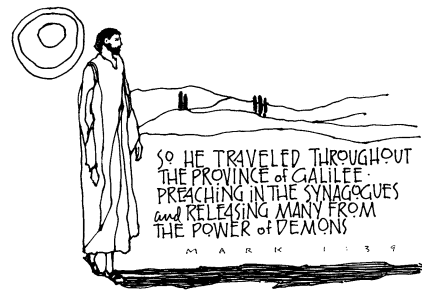




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## The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2015

### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Gathering music

*Peace Before Us*

1. Peace before us  
Peace behind us  
Peace under our feet  
Peace within us  
Peace over us  
Let all around us be peace.
2. Love...
3. Light...
4. Christ....
5. Alleluia...
6. Peace...

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#### Procession to the Altar Hymn #135

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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 said at 8am;

**Sing Halleluia**, sung at 10am

*(printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)*

**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.**

#### The Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### A Reading from Isaiah (40:21-31)

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 147:1-12, 21c**

**(Read in unison after the first asterisk)**

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! **\* how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**
- 2 **The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \* he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- 3 **He heals the brokenhearted \* and binds up their wounds.**
- 4 **He counts the number of the stars \* and calls them all by their names.**
- 5 **Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \* there is no limit to his wisdom.**

- 6 **The LORD lifts up the lowly, \* but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- 7 **Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \* make music to our God upon the harp.**
- 8 **He covers the heavens with clouds \* and prepares rain for the earth;**
- 9 **He makes grass to grow upon the mountains\* and green plants to serve mankind.**
- 10 **He provides food for flocks and herds \* and for the young ravens when they cry.**
- 11 **He is not impressed by the might of a horse;\* he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**
- 12 **But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \* in those who await his gracious favor.**

### **21c Hallelujah!**

### **A Reading from 1 Corinthians (9:16-23)**

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all

things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord  
**People** Thanks be to God

### **Gradual Hymn vss. 1, 2** *Heal me, hands of Jesus*

- 1 Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain;  
restore my hope, remove my fear, and bring me peace again.
- 2 Cleanse me, blood of Jesus, take bitterness away;  
let me forgive as one forgiven and bring me peace today.

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## **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark**

(1:29-39)

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus left the synagogue at Capernaum, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

### **Gradual Hymn vss. 3, 4** *Heal me, hands of Jesus*

- 3 Know me, mind of Jesus, and show me all my sin;  
dispel the memories of guilt and bring me peace within.
- 4 Fill me, joy of Jesus; anxiety shall cease,  
and heaven's serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace!

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## **The Sermon**

Fr. Haynes

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

## **The Nicene Creed** (Standing, as able.)

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.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray.

For the whole church of God, that it may grow in unity and servant hood. We pray especially for Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine our presiding bishop, Gregory our bishop, for priests, deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the Anglican Communion, especially for the Diocese of Maiduguri (Jos, Nigeria), our diocese, especially, St. Clement, Seattle and St. John the Baptist, Seattle; and our parish, especially for our parishioners John & Derris Humphrey; Sandy Hust & George Woodworth; and Dave, Sue, Preston, Christopher, Jacob, and Tammy Inglis.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For all the leaders and people of the world, especially Barack, our president, that reconciliation and peace may overcome conflict and oppression. We pray for our armed forces and those who are deployed especially Andrew and Michael, and for those we now name....

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the hungry in body, mind or spirit, that they may be nourished by your presence and truth.

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the sick and those in pain, for the lonely and the forgotten, for the dying and all who mourn, that your healing grace may shine forth in the shadows of this world. We pray for all those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Corretta, Maryann, Brenda, Beth & Kendall, Ayrton, Rose, Lorraine, Fr. Frank, Theresa, Agueda, Shirley, Nancy and for those we now name....

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For the gifts of joy and love, that we may bear witness to the manifestations of your glory. We give thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name...

