



# ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

AUGUST 10, 2025, 8:00 AM

## THE WORD OF GOD

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## The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot exist without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

## Psalm 33:12-22 *Responsively by whole verse*

Exultate, just!

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 **The LORD looks down from heaven, \***  
**and beholds all the people in the world.**
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 **He fashions all the hearts of them \***  
**and understands all their works.**
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 **The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \***  
**for all its strength it cannot save.**
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 **To pluck their lives from death, \***  
**and to feed them in time of famine.**
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

## Luke 12:32-40

*Clergy*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

*Clergy*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## OUR CLERGY, STAFF & VESTRY

*Rector:* The Rev. Katie Leuba  
*Associate Priest:* The Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko  
*Associate Priest:* The Rev. Christine Brunson  
*Assisting Deacon:* The Rev. Bill Holder  
*Assisting Deacon:* 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:* Carly & Gabriel  
*Chef:* Robert Mayberry  
*Head of Day School:* Page Race  
*Wardens:* Jenny Watson & Doug Webster  
*Vestry of the Month:* Alison Talarcek & Kevin McGillicuddy

Contact information can be found on our website, [www.stmattsaustrin.org](http://www.stmattsaustrin.org), or by calling the church office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> - Backpack Sunday - the Blessing of the Backpacks, w/ Ice-Cream Truck after the 10:30 service  
Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:45 am – Inga Trail Cleanup volunteering: Meet @ St. Matt’s parking lot to carpool there  
Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, about 12:00 pm – Women’s Story Circle (following the 10:30 service); Huffman Hall  
Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm – Sci-Faith & Fantasy book group: *The Just City* by Jo Walton. Room B-6; BYOL.  
August 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> – “Focus on Communion” Sundays; all-ages formation & learning about the Eucharist!  
Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – Funeral: Bud Payne  
Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Fall-themed Movie Night  
Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Matthew’s Day! Luncheon and Ministry Fair after 10:30 service; Huffman Hall  
Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Halloween-themed Movie Night  
Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Baptismal Sunday (email us to sign up!)  
Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving-themed Movie Night

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

**All ages Sunday Formation kicks off for the year, Sunday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>,** beginning with our two “Focus on the Eucharist” Sundays. Keep your eyes out for Fall classes!

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

Contact Fr. Andrew Benko if you would like to know more: (318.415.8131 or [abenko@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:abenko@stmattsaustrin.org))

## 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 [office@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:office@stmattsaustrin.org) 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  
**Every Evening:** 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88579583087>)



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