summary, which recaps your visit and outlines next steps for care. As part of our new health ministry, we have 8 licensed medical professionals who will review After Visit Summaries with parishioners. To request this assistance after an appointment, please reach out to Suzanne or Kelly, and we'll match you up!

Tickets to hear Diana Butler Bass are free and are available NOW. Join us for a Dimensions of Faith lecture on November 16 at 6p to hear award-winning author and popular religious commentator Diana Butler Bass. To get FREE tickets, click: <https://subsplash.com/stmatthewsepiscopal/lb/ev/+qmj8fd7>.

GROW

Clingman Forum: Goodness vs doom, with Anne Lamott. When we confront the news of the day, we may find it hard not to feel "filled with doom and confusion, with suppressed rage and the desire for revenge." So does Anne Lamott. But Lamott, the beloved essayist and writer, who describes herself as "author, Mom, Nana, Activist, and Sunday School teacher," has some ideas for us, ranging from love and compassion to

some wise words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Join us this Sunday, October 26, in Clingman Forum for our weekly roundtable conversation following the 10 o'clock Eucharist, as we share our own ideas in the context of Lamott's recent column on last week's No Kings rallies and what they tell us about treating ourselves kindly in the face of worry and fear.

To stay fully informed about all our adult education programming, contact Robin Garr (robingarr@gmail.com) to join our email or text list.

Mark your calendars for Clingman Forum next Sunday, too! We'll welcome a representative from Room In The Inn (RITI), a community ministry that provided overnight shelter for more than 450 women and children nightly last January and February at Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral downtown. This winter RITI will add a second site at Grace Immanuel United Church of Christ in Butchertown. Both locations will be staffed by volunteers. Join our roundtable conversation as we learn about this ministry and the broader issue of houseless women and children in Louisville and across the U.S.

Virtual Adult Education: More Gretta Vosper. This week in Virtual Adult Education, we continue our two-week program getting to know Gretta Vosper, the Church of Canada minister in good standing who calls herself an atheist. Perhaps "non-theist" is a more reassuring term, but Vosper prefers to make no compromise in her rejection of images of God as an angry white-male thunderbolt thrower or the crucifixion as necessary to deter God from damning humankind to eternal fire.

Agree or disagree or wait and see, we hope to enlighten our own spiritual journeys by listening to Gretta Vosper's story. Join us via Zoom in Virtual Adult Education on Monday, October 27, from 6 to 7:15p as we conclude viewing and discussing her video talk, The Promise of Progressive Christianity.

If you participate regularly, you are already registered and will receive an invitation on Monday morning with Zoom login information. If you aren't on the list, please contact Robin Garr (robingarr@gmail.com) to join the email or text list.

Women in Conversation will meet on Tuesday, October 28, from noon-1:30p at the church. We'll discuss Chapter 4 of *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. All women are welcome. For more information, contact judith.fischer@louisville.edu.

Monday Bible Study with the Rector at 10a in the library. We begin with chit-chat and then progress into a discussion of scripture. All are welcome.

WORSHIP

Illuminations. A persistent message of hope is heard throughout Sunday's readings. We hear it in the words of the Prophet Joel, whose short but poetic prophecy offers comfort and hope amid the threat of a locust plague that threatens famine: God is with us. Feast will follow famine. God loves us, and the spirit will pour out on us as rich and bountiful harvests. Even Joel's alarming visions of blood and fire and columns of smoke, darkened sun and bloody moon hold no fear for those who call on the name of the Lord, Joel declares: They will all be saved.

To read this week's Illuminations, visit: <https://www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/sermons-and-illuminations>.

Consecrated Communion is available to be picked up during office hours. Consecrated wafers are in sealed bags in Myll Chapel if you would like to come to pick up a package for yourself and your family. If you are interested in receiving communion, but are unable to drive to the church, contact Kelly at kkirby@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org.

10a Wednesday Healing Eucharist. The service is held in Myll Chapel. The service is also streamed on our Facebook page.

Daughters of the King prayer box. Please email your prayers regarding a person of concern to Sarah Johansen, dsjohansen99@gmail.com. Requests remain on the confidential prayer list for 1 month unless otherwise requested.