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, especially those we now name...,

Lord in your mercy, ***hear our prayer.***

*Celebrant*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen***

## **Confession of Sin**

*Leader*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader 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.**

*Celebrant*

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

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Prayers for Healing**

### **Offertory Hymn #204** *Now the green blade riseth*

#### **The Great Thanksgiving – B**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and  
praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and  
every-where to give thanks to you, Father  
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with  
Angels and Archangels and with all the company of  
heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim  
the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

#### **Sanctus** *(printed on page 10 of the Worship Guide)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and  
love which you have made known to us in creation;  
in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your  
Word spoken through the prophets; and above all  
in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in  
these last days you sent him to be incarnate from  
the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of  
the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus  
Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks  
to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and  
said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for  
you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he  
had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new  
Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for  
the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do  
this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and  
thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to  
you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy  
Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the  
Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of  
the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his  
sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,  
being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness  
of time, put all things in subjection under your  
Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country  
where, with all your saints, we may enter the  
everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all  
creation, the head of the Church, and the author of  
our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

*(printed on page 11 of the Worship Guide)*

*Celebrant* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we  
now pray,

**Our father in heaven  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<b>People</b>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast.</b>
	<b>Alleluia</b>

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then  
immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with  
these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]  
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

*This is our Lord's Table, and He is our host. All persons are  
invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be  
baptized are encouraged to speak with the clergy after the  
service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body. Gluten free  
hosts are available upon request at the rail.*

## **Communion Music**

### Bless the Lord, My Soul

Bless the Lord, My Soul, and bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, My Soul; He rescues me from death.

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### Jesus is Present to Heal

1. Gather together to praise his name.  
Gather together to praise his name.  
Gather together to praise his name.  
Jesus is present to heal.
2. When you feel all hope is gone,  
When you're standing all alone,  
He will hear your faintest cry.  
Jesus is present to heal.
3. Jesus is the only way,  
He will wipe your tears away.  
Though the world seems dark and gray,  
Jesus is present to heal.
4. Draw near and worship him.  
Draw near and worship him.  
Draw near and worship him.  
Jesus is present to heal.
5. Rise and take your healing now.  
Rise and take your healing now.  
Rise and take your healing now.  
Jesus is present to heal.

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### **COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

*To be used when the need is present to  
send out Lay Eucharistic Ministers*

*Priest: In the name of this congregation we send  
you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to  
whom you go may share with us in the  
communion of Christ's body and blood.*

*Presider and People: **We who are many are  
one body because we all share one bread,  
one cup.***

## The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* : Let us pray:

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Procession to the Neighborhood

*Prayer of St. Francis*

1. Make me a channel of your peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace;  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
3. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much  
to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
In giving to all men that were receive;  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

(repeat vs 3 and 4)

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## St. Matthew Mission Statement

**To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
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Lector	Art Ladley
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Greeters	John Kennedy Leanne Kennedy
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Counters	Shawna Peterson
Nursery	Jim & Marian Oberg
Coffee Hour	Gary & Marcie Neuman
Altar Guild Directress	Janet Witter

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**Today's Prayer List**

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy  
Areewa Saray – imprisonment  
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice  
Carmen Planas (aunt of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) –dementia  
Stephen Peterson (son of Tom & Judy Peterson) – back pain  
Dave Hopkins – pain management and balance  
Corretta (mother of Florence Nabaggala) – malaria  
Maryann Smith - guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.  
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems  
Beth & Kendall Haynes – for a safe and healthy pregnancy  
Ayrton Climo - (request from Lydia Nabawanga) – recovering from a terrible car accident  
Rose Barg – continued healing for a variety of health issues  
Lorraine Casillas – for healing, strong healthy heart and good blood pressure  
Fr. Frank Spina – recovering from a major stroke  
Theresa Hibben – recovering from an accident  
Agueda Fernández-Webster – Bronchitis  
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke  
Nancy Newkirk - Bronchitis

To add someone or take someone off the prayer list, email [saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com) . Thanks!

**NEWS**

**NOW HIRING –**

St. Matthew is seeking qualified candidates to fill our vacant positions of **Part-time Parish Administrator** and **Nursery Care Attendant**. Applications for both positions are now being accepted via an online form found at <http://www.neighborhoodparish.org/employment-opportunities.html> through **Thursday, February 12th**. Thank you and please help us spread the word!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Special Lecture at St. Matthew** - Michael Sullivan, noted local historian, preservationist, and popular

UW Tacoma teacher and lecturer will be the featured speaker at Points Northeast Historical Society Annual Meeting, **Tuesday, February 10, 7pm** at St Matthew Church. He is known for his captivating slide presentations and story telling ability which makes the past come alive and relevant to the present. Prof. Sullivan will talk about “Maritime Stories Around Commencement Bay and South Puget Sound.” Among the stories to be featured are expeditions by some early explorers like Charles Wilkes who named many of the local landmarks, tales of local shipwrecks near Tacoma and Browns Point, role of smugglers and prohibition characters, and Thea Foss (“Tugboat Annie”). His talk is free and open to the public. More info: (message) 253-927-2536.

