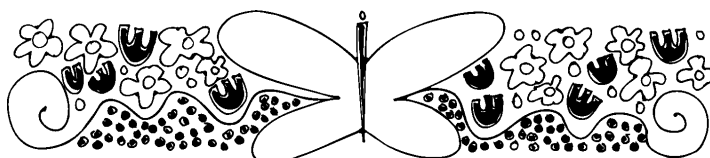




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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2015

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music

You Are My King

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken,
I'm accepted; You were condemned,
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me,
Because You died and rose again,
Amazing love, how can it be,
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true;
It's my joy to honor You, (repeat)
In all I do, I honor You, In all I do, I honor you.

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Process to the Altar Hymn #657, vss. 1-3

Love Divine

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 Hallelujah, 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Acts

(8:26-40)

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22

(Please read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; ***I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- 25 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"**
- 26 **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- 27 **For kingship belongs to the LORD; * he rules over the nations.**
- 28 **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- 29 **My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.**
- 30 **They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.**

A Reading from 1 John

(4:7-21)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son

as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Gradual Hymn *In Christ Alone, vss. 1-2*
(printed on page 12 of the Worship Guide)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John** (15:1-8)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

Gradual Hymn *In Christ Alone, vss. 3-4*
(printed on page 12 of the Worship Guide)

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The Sermon Father Haynes

Silence for reflection

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

Alleluia! Our glorious God has raised Jesus from death to life; let every heart be filled with praise.
Alleluia!

Sanctify your creation as abundant new life now bursts forth.

That all may share in the wholeness promised to our broken world.

Guide those in authority to transcend the barriers that separate the human family and build together an everlasting peace, praying especially for an end to all war, terror and violence in every heart and land.

That our world may know the blessings of life in you.

Encourage your Church to celebrate the resurrection with joy, committing ourselves to the work of reconciliation.

That Christ's Body may be One.

Empower your ministers to proclaim boldly the message of the resurrection.

That all may come to see you as our Risen Lord.

Inspire us to live faithfully our Baptismal vows and to partake lovingly of the Sacred Bread and Wine.

That we may be an Easter people.

Assist those who suffer or are in need; the poor, the lonely, the disabled.

That they too may share in your abundant life.

Embrace those who have died with your eternal love.

That they may rejoice in your presence forever more.

Hear our special intercessions for this day, O Lord, as we pray: for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Diocese of Ngbo - (Enugu, Nigeria); The Episcopal Church; our diocese, especially St. Margaret, Bellevue, St. Michael and All Angels, Issaquah; our parish, especially for our parishioners Tom & Elaine Taylor; Fred & Sherry Vogel; John & Kitty Walker; that your Holy Spirit would guide and direct your Church throughout the world to be a sign of your Kingdom;

We pray for the deployed and their families, especially Andrew, Michael, and for those we now name;

We pray for those who are suffering in this world, especially the victims of the earthquake and aftershocks in Nepal.

We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Maryann, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Tom, Elsie, Agueda, Sueann, Katie, John, Alex, Shakai, Bea, Saray, Bud & Anne, Travis, Pam, Sandy & John, Matt & Adrienne, Don and for those we now name;

We thank you for all the blessings of this life especially for those we now name;

We pray also for those who have died, and those we now name;

We praise you and bless you, O Christ.
We praise you and bless you.

Celebrant

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

In keeping with the ancient custom of the Church, the confession is omitted during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Offertory Hymn

You Are My All in All (sung by Choir)

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The Great Thanksgiving – A

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 sung or said

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 *said at 8 am & sung at 10 am*
(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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

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 and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail.

Communion Music

We See the Lord / He is Lord

We see the Lord, we see the Lord,
He is high and lifted up,
And his train fills the temple.
He is high and lifted up,
And his train fills the temple.
The angels cry "Holy!" The angels cry "Holy!"
The angels cry "Holy is the Lord!"

He is Lord, he is Lord,
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord!

