



ST. MATTHEW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist 10a

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost Sunday November 9, 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: Simple Gifts The St. Matthew's Ringers  
Arranged by Hal Hopson

Opening Hymn: When morning gilds the skies Hymnal 427  
Laudes Domini

People stand as able.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
People And 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 fifth grade may choose to follow the cross to Godly Play during the Song of Praise.

Song of Praise S- 278  
William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.  
People And also with you.  
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Haggai 1:15b-2:9

The People are seated

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is

mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

Lector The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98



- 1 Sing a new song to God, \*  
who has done marvelous things.
- 2 With your right hand, O God, and your holy arm, \*  
you have won for yourself the victory.
- 3 You have made known your victory; \*  
your righteousness have you openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.
- 4 You remember your mercy and faithfulness to  
the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to God, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to God with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn, \*  
shout with joy before God who reigns in majesty.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before God,  
who will come to judge the earth.
- 10 God shall judge the world in righteousness \*  
and the peoples with equity.

The Saint Helena Psalter Translation

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Lector The Word of the Lord.  
People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn: God, my King, thy might confessing Hymnal 414  
Stuttgart

The People stand as able  
Holy Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

Remain standing

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.  
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Jan Scholtz

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:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People







November 9, 2025

2025 STEWARDSHIP

Please think about making a gift during this stewardship drive so that St. Matthew's can remain a thriving parish for future generations. Your donation helps fund all our ministries including activities and programming for parishioners and vital services that support those who are marginalized in our community.

2026 Stewardship Update	
Pledged Amount	\$416,376
Households	81
Pledge Goal	\$625,000
Percentage of Goal Met	66.62%

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

**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/+qmi8fd7>.

**Thank you Groovy Trivia volunteers, and players.** The evening was a total blast, and everyone felt the sunny vibes while hanging out in Saints Hall. Yes, we will be hosting more trivia next November.

**The Final Affairs Fair is today, after the 10a service.** There are many issues that face us as we live our lives, including the need to downsize our homes, relocate, take care of aging parents, or when we become a parent, guardian or grandparent. Accompanying these issues are decisions about disability care and/or end of life decisions for ourselves or others. Get useful information from experts on everything, from downsizing and liquidating property and assets, to learning about the ways to use wills, IRAs, and retirement plans for distributing property after death, to planning for a memorial service with Kelly and Robert.

**Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Support Group** led by The Rev. Dr. Georgine Buckwalter will meet the third Wednesday of every month. Meetings will be in Room A, 11a.

**Family and Friends of Dementia Support Group** will be Wednesday November 19 at 11a in Clingman Hall. This meeting is for CAREGIVERS ONLY and will focus on dealing with stress during the holidays. Our speaker is Caitlin Zoeller from Norton Neuroscience Institute Memory Care. The November meeting will conclude the lecture/information sessions for the Family and Friends of Dementia Support Group. We are exceedingly grateful for questions asked, the desire to learn and faithful participation from our fellow parishioners, and for the overall success of this program.

**Alzheimer's Association Caregivers Support Group** will begin December 17 at 11a in Room A. It will be led by The Rev. Dr. Georgine

Buckwalter, who has worked with dementia/Alzheimer's caregivers support groups for the majority of her career. It will meet the third Wednesday of every month.

GROW

**Clingman Forum takes two weeks off.** To make way for coming all-church activities – this Sunday's Final Affairs Fair and next week's visit by Dimensions of Faith speaker Diana Butler Bass – Clingman Forum will not gather on Sundays, November 9 and 16.

We'll return on November 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, and look forward to seeing you then. We don't anticipate missing any more Sundays through Christmas, so save the hour after the 10 o'clock Eucharist for our regular conversations on the connections between theology, the news, and our lives. To stay informed about all our adult education programming, contact Robin Garr ([robingarr@gmail.com](mailto:robingarr@gmail.com)) to join our email or text list.

**Virtual Adult Education: Theology in the Age of Trump II.** We continue Monday evening with Part II of "Doing Theology in the Age of Trump: The Christian Nationalist Hustle," a July 2025 interview with author Jeffrey W. Robbins by the Westar Institute, home of the Jesus Seminar.

What do the President's popularity and rise to power reveal about the state of Christianity and the moral character of the evangelical Right in the United States today? Specifically, Robbins says, " it is about the threat of white Christian nationalism."