**Work Party at Julia's Gulch, February 14th,**

**9:00 AM - Noon** We will be removing the Himalayan Blackberry. Come dressed for the weather. Wear sturdy footwear and garden gloves. Some tools will be provided but if you have a pick or lopper bring it along. See you there!

**Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday Party for Kids and Adults!!—Tuesday, February 17th**

join us for a Mardi Gras Party! There will be face painting, mask making, and a Piñata, as well as good food! Join us at **5:30 PM** in the Library for Wine and appetizers. Pancakes, eggs and sausage will be served in the Parish Hall at **6:00 PM** w/ the Burning of the Palms to follow. Wear a costume! Come for the fun! Questions: Terry Elofson [253-670-1948](tel:253-670-1948).

**Ash Wednesday - February 18th**—Come join us for this penitential day of obligation as we begin the holy season Lent. Lent is an intentional period of reflection and preparation as we await the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, Easter Day. Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (a sign of our mortality) will be offered at **7:00 AM, Noon and 7:00 PM**.

**Stations of the Cross and Lenten MOVIE Series—Fridays—in Lent at 6:00 PM beginning**

**February 20th** - Stations of the Cross or the Way of Sorrows is the fourteen point journey acknowledging Jesus' experience from being condemned to death to the tomb. This is a fabulous and contemplative liturgy that



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)**

interactively serves as a pilgrimage for us as believers. Please join us for this ancient and profound discipline! Then join us at **7:00 PM** in the Parish Hall for our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lenten Movie Series. This year's theme will be **Jesus in Film** and will include the following movies:

**Feb. 20** – *King of Kings* (1961)

**Feb. 27** – *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (1965)

**Mar. 6** – *Jesus* (1979)

**Mar. 13** – *The Passion of the Christ* (2004)

**Mar. 20** – *Son of God* (2014)

**Emergency Shelter Volunteers**—In case you are not aware, St Matthew Church, together with Resurrection Lutheran Church, are established shelter facilities in the Browns Point area in the event of an emergency/disaster in Pierce County. St Matthew has a large emergency generator in the event of a power outage. Personnel from both parishes have been working together for several years to support either one of the shelters or both, if necessary. **Currently there is a shortage of volunteers to support our shelter program. We are looking for new volunteers who are willing to get involved in this valuable program.** There is very little effort required other than getting familiar with the operation of a shelter by attending a couple of short meetings and maybe even setting up a "mock" shelter for a couple of hours just to acquaint you with the concept. **The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 5th, at Resurrection Lutheran Church at 6:30 p.m.,** for no more than an hour and a half. Believe me it is a wonderful feeling to be able to help people who have just experienced a disaster by volunteering in a shelter to support them. I've been there, done that... Please add your name to the 'Shelter Volunteer List' on the round glass table on your way out of Church. Thanks, Dick Collins, 253-927-9245.

**"More Than Altar Flowers: A workshop in Liturgical Design"**— is a liturgical workshop being offered at St. John's in Kirkland on Saturday, March 7th, 10am-2pm (registration information: <http://www.ecww.org/events-calendar/more-altar-flowers-workshop-liturgical-design>). This

great opportunity is being made available for all parishioners who are interested in liturgy, art, design, prayer, creativity and especially ways to enhance our liturgical space. It will be most fruitful if many of us get involved. There is a video by Bishop Rickel regarding liturgical creativity that also explains the workshop:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Smbv8QWwnCs>. They suggest that we bring our own natural materials to work with, driftwood, candles, rocks, etc. The cost is \$15.00 per person which includes lunch. We can carpool from St. Matthew (37miles) and it should be lots of fun. Please contact me if you are interested - Marcie Neuman 253-447-7424.

### **Mark your calendar—**

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Thursdays, 10AM, Bible Study in the library
- Thursdays, 7PM Adult Catechumenate in the library
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Tuesday, February 10, 7PM – Points NE Historical Society Annual Meeting and Lecture
- Tuesday, February 17, 5:30PM – Mardi Gras Celebration
- Wednesday, February 18, 7AM, NOON and 7PM – Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) - Holy Eucharist w/ Imposition of Ashes
- Fridays in Lent beginning, February 20 – 6PM – Stations of the Cross  
7PM – Lenten Movie Series
- Thursday, March 5, 6:30 PM – Emergency Shelter Meeting @ Resurrection Lutheran Church
- Saturday, March 7, 10AM-2PM – Liturgy Workshop @ St. John's Episcopal Church, Kirkland