



We Welcome You to
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church!
214 College Ave., Henderson, Texas 75654
Liturgy of the Word
August 31, 2025
Proper 17

PRELUDE

— *Stand* —

HYMN 450 ALL HAIL THE POWER VS.1, 2, 6

Officiant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Officiant:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

— *Sung in Unison* —

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have
mercy on us; you are seated at the right
hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the
Father. Amen.**

Officiant:

The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

— *The People May be Seated for the Lessons* —

The First Lesson

Proverbs 25:6-7

Reader:

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the
king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
for it is better to be told, "Come up
here,"
than to be put lower in the presence
of a noble.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112

— *The Leader & People Pray Responsively
by Full Verse* —

- 1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord
*and have great delight in his
commandments!
- 2 **Their descendants will be mighty
in the land; *the generation of
the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their
house, *and their righteousness
will last for ever.
- 4 **Light shines in the darkness for
the upright; *the righteous are
merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in
lending *and to manage their
affairs with justice.
- 6 **For they will never be shaken; *the
righteous will be kept in
everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil
rumors; *their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 **Their heart is established and will
not shrink, *until they see their
desire upon their enemies.**

- 9 They have given freely to the poor,
*and their righteousness stands fast
for ever; they will hold up their
head with honor.

- 10 **The wicked will see it and be
angry; they will gnash their
teeth and pine away; *the
desires of the wicked will
perish.**

THE SECOND LESSON *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

Reader:

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the
Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect
to show hospitality to strangers, for by
doing that some have entertained angels
without knowing it. Remember those
who are in prison, as though you were in
prison with them; those who are being
tortured, as though you yourselves were
being tortured. Let marriage be held in
honor by all, and let the marriage bed be
kept undefiled; for God will judge
fornicators and adulterers. Keep your
lives free from the love of money, and be
content with what you have; for he has
said, "I will never leave you or forsake
you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke
the word of God to you; consider the
outcome of their way of life, and imitate
their faith. Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually
offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is,

the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

— *Stand* —

HYMN 423 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE
VS. 1, 2, 4

THE GOSPEL *Luke 14:1, 7-14*

Officiant:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Luke.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled,

and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

— *The People May be Seated for the Sermon* —

THE SERMON
Mr. Tracy Allen

Officiant:

Let us now stand and join Christians past and present, and from all over the world, in proclaiming our common faith.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

— Stand or, if Able, Please Kneel —

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Officiant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Silence)*

Officiant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Officiant says to the People:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

— *The People May Seated for Announcements* —

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Officiant:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE OFFERTORY

— *Stand* —

The Doxology

— *All Sing in Unison* —

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Officiant:

And now, to gather all our petitions, let us pray in the words our Savior Christ himself has taught us:

— *Stand or, if Able, Please Kneel* —

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People:

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant:

God love us and have mercy upon us; through the cross of Christ, pardon us and set us free; in the name of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

— *Stand* —

HYMN 376 JOYFUL, JOYFUL
VS. 1-3

The Officiant dismisses with these words:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



If you would like to give electronically, scan the QR code to be taken to a secure payment site.

LEADERS OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Celebrant:
Altar Guild:
Acolyte:
Lector:
Greeters:
Vestry Person:

TODAY

9:30 a.m., Liturgy of the Word,
Coffee Fellowship

Monday, Sept. 1st
Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
7:30p.m. A.A.

Saturday, Aug. 6th
1:00 p.m., Memorial Service for Walt Davenport

Sunday, Sept. 7th
9:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist,
Coffee Fellowship

Altar Flowers Are Given to the Glory of God
????????????????????????????????

Open Plate Offering

Our **August open plate** will go to the Henderson Interchurch Ministry. If you want your **cash donation to go into the General Fund**, please place it in an envelope and note

your wishes on the envelope.

PRAYER LIST

Our St. Matthew's Family: Mother Patsy+ & Family, Charlene, David, Sheryl, Isabella, Jimmy, Anne & Family, June, Lisa & John, Heath, Justin, Sophia, Roberta, Ann, and Catherine.

Friends & Loved Ones: Judy, John, Maverick, Christy Jo, Marnie, Julie, Donna, Nancy, Ray, Misty, Nancy, Cody, Bruce, Linda, Russell, Holly & son, Lin, Shawn, Theron, Vania, Kurt, Richard, Randy, Ashley, Monica & Bubba, Cynthia, Debbie, Valentina, Jane and Mary.
We pray for all of our Military, at home and abroad.

St. Matthew's Mission Statement

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is a body of believers united in a common desire to love and serve the Lord and our neighbors. Our faith journey is to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God.

—Adapted from Micah 6:8

St. Matthew's Vision Statement

"To be a Christian community that demonstrates God's love to those around us through prayer, caring, visitation, worship, and teaching."

Anyone who in need of **pastoral care** or desires to **share suggestions & concerns** for ministry at St. Matthew's, please speak to our Priest-In-Charge, Mother Patsy+ or our Senior Warden, Carol Roberts.

WWW.STMATTHEWSHENDERSON.ORG

STMATTHEWS@SUDDENLINKMAIL.COM



Like us on Facebook by Searching for:

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Pumpkin Patch