

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People

EUCCHARISTIC WORSHIP - PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023 11:00 AM

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You may stand, sit or kneel.

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon the gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that at times we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not always listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will. Amen

P. Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By

grace we have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **C. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN 394 "Hail Thee, Festival Day!" *Pentecost, verses 1-6*



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



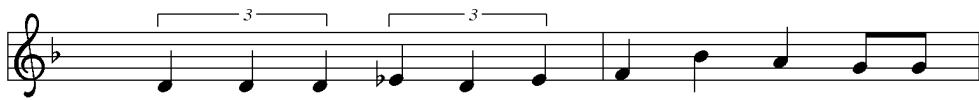
<i>Easter</i>	1	All	the	fair	beau - ty	of	earth	from the
<i>Ascension</i>	1	He	who	was	nailed	to	the cross	is . .
<i>Pentecost</i>	1	Bright	and	in	like - ness	of	fire,	on . .
	3	God	the	Al -	might - y,	the	Lord,	the . .
	5	Spir -	it	of	life	and	of pow'r,	now . .



death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good
 rul - er and Lord of all peo - ple. All things cre -
 those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing, he whom the
 rul - er of earth and the heav - ens, guard us from
 flow in us, fount of our be - ing, light that en -



gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns:
 at - ed on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:
 Lord had fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
 harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:



Easter 2 Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the au - thor of
Ascension 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
Pentecost 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and



life and cre - a - tion. Tread - ing the path - way of
glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -
minds, great re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
Au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our



death, new life you give to us all:
bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:
preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:
days; or - der our ways in your peace:

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GREETING

P. The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **C. Amen.**

KYRIE Refrain sung by the congregation; verses sung by the cantor.

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor:

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)**
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)**
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)**
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A. Let us pray: O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending your Holy Spirit to us. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

A reading from Acts chapter 2:

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please speak together: **C. Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-23

P. The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Lesley M. Radius

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY 582 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set-ting cap-tive sin-ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Please be seated.

Candidate: Charles Michael Brucks

Born: March 9, 2023

Parents: Justin and Erika Brucks

Sponsor: Hyles Rudolph

PRESENTATION

P. In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsor: I present Charlie for baptism.

P. Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Charlie baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

As you bring Charlie to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, that Charlie may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

P. Do you promise to help Charlie grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P. Hyles, do you promise to nurture Charlie in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsor: I do.

P. People of God, do you promise to support Charlie and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P. I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **All: I renounce them.**

P. Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Water is poured into the font.)

P. Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ

Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

BAPTISM

P. Charles Michael, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

(The baptismal family and sponsors move to the altar.)

(Presentation of baptismal stole) P. Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

(Laying on of hands) P. Sustain Charlie with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **C. Amen.**

(Anointing) P. Charlie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **C. Amen.**

WELCOME

(Lighting of baptismal candle) P. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. **C. Amen.**

P. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C. We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. United in the hope . . . let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Response to each petition:

Hear us, O God, **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

P. Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers . . . through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. **C. Amen.**


PEACE

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

You may share the peace with one another as the choir sings:

HYMN 753 "Dona nobis pacem"

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Text: Traditional Music: DONA NOBIS PACEM, traditional

Please be seated.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM "A Jubilant Song"

Mary Lou Lightfoot

From 10 Anthems for About 10 Singers, Compiled by Larry Pugh, c. 1993 The Sacred Press, a division of The Lorenz Corporation.

As the offering and communion elements are brought forward, please stand and sing:

OFFERTORY HYMN 692 "We Are An Offering"

Dwight Liles

Chorus 1

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives
they are Yours
We are an offering

Bridge

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

Chorus 2

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

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OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. **C. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

PREFACE

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places . . . praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER *Text by Beth Quick, 2018*

Come, we that love the Lord. Let every voice be raised!
Lift up your hearts unto the Lord, lift up your hearts unto the Lord,
And give God thanks and praise, and give God thanks and praise.

Congregation response (in bold) is sung to the tune of the refrain of ELW Hymn 625, "Come We That Love the Lord (We're Marching to Zion)":



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

We're called to God's table. Everyone come to the table!
The Spirit's moving among us, the beautiful people of God!

God called us forth from dust. God's spirit filled us with life.
God set us in a paradise, God set us in a paradise.
But we chose our own way, a path of pain and strife.

We're called to God's table. Everyone come to the table!
The Spirit's filling these dry bones. God's Spirit gives us new life.

God called us all throughout time. God sought us day after day.
God gave us judges, poets, kings. God sent us prophets' ponderings.
And then God sent us Christ, and then God sent us Christ.

We're called to God's table. Everyone come to the table!
The Spirit's filling these dry bones. God's Spirit gives us new life.

When Jesus shared a meal with all his dearest friends
He took the bread, then took the cup, as giving thanks he raised them up.
"My life, my body given – remember till the end."

We're called to God's table. Everyone come to the table!
The Spirit's moving among us, the beautiful people of God!

When Christ returned to God, he left us not alone.
He sent to us the Holy Breath, the Comforter, the Advocate
That we might, Spirit-led, go forth and change the world!

**We're filled with God's Spirit! Everyone's filled with God's Spirit!
The Spirit's moving among us! We're Pentecost people today!**

Pour out your Spirit, God, on gifts of bread and wine.

God, may these gifts become for us, yes, may these gifts become for us
Christ's body, gift divine, Christ's body, gift divine.

**We're filled with God's Spirit! Everyone's filled with God's Spirit!
The Spirit's moving among us! We're Pentecost people today!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *You are invited to pray The Lord's Prayer in any
language or any version, together at the same time.*

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

DURING COMMUNION "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" Harold Friedell
For brass and organ; brass parts arranged by Adam Frame.