Listening-assist technology in the nave. If you have a hearing aid that is t-coil compatible, our listening-assist system feeds audio into your hearing aid. To learn more, visit the Accessibility/Inclusivity page on our website: stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/accessibility-inclusivity

Weekly Prayer List. The Bell family, Gerry and Sue Biasioli, the Bishop/Duffy family, Joy Blackburn, Neville Blakemore and Gray Henry, Cheri Boden, the Bogel family, Ben and Laura Bomar, the Bowman-Jecmen family, Ellie Britt.

Prayers for Pastoral Care. Janelle, Kevin Wardell, Candis Crocker, Vicki, Karl, Melinda Clark, Len Pacitti, Kinsey Woodson, Granville, JP and family, Al Nimocks, Beverly Nichols, Marcella

Flowers given in memory of: James William O'Bannon, II.

We pray for those serving in our Armed Forces.

LAY SUNDAY MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEK

Altar Guild	Robin McNally
	Ann Hines
Flower Guild	Lavonne Fingerson
8a Librarian	Marilyn Scholl

10am Eucharist

Delilah Niehaus	Acolyte
Emerson Niehaus	Acolyte
Jackson Hager	Acolyte
Amy Lewis	Lector
Chris Baker	Lector
John Krantz	Intercessor
Jody Fletcher	Eucharistic Minister
James Horsley	Eucharistic Minister
Jan Scholtz	Eucharistic Minister
Holley Stallings	Eucharistic Minister
Greg Petrites	Usher
Sarah Clement	Usher
Sarah Johansen	Greeter Welcome Desk
Chris Newton	Greeter Narthex
Sally Macdonald	Greeter Entrance

Marie Griffin	Godly Play - Story Teller
Lindsay Kasey	Godly Play
Bob Nesmith	Librarian
5pm Eucharist	
Donna Delph	Lector
Ellen Robertson	Intercessor
Sophia Kidd	Usher
Bev Weis	Eucharistic Minister

GENERAL NOTICES

Parish office hours. Monday to Thursday, 9a-3p; Friday 10a- 12p.

Weekly 12-step and other meetings at St. Matthew’s. Al-Anon on Tuesdays at 6:30p (Lounge); AA on Tuesdays at 6:30p (Clingman Chapel); Ladies AA on Fridays at 11:30a (Meeting Room A); evening AA on Fridays at 6:30p (Clingman Chapel); Newcomers’ AA on Fridays at 6:45p (Lounge).

Survivors of Suicide (SOS). The group meets every Thursday at 7:30p in the Lounge. There’s no meeting on the fifth Thursday of a five-week month.

Library hours. The library is open for self-checkout Sundays from 8:45a–12p, and a librarian is there from 9:15–9:45a, and from 11:15a– 12p. For a weekday appointment, call 895-3485 or email library@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org. Books on the narthex cart may be borrowed by filling out a card as instructed.

Church archives. The parish archives have a large collection of historical images and materials that document the history of St. Matthew’s. Ask the archivist for help, when they are present, or arrange an appointment by emailing archives@stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org

Visioning videos: Sharing Our Story. Where we have been influences where we’re headed. If you’d like to learn more about St. Matthew’s past, please click here: stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/church-history-archives

Episcopal News Service newsletter. This newsletter reports the latest news on the Episcopal Church’s mission and ministries in the U.S. and abroad. Current advocacy efforts on immigration, the crisis in Gaza and other human rights issues are covered. <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/email-signup/>

Joanne Coleman is a Notary Public. As a service to our parishioners, Joanne is available to notarize documents. If you have need of these services, make an appointment with Joanne during her office hours.

Service bulletins are available online to download. Go to our website homepage: www.stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org.

The parish directory is online. You can access the parish directory online, through our app (St. Matthew’s Episcopal – found on Android Play Store and Apple Store). If you have never accessed the directory online before, or you experience any issues, contact [Joanne Coleman](mailto:Joanne.Coleman).

Bulletin and eSpirit announcements. Submission deadline is Tuesday at 12p. Please send submissions to [Charles Frank](mailto:Charles.Frank).

Do you subscribe to the eSpirit? To receive a digital version of the announcements, visit: stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/espirit/

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St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church 2023 Financial Statement Month Ending September 30, 2025					
	September		YTD		Annual Budget
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
TOTAL INCOME	70,707	83,082	586,395	540,498	765,730
TOTAL EXPENSE	91,575	71,026	672,868	655,360	897,017
Released from Restricted Funds	(15,698)	(8,679)	(67,519)	(79,629)	(131,450)
NET INCOME/(EXPENSE)	(5,170)	20,735	(18,954)	(35,233)	163