



**ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I  
June 14, 2026 – 8:00am**

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A READING FROM GENESIS 18:1-15; 21:1-7

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

[The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."]

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
    **because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
    **for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
    **and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
    **in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
    **is the death of his servants.**
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
    **I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;**  
    **you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
    **and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
    **in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
    **in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**  
    **Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON/EPISTLE

ROMANS 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*Reader:*        The Word of the Lord.

*People:*        **Thanks be to God.**

*Clergy:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
*People:* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

*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  
*Assisting Deacon:* The Rev. Bill Holder  
*Assisting Priest:* The Rev. Jerry Chapman  
*Assisting Priest:* The Rev. Seth Deleery  
*Director of Music:* Dr. Jeff Vanderlee  
*Organist:* Yung Sil Chun  
*8am Pianist:* Lucy Zhu  
*Children & Families Musician:* Mary Smith  
*Assistant to the Rector:* Lena Carson

*Interim Family Ministries Director:* Kelli Hughes  
*Finance Manager:* Pat Brajnikoff  
*Office Manager:* Susan Kerr  
*Parish Administrator:* Lisa Kay Pfannenstiel  
*Communications Assistant:* Amanda Gentry  
*Sextons:* Carly & Gabriel  
*Chef:* Robert Mayberry  
*Head of Day School:* Page Race  
*Wardens:* Doug Webster & Pat Naeve  
*Vestry of the Month:* Larry Simons & Rogene Tesar

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

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

- The 2026 Bible Challenge continues! see <https://stmattsaustrin.org/st-matts-2026-bible-challenge/>
- June 14 - Senior Lunch after the 10:30am service, at El Nuevo México Restaurant
- June 14 - Intergenerational Game Night, 4:00-6:00pm; Youth Center
- June 17 - Family Picnic, 5:00-7:00pm; Youth Center
- June 22-26 - Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- August 16 - Backpack Sunday
- Sept. 20 - St. Matthew's Day photo and Lunch - Remember to wear red if possible!

**Weekly Word**



**Interested in becoming an Episcopalian, or curious to learn more about the Episcopal Church?**

- Contact Fr. Andrew Benko if you would like to know more, at: (318) 415-8131, or [abenko@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:abenko@stmattsaustrin.org)



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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm** – Appointments to meet with clergy and staff are recommended. Please contact [office@stmattsaustrin.org](mailto:office@stmattsaustrin.org) or (512) 345-8314 to set an appointment with clergy, and for staff, one may contact the staff member directly. Your clergy typically take Friday as their sabbath. During office hours, the receptionist can assist you in an emergency: (512) 345-8314. For after-hours pastoral emergencies, call or text the Rev. Katie Leuba directly: (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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