ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MARCH 9, 2025 10:30AM IN THE CHURCH



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa nations. This land was also a place of travel and trade to many other tribes, including the Menominee, Ho-Chunk, and Miami tribes. These Native Peoples were forced off their lands with the Second Treaty of Prairie du Chien in 1829. After a series of land transfers, St. Matthew's acquired its current site within this territory in 1906. Today, Cook County is home to tens of thousands of Native Americans from many tribes. We acknowledge and respect our Indigenous neighbors, as we strive to be good stewards of this Native land.

ST. MATTHEW'S EVENTS Worship Schedule and St. Matthew's Events

Sundays	Sunday Forum led by Whayne 9:15 – 10:15am in the Parlor		
Mar 9	TODAY! Green Team Meeting, 11:45am in the Parlor		
	TODAY! Know Your Rights Event, 2pm at the Unitarian Church of		
	Evanston		
Mar 10	Lenten Programming, 7pm via Zoom		
Mar 22	Walter Givler Memorial Service, 11am Westminster Place		

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Welcome! If you would like to become a registered parishioner or are just updating your information, please complete as much information as possible. Completed forms may be returned to the Parish Office, placed in the offering plate or mailed to the office. You may also fill out this form online by scanning the QR Code below.

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ONLINE FORM

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

2120 Lincoln St. Evanston, IL 60201

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WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S

Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and the wine made holy.

† THE WORD OF GOD †

THE GREAT LITANY

Cantor Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

People Have mercy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,

Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,

Savior deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,

Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil, Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared, Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,

Savior deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,

Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,

Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial, Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,

Savior deliver us.

Cantor Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and gr

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.

Hear us, O Christ.

Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, O Christ.

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Donald, the President of the United States, J.B., the Governor of this state, and the mayors of our cities and towns that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.

Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Cantor Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages, refugees, and all who are in trouble, especially those captured, or fleeing or fighting in Ukraine and Russia.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy on us.

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

The people kneel as able, and a period of silent reflection is observed.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY (26:1-11)

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with

the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16 Qui habitat

The congregation joins the choir in the refrain.



- ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- ² He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, * my God in whom I put my trust."
- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,
- ¹⁰ There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- ¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.
- They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- Because he is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver him; *
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
 I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS (10:8b-13)

"The word is near you,

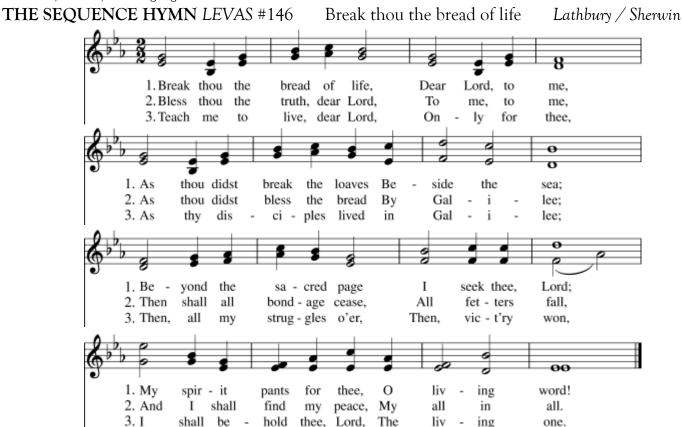
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able, and sing together.



THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO [LUKE] (4:1-13).

People Glory to you, O Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone."

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of our Savior.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr.

After a time of silent reflection, the people are invited to stand, as able, and together say

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you. People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet each other in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

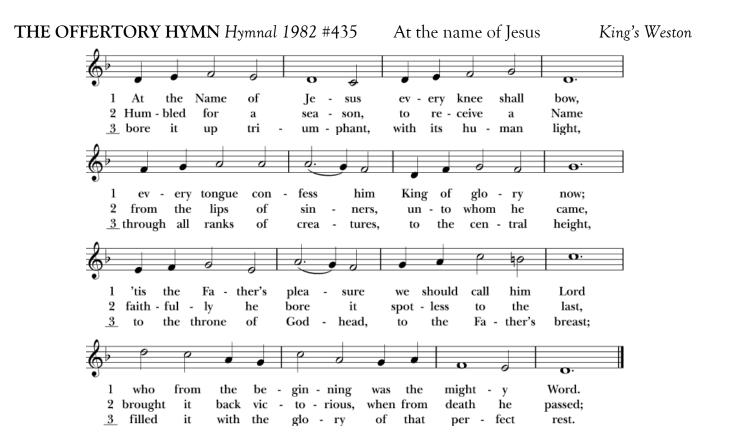
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Lord my God

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

O Lord my God Hear thou the prayer thy servant prayeth Have thou respect unto his prayer? Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place And when thou hearest Lord, forgive



The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP PRAYER I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

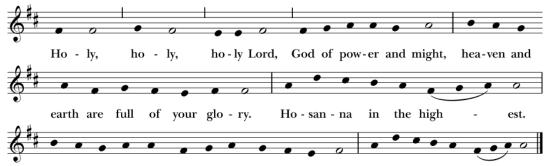
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. 58 You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Matthew, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People AMEN.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS #343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless St. Agnes



After all who desire communion or a blessing have received, all stand, as able.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God of abundance,

you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people

in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

THE BLESSING

Celebrant God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

People Amen.