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Majesty

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His
throne unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty.
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

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Lord, I lift Your name on high

Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord I love to sing Your praises,
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us,
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave, to the sky,
Lord I lift Your name on high.

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COMMISSIONING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant 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

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,/you have graciously accepted us as living members/
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,/and you have fed us with spiritual food/
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood/
Send us now into the world in peace,/and grant us strength and courage/
to love and serve you/with gladness and singleness of heart;/through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Process to the Neighborhood Hymn #390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

St. Matthew Mission Statement

St. Matthew Church: 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.
Alleluia, Alleluia

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
Eucharistic Minister	Frank Blacker
Lector	Bud Nalder
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege
	Nicholas Yun
Ushers	Art Ladley
	Pamela Reed
Greeters	Gary Neuman
	Marcie Neuman
Eucharistic Visitor	Kitty Walker
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Beth Latsis
	Liz Latsis
	Cat Kuniyoshi
	Mary Blacker
Counters	Jackie Whorton
	Frank Blacker
Coffee Hour	Anna Jackson
	Fred Vogel
	Sherry Vogel
Altar Guild Directress	Linda Pomeroy-Hull

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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
Maryann Smith – guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.
Brenda Gilbert – fighting severe health problems
Rose Barg – continued healing for a variety of health issues
Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke
Tom Taylor – vertigo-like symptoms from an unknown illness
Elsie Forrest – Macular Degeneration, tremors, and hernia
Agueda Fernandez-Webster – Tests
Sueann Gorretti – discernment for employment transition
Katie – (friend of Jim Oberg) – undiagnosed medical condition
John Hibben – tests for unknown throat condition
Alex Sloan & Shakai Reyna – (grandson and friend of Jim & Ginny Sloan) – on their hike of the Pacific Crest Trail (from southern border to northern border), from April 8 through August 30, 2015

Bea Stensrud – recovering from some breaks in her femur
Saray Yuorn – travel to Cambodia from April 6th to May 1st
Bud & Ann –
Travis Neuman – (son of Gary & Marcie Neuman) for safety
during his 30 day poverty pilgrimage
Pam Ladley – recovering from wrist surgery
Sandy and John Yoeun - who are expecting their fourth child,
a boy, in August. Congratulations!!
Matt and Adrienne Williams - who are expecting their third
child, a girl, also in August. Congratulations!!
Don - (friend of Bud Nalder) personal and professional issues

To add someone or take someone off the prayer list,
email saintmatthewpastoralcare@gmail.com . Thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group Planning Meeting - Youth group
planning meeting after church **May 3rd** to help
plan the June 13th youth and family summer kick
off.

**BP's St. Matthew's Youth Night Out for
grades 6th through 12th. Friday, May 8th**
**"Into the Woods" Opening Night and Pizza at
Firrelli's** - Youth meet **5:00 pm, church parking
lot**. Youth will be shuttled by our church
volunteers to Farrelli's pizza for dinner (Garfield
Street and Pac Ave, next to PLU), then we'll walk to
the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing
Arts on PLU Campus (just a few blocks) for the
show.

Youth will be shuttled back to St. Matthew's after
the show and parents will need to pick up
(between 11:00pm and 11:30pm). Please email
Nan Clapp (clappjnb@yahoo.com) **by Tuesday,
May 5th** if your youth would like to join us, and I'll
email you a **consent form** which will need to be
signed and returned to me by the time we depart.

ASCENSION SUPPER & DESSERT AUCTION - On
Thursday, May 14th @ 6 PM we will have our
annual Ascension Day Dinner with Holy Eucharist
in the Parish Hall **@ 7 PM**. As part of the
celebration, we will again be putting the fun back in
fund raiser with a dessert auction as part of our
Ascension Supper. This is a chance for you to help
raise money for St. Matthew and our neighborhood
mission. Buy a delicious dessert for you or perhaps

your whole table to enjoy with your meal, take a
dessert home for later or do all three. **Great
Desserts for a Great Cause.** Please contact John
Kennedy at 253-927-9254 for more details.

