# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Harvest (for Émile Bernard), Vincent van Gogh, 1888.

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:30 am

#### WELCOME!

Whether this is your first visit to St. Matthew's, you've come several times now, or you're a long-time member, we are grateful for your presence and pray that your time with us will be enriching. Our clergy would love the chance to welcome you, and introduce you to the life of our community, and answer any questions you may have. To start that conversation, please fill out the printed Connection Card located in the seatbacks and place it in the offering plate during the Offertory portion of our worship. Alternatively, you can complete the same Connection Card online by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera.

#### **OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

Connection Card located in our worship. Alternatively, with your phone's camera.

This bulletin leads you through our worship service. Service music not included in this bulletin will likely be found in the blue Hymnal located in between your seats. Items marked in the bulletin as BCP, followed by a page number, refer to the Book of Common Prayer (usually black or red), which can also be found in a book holder nearby.

#### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We extend a warm welcome to families with children as we worship together. We want everyone to feel at home at St. Matt's! We encourage you to have everyone in your family stay in place during the service as you wish, even if your little one starts to get fussy. To assist in this, in the lobby area, you will find both red "Busy Bags" full of fun activities for kids to enjoy at their seats, and a large table with fun snacks and bottles of water. During the service, we would also encourage your child (and you, if you'd wish) to visit Children's Chapel for a kid-friendly, interactive sermon experience. Need some extra wiggle room? The lobby can be a great place to move around or grab a snack during the service, or you can visit the Baby's Nest, a soundproof room in the balcony with gliders and infant toys where you can still see and hear the service. An unstaffed nursery is available on the lower level, in Room B-16.

#### Assisted Listening Devices

Available in the lobby near the Welcome Desk, we have 12 Assisted Listening devices (wireless audio packs with headphones) for anyone wishing to experience the spoken word sections of today's service with a bit more clarity, or at a higher volume. Please feel free to take a wireless pack, with headphones, from the charging station back to your seat. The power button is on the top of the pack, near the headphone jack. Once the pack is on, we recommend using the arrow buttons to increase the volume level to 15-20 as a starting point. After the service, please return the pack to the charging station.

#### **ABOUT COMMUNION**

All who seek Christ are invited to come forward during the distribution of Holy Communion. If you have never been baptized, please contact us to explore the possibility! The ushers will guide you forward by row. As you approach the first server, please cup your hands in front of you and the host will be placed in your palm. As you move to the second server, you may consume the host and then guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine, or you may choose to dip the host into the wine before consuming it. To receive gluten-free elements, please ask the first server as you approach. People of all faiths (and none) are invited to receive a blessing. To indicate your desire to receive a blessing, simply fold your arms over your chest as you approach the first server. For those who do not wish to consume alcohol, please be assured that to receive the elements in one kind (bread alone) is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament. If walking to the front is a challenge for you, just notify an usher and we would be happy to bring the elements to your seat.

All that said, should you choose to stay seated during communion, you will not be judged for doing so. This part of the service is God's time to feed you, however you need to be fed. Just know that whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

#### WEEKLY WORD & PRAYER LIST

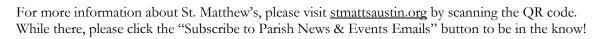
All Weekly Word submissions and prayer requests must be received by Wednesday at noon in order to appear in the upcoming Sunday's edition. Please send Weekly Word announcements to <u>word@stmattsaustin.org</u> and prayer requests to Susan at <u>office@stmattsaustin.org</u>.

#### FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN SERVICES

Every Sunday at 8:45am, please join us in the Sanctuary lobby for a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts. You may choose to either stay in the lobby, or at 9:15am, participate in one of our formation offerings. Our Sunday Adult Gospel Class meets

downstairs in Room B-14, and an Adult Topical Class meets in B-18/19. Children's offerings currently on Summer hiatus include Godly Play (ages 3 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and Grades 4–12.

Need help getting somewhere? Please don't hesitate to ask!