Join us via Zoom in Adult Education on Monday, Nov. 10, from 6 to 7:15 p.m. If you participate regularly, you are already registered and will receive an invitation on Monday morning with Zoom login information. If you would like to join our email or text list, contact Robin Garr ([robingarr@gmail.com](mailto:robingarr@gmail.com)).

**Women in Conversation** will meet on Tuesday, November 11, from noon-1:30p at the church. We'll discuss Chapter 6 of *Freeing Jesus* by Diana Butler Bass. All women are welcome. For more information, contact [judith.fischer@louisville.edu](mailto: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.

SERVE

**Food Pantry, Saturday, November 15.** Our monthly drive-through Food Pantry will be Saturday, November 15, beginning around 8:30a. in the parking lot behind the church at 330 N. Hubbards Lane. We recommend that guests coming for food arrive and line up in their cars by that time.

With Thanksgiving coming up, not to mention the challenges to SNAP (food stamp) funding and the government shutdown, the need may be greater than ever. Please start spreading the word early: All are welcome, no questions are asked, and there's no need for ID. "If you are hungry, we will give you something to eat."

We expect an extra-large crowd, so volunteers are especially welcome! This would be a great time to get involved in this important ministry, and you don't need to be a St. Matthew's member to take part! Contact Lynn Miller at [millris426@gmail.com](mailto:millris426@gmail.com) or Robin Garr at [robingarr@gmail.com](mailto:robingarr@gmail.com) for more information, or just show up outside Saints Hall on Saturday

morning!

WORSHIP

**Illuminations.** Sunday's readings remind us to place our hope and trust in God, even during hard times. In this first reading, we hear the minor prophet Haggai date his prophecy specifically in the second year of the reign of King Darius the Great of Persia, some 500 years before Christ. Darius was a successor to King Cyrus, who had released the people from Babylonian exile and sent them back to Jerusalem about 20 years before. The restoration of the city and the Temple proved to be a big job that couldn't be done quickly. But Haggai calls the people to hang on to their courage and faith in God: Zion's wealth and grandeur will be rebuilt in splendor even greater than the first Temple.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/accessibility-inclusivity)

**Weekly Prayer List.** Terry Carrico, Jack and Jennette Carter, the Carter family, Suzette Carty, the Ceresa family, Dottie and Joe Chapman, Mary Jane and Steve Cherry, Dick and Faith Cirre, Bob and Diane Clark, Alison Dobroth and Melinda Clark.

**Prayers for Pastoral Care.** Janelle, Kevin Wardell, Candis Crocker, Vicki, Karl, Melinda Clark, Len Pacitti, Kinsey Woodson, Granville, JP and family, Susan Nimocks, Beverly Nichols, Marcella, Anne, Hayden, Katie Mushkin.

**Flowers given in memory of:** Homer C. and Ruthe D. Johansen.

**We pray for those serving in our Armed Forces.**

LAY SUNDAY MINISTERS SERVING THIS WEEK

Altar Guild	Patricia Enriquez
	Heather Duffy
Flower Guild	Lowry Adams

8a Librarian

John Krantz

10am Eucharist

Delilah Niehaus	Acolyte
Holden Niehaus	Acolyte
Jackson Hager	Acolyte
Bob Nesmith	Lector
John Shelby	Lector
Angela Koshewa	Intercessor
Robin Garr	Eucharistic Minister
Rick Lotz	Eucharistic Minister
Jan Scholtz	Eucharistic Minister
Jane O’Roark	Eucharistic Minister
Ann Hines	Usher
Speed Stodghill	Usher
Sarah Johansen	Greeter Welcome Desk
Alexandra Stodghill	Greeter Narthex
Barbara Lee	Greeter Entrance
Marie Griffin	Godly Play - Story Teller
Lindsay Kasey	Godly Play
David Niehaus	Librarian

5pm Eucharist

Phillip Poore	Lector
Donna Delph	Intercessor
Russ Weis	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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](#).

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

**Do you subscribe to the eSpirit?** To receive a digital version of the announcements, visit: [stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/espirit/](http://stmatthewsepiscopallouisville.org/espirit/)

**St. Matthew’s App.** Free on Google Play and the Apple App Store.

	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