



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Today Is August 10, 2025

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9th Sunday after Pentecost



ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

12351 All Saints Place

Woodbridge, Virginia 22192

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

arr. Howard Helvey

WELCOME

The assembly stands.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

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: Amen.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning***

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE – *sung in unison*

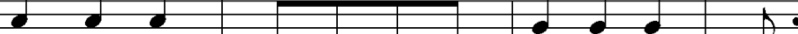
Refrain

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

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. This is followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The melody then continues with a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The final note is a quarter note F#3. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes: 'Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.'

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6

L: A reading from Genesis.

After these things 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, 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.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: We pray the Psalm responsively.

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

**The Lord looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.**

God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

**God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.**

A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

**The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,
our helper and our shield.

**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you. **Amen**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

L: A reading from Hebrews.

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, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, 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 homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “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 hour you do not expect.” of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Bohannon

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Elijah Eric Pfautz
Son of Emily and Eric Pfautz
Sponsors: Claire and James Schnurr

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Holy Baptism is God's gift to his Church. In this sacrament we are initiated into the Christian life. We receive our identity as members of the family of God; and as Christ is our brother, we also become brothers and sisters to one another. We begin our new life, we live our new life, and we look forward to the resurrection under the sign of our Baptism. Today, God calls Elijah by name to enter into this inheritance.

To the Parents:

P: Emily and Eric, today you have brought your child, Elijah, for baptism: Do you confess with us your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord?

Answer: We do.

P: We acknowledge your request on behalf of your child.

P: I charge you to remember your request and your affirmation to take seriously your responsibilities as parents. Today, Elijah is being incorporated into the body of Christ. You are thus called to rear him in the Christian faith and in fellowship with the Church so that as he grows into adult life, he may live in the vocation of his baptism. I, therefore, lay upon you the responsibility to teach him the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, to place in his hands the Holy Scriptures when he can read, to bring him regularly to the services of God's faithful people, and to provide for him instruction in the Christian faith. Do you promise before God and this gathering of believers to do this for Elijah?

Answer: We do, with God's help.

To the Sponsors:

P: Claire and James, as Elijah's sponsors, you have also taken upon yourself responsibility for this child. You are to include him in your prayers, and if anything should happen to his parents or if they otherwise neglect their responsibility, you are to see to it that he is reared within the fellowship of Christ's Church. Do you promise to do your part in nurturing Elijah in the Christian faith?

Answer: We do, with God's help.

To the Congregation:

P: We are all witnesses to this baptism. Through Baptism, Elijah becomes a member of our family. It becomes part of our responsibility to see to it that he is sustained within the mutual consolation and fellowship of Christ's Church.

C: We rejoice in this and give thanks to God for the salvation made known in Jesus Christ.

Baptism

P: Elijah Pfautz, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

P: May you evermore be clothed with the righteousness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for whose sake God has now made you his child and promises you the fullness of the new life. Peace be with you.

The Sign of the Cross

P: Receive the sign of the Holy Cross, as a sign that through your baptism you are participating in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through the cross you have been redeemed; in baptism you receive the fullness of this redemption; and henceforth you are called to take up your cross and follow after Christ.

Presentation of the Light

P: Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Prayer and Blessing

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you make light to shine out of darkness, you make new life to spring out of old, you make of all people one new race; we thank you for giving your Church the gracious gift of Baptism, and that you have seen fit to welcome Elijah into this gift of grace.

C: Whether we are young or old, we ask together that you will make our baptism real and new every day, so that we may live together in the joy and power of the Holy Spirit, and at last live forever in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God send you his light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; his presence accompany you. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, cause his grace to be mighty upon you.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The pastor invites the assembly into prayer.

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

(A brief silence is kept; each petition ends with the response.)

L: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say,
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

Let Us Love One Another
Summer Gathering Choir

Sherman

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

The musical score is written on seven staves of music. The melody is in G major, indicated by one sharp (F#). The time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are: 'We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.'

We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voice-es, Lord, use our
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are quarter notes, mostly beamed in pairs or groups of four, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with 'P:' indicating the Priest's part and 'C:' indicating the Conductor's part.