Our website

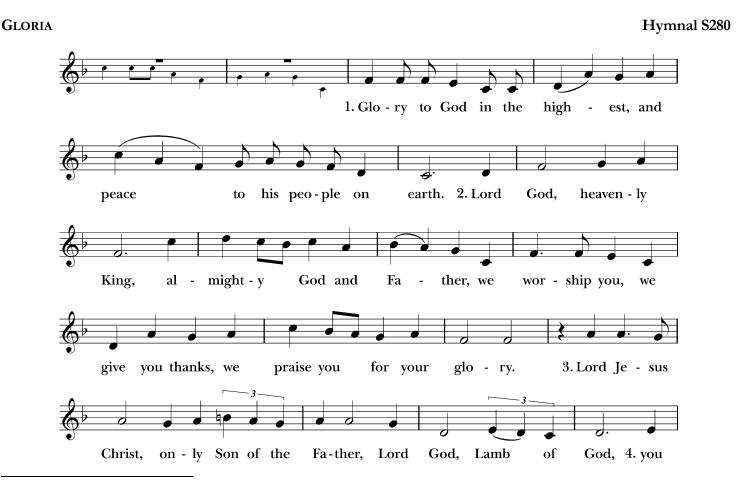
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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD<sup>1</sup>

Prelude		Meditation on "Finlandia"	Jean Sibelius, arr. by Bren	nda Portman
PROCESSIONAL HYMN <sup>2</sup>		Love divine, all loves excelling		Hymnal 657
THE OPENING ACCLAMATIONS				BCP 355
Celebrant People	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen. <sup>3</sup>		ien. <sup>3</sup>	

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The first part of the service is the **Liturgy of the Word**. Based on ancient Jewish worship, we hear and learn about God's work in the world.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> We prepare for our time together. We sing together with whatever voice God has given us!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Bold portions are the parts the congregation says together.



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY & COLLECT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

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.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

#### **PROCESSION TO CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** & Please be seated.

At the discretion of their parents, children are invited to follow the chapel leader downstairs to room B-21 for Children's Chapel. Parents are welcome to join. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Announcements.

#### A READING FROM ISAIAH (66:10-14)<sup>4</sup>

Thus says the LORD:

"Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her-that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.
As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,

and his indignation is against his enemies."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### **PSALM 66:1-8** Responsively by whole verse

- 1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; \* sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.
- 2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! \* because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.
- 3 All the earth bows down before you, \* sings to you, sings out your Name."
- 4 Come now and see the works of God, \* how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, \* and there we rejoiced in him.
- 6 In his might he rules for ever;
   his eyes keep watch over the nations; \*
   let no rebel rise up against him.
- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \* make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \* and will not allow our feet to slip.

Jubilate Deo

<sup>4</sup> We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a **Lectionary.** These are the lessons being heard in congregations of all types throughout the world on this day.

#### A READING FROM GALATIANS (6:7-16)

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

#### SEQUENCE HYMN

For the fruit of all creation

Hymnal 434

Luke 10:1-11,16-20

#### THE GOSPEL<sup>5</sup>

## ClergyThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

ClergyThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

#### THE SERMON

#### The Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> **The Gospel** We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. The Gospel book comes into the midst of the people and all turn toward the reader.

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> **The Creed** The Episcopal Church does not have a separate statement of faith or list of things we believe. Instead we hold the ancient Creeds, such as the Apostles' and the Nicene, to be our statements of faith. They contain the core of our belief as Christians, but do not limit our faith. We are using the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) text of the Nicene Creed that was approved for use in the Episcopal Church in 1994. The use of "We believe" is appropriate as the creed is a statement of the faith of the whole Church, at all times and places, and not only that of a particular congregation or person. The Nicene Creed was created in the late 4th century by the councils (gatherings of church folks) in Nicea.

