



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

AUGUST 17, 2025, 8:00 AM

THE WORD OF GOD

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Psalm 82 *Responsively by whole verse*

Deus stetit

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 **"How long will you judge unjustly, ***
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; ***
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, ***
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."
- 8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, ***
for you shall take all nations for your own.

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

Faith that helped the people walk through the Red Sea like it was dry land. Faith brought down the walls of Jericho after they'd been circled for seven days. Rahab was saved by faith because she had helped the spies and didn't give them away. What more can I say? I could go on and on about how faith conquered kingdoms, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched fire, and sent enemies away screaming.

Some with faith were tortured, thrown in jail, sawn in two. Some wandered in deserts and caves and holes in the ground. And God honored them for their faith. God has made them perfect and given them to us as examples.

We walk through a cloud of these faithful witnesses each day. As we walk, let's lay down everything that holds us back, along with the sin that clings to us like dirt. In fact, let's not walk, let's *run* on the path that is before us, with Jesus who has run this way ahead of us. He is the perfect example of faith. He endured the cross and its shame, and is now sitting with God.

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

Luke 12:49-56

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

Jesus said, "I have come to set the world on fire, and I wish it were ready to be ignited. I am so ready to begin this new thing God is doing. It is hard for me to hold back. Don't think I've come to make your life easy and peaceful. I'm here to shake things up instead. Things will get ugly before they get better. Families will be divided because they cannot agree on me, or on how to act or worship God. You know how you look to the sky to see what the weather might be like tomorrow? Why don't you look around you and see what is happening around you on earth too, and figure out what tomorrow will bring."

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, or by calling the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 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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