After all have communed, please stand as you are able.

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and
keep us in his grace. **C. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Gracious God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for
these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen
One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through
Christ our Lord. **C. Amen.**

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SENDING HYMN 660 "Lift High the Cross"



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. Be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C. We will! Thanks be to God!

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

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We Pray For:

Craig Bridges
T. J. Bridges
Annasophia Reese
George Dennis
Roberta Dennis
Patti Brunner
Myrna Hund
Karen Presley
Wayne Menking
David Wester

Norma Morrow

Mother of Cindy Kammer

Becky Jacobs

Daughter of Lauren Anderson

Emilee Hodnett

Granddaughter of Daryl & Sarah
Hadfield

For Those Deployed in the Military:

Kristina Youngblood in Saudi Arabia

SERVING IN 11:00 WORSHIP

Today, May 28

Presiding Minister: Rev. Lesley M. Radius
Assisting Minister: Faye Youngblood
Cantor/Choir Dir.: Adam Frame
Organist/Pianist: John Wolf
Lector: Bruce Anderson
Brass Players: Shannon Autry
Rebekah Rosenbloom
Andria Christian
Anthony Tinsley
Chancel Care: Jeri Manske
Ushers: K.C. Iversen, B. Anderson
Videographer: Jacob Martella
Counters: K.C. Iversen, A. Frame

Next Sunday, June 4, Holy Trinity

Rev. Lesley M. Radius

Adam Frame
John Wolf
Sandy Heinrich

Faye Youngblood
Chris Dunker, Peyton Frame
Jacob Martella
K.C. Iversen, B. Anderson

We welcome you today and are thankful you have chosen to participate in this service as you are able. We pray you are blessed by what you experience. If you have any spiritual needs or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lesley at pastor@stmatthews-elca.org or call 817-292-1338. This service includes communion; if you are worshipping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STONE'S THROW FARM IS HERE TODAY Check out the fresh produce, jams and other wonderful items from Stone's Throw Farm in our parking lot today!

WEDGWOOD ARTS SERIES EVENTS:

Tamer Edlebi – Assistant Principal Oboist with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, TODAY at 4:00 pm His concert will be followed by a reception to include an art show by local artist Avery Kelly.

Avery Kelly Art Show – Her art is displayed in the Fellowship Hall. You may learn about her and her art at **averykellyart.com** If you wish to purchase a piece of art, let Pastor or Mary Nedde know so that it can be marked with your name. Please write checks to Avery Kelly, and leave the art on the wall through her showing on the afternoon of May 28.

MAY-JUNE GOSPEL ALIVE As temperatures warm up, we are collecting the following items during May and June for the DRC – Community Solutions to end Homelessness:

Water Bottles Bug Spray Sunscreen

Bring your donations to church and place them in the designated bin. Water bottles may be placed in Kelly's office or the Go! Center.

Our next congregation meeting will be held

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4 at 12:00 PM

The Agenda will include: the election of new Council members (see "Opportunities for Service" next page), an update on St. Matthew's visioning process, reports from Council Commission Directors, and a celebration of our high school graduates. There will be a potluck meal – please bring:

- A-J Salad or fruit (any kind)
- K-S Sandwiches, plated (any kind)
- T-Z Chips or Pretzels
- Cake will be provided.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE: On June 4 we will have a congregation meeting after 11:00 worship where we will make important decisions. On the agenda will be elections for Treasurer, Stewardship Director, and Property Director. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to offer your talents in one of these positions – you may contact Charlie Schmidt if you have questions: **charles.ginny@gmail.com**

THANK YOU TO GO! CENTER VOLUNTEERS Our Go! Center, which tutors and mentors has ended for this academic year. A huge thank you to our volunteers who so caringly and regularly came to teach and be a positive presence for our kids.

THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, May 28

9:00 am – Noon-ish Stone's Throw Farm Produce Truck

8:15 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher

9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages for St. Matthew's

Adult Sunday School: "Jesus According to a Woman"

10:45 am Graduate reception for St. Christopher

11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's with the baptism of Charles Brucks, son of Justin and Erika (Rudolph) Brucks

4:00 pm Wedgwood Arts Series: Tamer Edlebi in concert; oboist with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. There will be a reception following with an art show by Avery Kelly.

MONDAY, May 29 - Church offices closed in observance of Memorial Day

TUESDAY, May 30 - 12:00 pm Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 31 - 7:00 pm Confirmation

THURSDAY, June 1 - 6:45 pm Mutual Ministry Meeting

SUNDAY, June 4, Trinity Sunday

8:30 am (NEW TIME) Service of the Word with Communion led by St. Matthew's

9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher

9:30 am Sunday School for all ages for St. Matthew's

Adult Sunday School: "Jesus According to a Woman"

11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's

12:00 pm Congregational Meeting with potluck meal and celebration of high school graduates

SAVE THE DATES!

Bill Anderson Summer Go! Center Camps – Registration link is on next page.

June 20-22 – Cooking Camp June 27-29 – Music Camp

3:00 – 5:00 pm; ages K - finished 5h grade

July 24-26 (Mon. – Wed.) ReNew VBS, 5:30-8:00 pm

Please sign up in the narthex to volunteer - Registration link is on next page.

**REGISTRATION LINKS FOR COOKING CAMP, MUSIC CAMP AND VBS
ARE AVAILABLE BY SCANNING THESE QR CODES:**



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ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

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Lesley M. Radius, Pastor
Adam Frame, Director of Music Ministries
John Wolf, Organist/Pianist
Shirley Johnson, Director of the Sounds of Exaltation Handbell Choir
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