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For all bishops and other ministers; For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. [Silence; The People may add their own petitions]

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. [Silence; The People may add their own thanksgivings]

#### We will exalt you, O God our King; And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. [Silence; The People may add their own petitions]

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN<sup>7</sup>**

Minister and People

#### Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### The Celebrant stands and says

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

<sup>7</sup> We sin when our behavior-either by acting or failing to act-disrupts our relationship with God and with other people. We come together each week and confess this sin to God with the intention to improve and to turn back to God. We have the courage to make this confession because we have been assured by Jesus that when we confess and repent (turn around), God will forgive us.

#### THE PEACE<sup>8</sup>

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

#### SHARING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Please be seated. The children return from Children's Chapel, during the Announcements.

Birthday Blessing:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Printed copies of these announcements, and more, are available on the credenza in the Sanctuary lobby, as part of the Weekly Word.* 

### THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE<sup>9</sup>

Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in Honor of Jim & Pat Cauble's July 5<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

THE OFFERTORY

My Song is Love Unknown Cathy Newman, Jenny Watson duet (text can be found in Hymn 458) Samuel Crossman, hymn; John Ireland, tune

One-time Donation (pay with Stripe)



Hymnal 380, verse 3

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> In the **Peace**, we affirm our reconciliation with one another as preparation for receiving communion (see Matt. 5:23-24). In ancient times, Christians would greet each other with "the kiss of peace." Today we shake hands or hug. There are no set words; "Peace," "God's Peace," and "The Peace of the Lord be with you" are all commonly used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Now we come to the second act in the drama of our service. It is based on Jewish fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance. We begin with the **Offertory**. Collecting financial gifts, or passing the plate, serves as a visible reminder that our whole lives are offered to God, and a part of the riches God has given to us are offered back to God in Thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. **If you wish to make a one-time donation or annual gift online**, scan our Virtual Offering Plate QR code with your phone's camera app. A notification will pop up to take you to our Realm giving site, <u>www.onrealm.org/stmattsaustin/give/now</u>.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

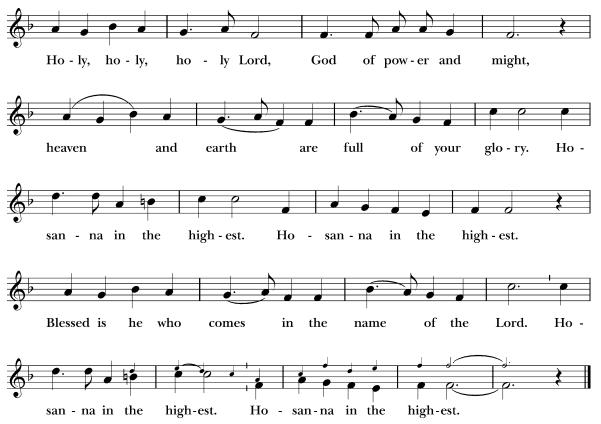
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Hymnal S125



Then the Celebrant continues

#### Celebrant and People

#### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his

death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts...

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.PeopleTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