P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

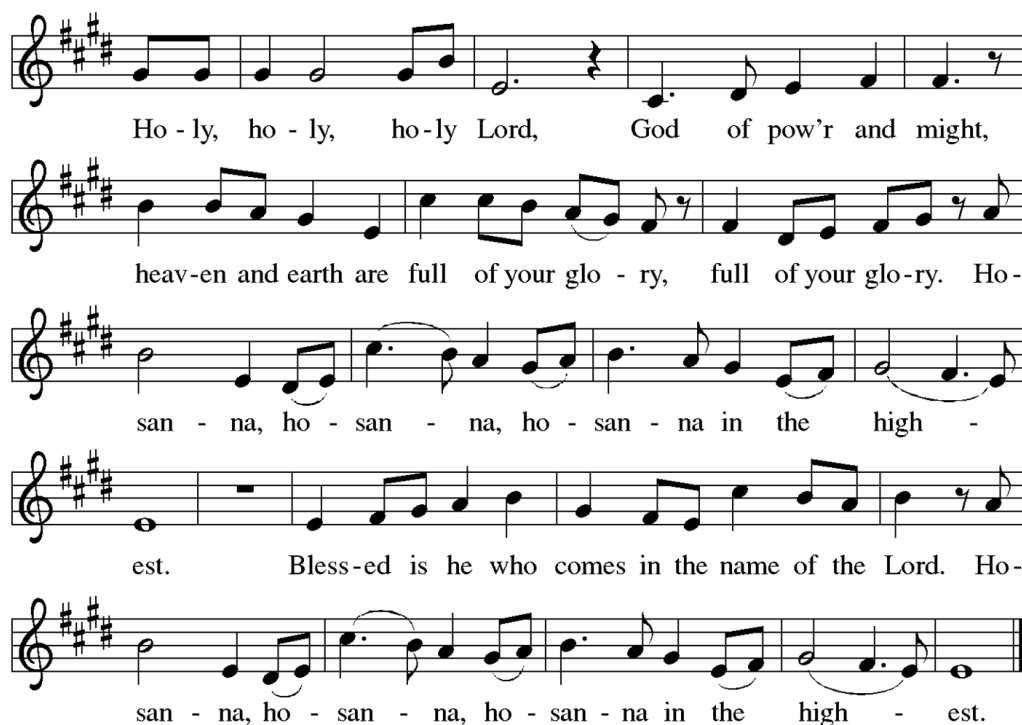
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor begins, "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise..." Here the pastor continues with the preface for the day, "...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:"

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



*All who believe Jesus is present in this sacrament are invited to receive the bread and wine. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail; when invited by an usher, please come forward and kneel at the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Know that if you only take the bread that you have fully communed. Whether you are receiving communion at in-person worship or if you are receiving communion at home, we extend to you:
The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

***Lord of All Hopefulness
The King of Love My Shepherd Is***

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The assembly stands.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table, and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Faith Begins by Letting Go

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King

arr. Dan Forrest

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning, ACS 949



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain



Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus, ELW 802



- 1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
- 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
- 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
- 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Lord of All Hopefulness, ELW 765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, ELW 502

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Faith Begins by Letting Go, ACS 1004



- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en-dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem-'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma-tures by reach-ing out, stretch-ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,



tak - ing risks and press-ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar-ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;



pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust-ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com-mon-place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.



INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY ~

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

The altar flowers for today are given
in loving memory of Karl Nicolai,
by his mother, the Rev. Lillian Russell,
his sister, Suzanne Cervarich,
his brother, Erik Nicolai, and their families.

The Eternal Candle for the month of August
is sponsored by Gloria and Tom Bortner,
in celebration of the wedding anniversaries
of Stephanie and Thomas,
and Andrea and Jerry.

Coming Up at St. Matthew's

August 17 – Blessing of Backpacks – Students of all ages are encouraged to come up during the children's message on August 17th to receive a blessing for the 2025-2026 school year.

August 17 – St. Matthew's Book Group – The Book Group will discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters at St. Matthew's at 2:30PM.

August 22 – Ferlazzo Emergency Shelter Lunch – We are collecting items for our monthly lunch for the Ferlazzo Emergency Shelter for the Homeless. Sign up to contribute on the St. Matthew's SignUp Genius.

August 23 – St. Matthew's "Laugh-A-Lympics" will be held here on Saturday, August 23, at 7PM. Bring the family and come for a fun night of Fellowship and eight rounds of fast-paced mini games.

September 7 – Sunday School Rally Day (9:00-9:50AM) and Church Picnic

September 14 – First Day of Sunday School classes (9:00-9:50AM)

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