All stand to sing.

THE CLOSING HYMN Hymnal 1982 #448 O love, how deep, how broad Deus tuorum militum Verses 1-3 & 6



THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Leading Worship This Evening

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Whayne Hougland, Jr

Deacon: The Rev. Terri J. Morrissey

Music Director: Quinn Brann

Greeter: Volunteer

Lectors: Judy Royal, Tim Patenode Prayer Leader: Mary Jo Deysach

Acolytes: Roxanne Myers, Willow Myers, Bob

Purse, Harper Olsen

Chalice Bearers: Mary Clark, Volunteer

Bread Baker: Jessica Swanson

Altar Guild: Roberta Buchanan, Mary Clark

Green Team: Jennie Woodring

Livestream: Volunteer

The Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Mark Crayton, Music Director Quinn Brann, Organist/Pianist

<u>Soprano</u>	<u>Alto</u>	<u>Tenor</u>	<u>Bass</u>
Monique Austin	Bernadette Brockman	Riley Brown**	Terry Bucher*
Charlotte Bishop	Nancy Churchill	Michael Kirby*	Steve Carr
Ginger Carr	Emily Scharf*	Francis Lynch	Jack Ellis**
Alice Dolan	Angela Torres-Kutkuhn*†	Karlos Piñero-Mercado*	Jake Engel
Rachel Handrick*		Peter Lorenzo	Louise Floyd*
Kunying Li			
Katilynn Meine*		*Section Leader	
Kaylie O'Dell**		**Staff Singer	
		[†] Choral Assistant	

Green Team Meeting TODAY - March 9 11:45am in the Parlor

The Green Team will meet Sunday, March 9 at 11:45 in the parlor. All are welcome to attend to find out what the Green Team is all about - no commitment required! For more information, contact <u>Jennie Woodring</u> (847-370-4518) or



any Team member. Current members are: Ann Searles, Anne Branning, Deb Williams, Jennie Woodring, Mary Jo Deysach, Pat Egan, Roberta Buchanan, Terri Morrissey.

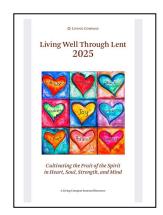
As our journey through Lent begins, please take some time to consider participating in Lent Madness and taking on the joyful practice of learning from the saints. Lent Madness is modeled on bracket style sports competition (March Madness), and its bracket includes a round of 32 saints culminating in The Golden Halo. In past years, Lent Madness provided a printed version of their Saintly Scorecard, however, this year it will be digital. To download a printable bracket, go to lentmadness.org and click on the 3 lines in the top right corner. You



can also find other Lent Madness resources there. Subscribe to Lent Madness to receive updates and voting links. Questions? Contact Deacon Terri at terri@stmatthewsevanston.org.

Available Now - Living Well Through Lent 2025: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind, is daily devotional that provides a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of Lent, an experience that will help prepare us for the true meaning of Easter.

The devotional includes reflections from: The Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner and featuring reflections from eight guest writers: The Rev. Molly Bosscher, Robbin Brent, The Rev. Canon Randy K. Callender, The Rt. Rev. Brian



Lee Cole, The Rt. Rev. Shannon Rogers Duckworth, The Rev. Jenifer Gamber, The Rev. Gary B. Manning and The Rev. Abigail W. Moon.

You can find copies of the devotional in the back of church, the chapel and outside the office.

Lenten Programming March 10, 7pm via Zoom To join use Recurring Meeting ID: 811 4635 9717

Lent isn't just about "giving something up" — we can also choose to take on something new. Church of Our Saviour is offering Lenten Programming via Zoom that explores contemplative Christian spiritual disciplines.

Centering Prayer with Alan Krema of Contemplative Outreach Chicago. We will look at the history of Centering Prayer as the invitation by Jesus to pray as he prayed. We will explore the



psychological basis and the method of the prayer, as developed by Fr Thomas Keating. We will explore the invitation to enter our inner room and consent to the Divine Presence within us. We will practice the meditation of Centering Prayer, observing our internal experience.

Members of Evanston Interfaith Clergy & Leaders Present

FAITH COMMUNITIES & ICE

Know your Rights Prepare & Respond

Sunday, March 9th 2pm

Presenters:

Commander Scott Sophier
Evanston Police Department- Community Relations

Liza Roberson-Young
City of Evanston-Welcoming City Ordinanace

Rev. Eileen Wiviott
Unitarian Church of Evanston

Rev. Luke Harris-Ferree Grace Lutheran Church

Unitarian Church of Evanston 1330 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201

Antiracism Learning

3/4/25: **DEI** is more than race: Diversity, equity, and inclusion programs work to expand participation based on gender, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, military service status, and more, not just race. DEI also corrects discriminatory practices and works toward fairness and impartiality, so that everyone feels valued and has a sense of belonging in an organization at https://abcnews.go.com/US/dei-programs/story?id=97004455. Race is still an important area, however, and part of inclusion involves looking beyond your own racial group. Consider buying from companies that still center DEI practices, both locally at https://www.enjoyevanston.com/news/blackownedbusinesses and nationally.