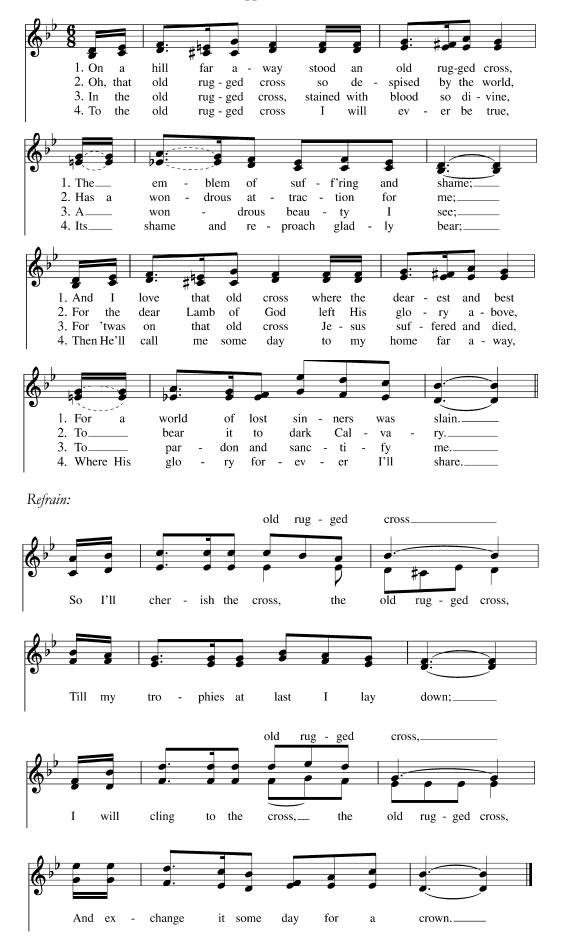
#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All who seek Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion; you do not need to be an Episcopalian. If you prefer to just receive a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest. Gluten-free elements are available at the station closest to the windows on the east side of the Sanctuary; come up and tell the ministers "gluten-free." We are happy to bring the communion elements to you if processing to the front is a challenge; just notify an usher.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

My God, accept my heart this day

Hymnal 697



#### **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of God and this Congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

**THE BLESSING** *The priest blesses the congregation.* 

DISMISSAL HYMN

Jesus shall reign

Hymnal 544

#### THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or priest, dismisses the congregation.

The People respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### POSTLUDE

Variations on "America" Allegro, Andante, Interlude, Allegro **Charles** Ives

#### **OUR CLERGY, STAFF & VESTRY**

Rector: The Rev. Katie Leuba Associate Priest: The Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko Associate Priest: The Rev. Christine Brunson Curate: The Rev. Allen Junek Assisting Deacon: The Rev. Bill Holder Assisting Deacon: The Rev. Bill Holder Assisting Priest: The Rev. Sharla Marks Assisting Priest: The Rev. Jerry Chapman Assisting Priest: The Rev. Seth Deleery Director of Music & Organist: Martha Galie 8:00 am Pianist: Lucy Zhu Finance Manager: Pat Brajnikoff Children & Families Musician: Mary Smith Office Manager: Susan Kerr Parish Administrator: Lisa Kay Pfannenstiel Communications Assistant: April Beaty Sextons: Gabriel, Jaecob, & Bill Chef: Robert Mayberry Head of Day School: Page Race Wardens: Jenny Watson & Doug Webster Vestry of the Month: Natalie Lynch & Connie Marks

Contact information can be found on our website, www.stmattsaustin.org, or by calling the church office.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY, July 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Matthew's Independence Day Celebration - Luncheon after 10:30 service Wednesday, July 9th, 5 pm – Family Picnic Night in Huffman Hall (BYOD) Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 1—4 pm – Youth Group @ Austin Park & Pizza Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – Father Allen Junek's last Sunday; Reception to follow 10:30 service August 17<sup>th</sup> - Backpack Sunday - the Blessing of the Backpacks

See the Weekly Word for more details on these, and other parish events!

#### Considering becoming Episcopalian? Or just curious to learn more about the Episcopal Church?

Please contact Fr. Andrew Benko if you would like to know more information about being confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church! (318.415.8131 or <u>abenko@stmattsaustin.org</u>.)

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Church office hours are Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** Appointments to meet with clergy and staff are recommended. Contact <u>office@stmattsaustin.org</u> or 512-345-8314 to set an appointment with clergy, and for staff, contact the staff member directly. Your clergy typically take Fridays as Sabbath days. During office hours, the receptionist can assist you in an emergency: 512-345-8314. For after-hour pastoral emergencies, call or text the Rev. Katie Leuba directly at 440-985-8982.

#### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday:	8:00am, Traditional Holy Eucharist (Rite I), Sanctuary
	10:30am, Holy Eucharist with Music (Rite II), Sanctuary
Wednesday:	12:00pm, A Service of Public Healing with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
<b>Every Evening:</b>	6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88579583087)



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