



ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025, 8:00 AM

THE WORD OF GOD

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The Collect of the Day

O God, who declarest thine almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us, we pray thee, the fullness of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Amos 6:1a,4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 *Responsively by half-verse*

Lauda, anima mea

- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

1 Timothy 6:6:19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16:19-31

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

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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 Priest: The Rev. Jerry Chapman
Assisting Priest: The Rev. Seth Deleery
Director of Music & Organist: Martha Galie
8:00 am Pianist: Lucy Zhu
Children & Families Musician: Mary Smith

Finance Manager: Pat Brajnikoff
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

Friday, October 17th, 5:30-8 pm – St. Matthew's Dayschool Fall Festival – All are Invited! Fun, Games, dinner catered by Hat Creek, and snowball truck. St. Matthew's campus, esp. in courtyard.
Wednesday, October 29th 5pm – Huffman Hall Family Picnics: Halloween-themed Movie Night! BYOD.
Sunday, November 2nd – Baptismal Sunday. If you're interested in being baptized yourself, or having your child baptized, please fill in: (<https://form.jotform.com/StMattsAustin/baptism>), or contact one of our clergy
Wednesday, November 19th 5 pm – Huffman Hall Family Picnics: Thanksgiving-themed Movie Night! BYOD.

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?

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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