Event highlight: Living Stories: Contemporary Woodland Native American Art, an exhibit of current artists working on themes of Ancestors' spirituality, balance in nature, identity and representation, and expression of survival; Gichigamiin Indigenous Nations Museum (formerly the Mitchell Museum), 3001 Central Street, Evanston; Visit https://gichigamiin-museum.org/exhibits/living-stories/ for more information.

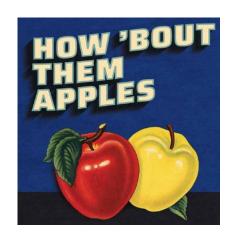
How 'Bout Them Apples...

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 7pm at Steve and Charlotte's Home

We're resurrecting an apple-based fund-raiser at Steve and Charlotte's home.

At 7 p.m., we will host a Calvados and apple brandy tasting. Calvados will date to a 1987 vintage from France to Steve's own "living cask" of local apple brandy with a blend of 2021, '21,

'23, '24 and 25. As an aperitif, these samplings will be complemented by a charcuterie board. Seating is limited to the first eight to sign up with a \$50 contribution to St. Matthew's. Call or text Steve at 847-867-1123.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are encouraged to include these names in your daily prayers.

During Sunday worship, you are encouraged to offer silently or aloud your prayers to God. If you wish to add a name to the prayer list, email info@stmatthewsevanston.org. Names are listed for 4 weeks.

The Prayer List is prayed for weekly by the St. Matthew's Prayer Group.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Congregations in the Chicago-South Deanery: Trinity in Chicago; Holy Nativity in Chicago Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk: La Transfiguración in Oaxaca; Jarbanat Sub-Parish For the congregation at St. Matthew's as we embrace our mission to be welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world: welcoming our neighbors near and far.

We pray for all those who celebrate birthdays in March: Mark Austin, Phillip Castillo, Judith Creech, Andrew Davies, Patty Dreibelbis, Drew Kelly, Andrew McDermott, Daniel Meyer, Chris Motogawa, Grace Motogawa, Joyce Weber and Allison Zidek.

We pray for all those who celebrate anniversaries in March.

We pray for equal opportunity and equal treatment under the law for all people; that we may be agents of God's kingdom, dismantling systems of injustice wherever and whenever we can, and for the will to enact common sense gun control laws.

We pray for those in uniform, risking their lives daily on our behalf: Cobe Layag, Jeremy Garrett, Aaron Grant, Thomas Greenwich, Lee Henderson, Tyler Howland, Peter Marks, Ian McGuffin, Joseph Sanford, Emma Seckinger, Thomas Garbee, and the members of our city's fire and police departments, and for their families.

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit or who have asked for our prayers: Nicholas Churchill, Jeremy Herschaft, Tobin Hudgins, Kaden Brown, Larry Anderson, Beth Swigart, Brad Swigart, Ann Wilson Wesley, Bob Baker, Sue Zundel, Becky Wilson, Audrey Reynolds, Ramona Frederickson, Harriet Brandt, Paige D, Kate Martin, Benjamin Ticobay, Bob Teska, Ralph Motogawa, Jessica Mueller, Maeve Shampine, John Wagner, Cathy Fiala, Donna Wagner, Carol Wagner, Will Widmer and for the Congolese family we've been matched with in partnership with RefugeeOne.

We pray for all in need: those struggling with the Coronavirus, all victims of this pandemic, organ donors and those awaiting transplant, the lonely and isolated, our nation, especially those oppressed by our current systems, those protesting racial injustice, all elected officials seeking to lead communities in this challenging time, the unemployed and under-employed.

We pray for those suffering from acts of violence – including warfare, gun violence and sexual violence – as well as from natural disasters, and their aftermaths.

We pray for all who have died.

ABOUT THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

While the shape and format of our service is from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (revisions authorized by the Episcopal Church, March 17, 2020), St. Matthew's strives to offer worship that is relevant, inclusive, and hospitable: worship which is in keeping with our mission to be "welcoming all in community; joyfully doing God's work in the world." Therefore, we draw upon a variety of authorized sources, adapting them as necessary.

In today's service, the Opening Acclamation comes from "Text of Expansive Language Liturgies – from Resolution 2018-D078-updated 09-02–2019" and the introductions to prayers and responses and the Peace come from Enriching Our Worship I. The Collect of the Day comes from a collection of prayers written to match the lessons appointed in the Revised Common Lectionary: Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare. Scripture readings follow the Revised Common Lectionary using the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

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St. Matthew's lay leaders duly elected and appointed at The 149th Annual Meeting of the Parish on January 26, 2025

St. Matthew's Vestry

Stephen Carr, Senior Warden Tim Patenode, Junior Warden

William Widmer, Kelsey Davies, Jim Kelly (2026)
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