Pentecost! - On **May 24th** we have the great
pleasure of hosting our bishop, Greg Rickel, as we
celebrate the Feast of the Holy Spirit! We will have
baptisms, confirmations, the annual blessing of our
fire department, food and festivities. Bring your
friends and neighbors! This will be a liturgy and
event we'll be talking about for a while to come!

2015 Baseball with the Bishop! - Join Bishop
Rickel and your fellow Episcopalians for a night of
baseball and family fun at Cheney Stadium. Enjoy a
pre-game buffet in the Backyard BBQ pavilion and
then cheer on the Tacoma Rainiers as they beat the
Round Rock Express. Saturday, **May 30th**, BBQ
buffet service begins at 4:00pm and game time is
5:05pm at Cheney Stadium, Tacoma. For more
information go to: <http://ow.ly/LF8sK>. Ticket
order deadline extended to May 1st.

Phoenix Housing Project - The Phoenix Housing
Network is a Catholic Community Services
program that provides temporary housing to
selected homeless families in transition to
permanent housing. Churches throughout the
community assist with secure overnight sites for
one week at a time providing evening meals,
continental breakfasts and a warm, welcoming and
secure setting. The families are responsible for
their own transportation: their own car or bus.

St Joseph/St John Episcopal church in Lakewood
has hosted Phoenix families for several years. St
Matthew church does not have access to public
transportation so could not be used as a host
resource. However if anyone would like to help in
this endeavor, St Joseph/St John could use (needs)
volunteer help such as:

An evening meal for about 10 adults and 8-10
children.

Overnight hosting - someone to sleep on site
and prepare breakfast.

Families are scheduled for St Joseph/St John on
May 23 - 30. If you are interested in helping,
contact Chuck Zimmerman: 927-2773.

St. Matthew Book Sale - The Parish Life Committee is organizing a book sale within the next two months. We are requesting donations of any books and/or CD's/DVD's to sell. The date of the book sale will be **June 6th** and the success of it depends on the amount of books we can accumulate. So please donate what you can and ask your friends and neighbors if they would like to do the same. Boxes will be made available for dropping off your items. Thank you. Please call if you have any questions. Marcie Neuman 253 682 8955

Scheduling Activities - St. Matthew is bustling with activity. In the interest of providing the necessary time and space for each activity, we are coordinating our schedules with Dave in the parish office. If you have an activity scheduled, please email Dave at your earliest convenience, so he can reserve your area on the parish calendar. Thank you. Marcie Neuman 253 447 7424

Pastoral Care - The Pastoral Care Commission works to support individuals and families in time of transitions of health and circumstances.

1. We work to provide rides to services and events at St Matthew for those who need assistance.
2. We provide meals to families who are dealing with illnesses, hospitalizations, death, babies, and other transition circumstances.
3. In concert with Kendall we support the prayer chain and those requesting prayers.
4. St Matthew's Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV's) take communion and share the lessons and the sermon for that week to those who are homebound.
5. We have a limited number of home medical equipment items that can be borrowed.
6. We assist in organizing and providing funeral receptions on behalf of St Matthew.

We would love to have you join us in this gift of caring to those in our community. If you could

provide rides, or occasionally prepare meals, or take communion to those homebound, we would love to have you listed as a "Caring Hand" volunteer, when we get calls for help. Please consider adding your name to be called on when someone has a need. We are especially in need of those who will serve as Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Those who want to know more about the role or wish to be a LEV, please talk to Kendall.

We also wish to encourage all of you to become a "Friend of a Friend" and visit those who are homebound or have other health and transition circumstances. All this requires is sending a note or going to visit an individual who would appreciate a smiling face, a bit of conversation, or a caring individual who shares time with them. If you have questions about visiting or who to visit, give Claire Scharmach a call for additional information. We encourage you to do this on your own. Reach out and reap the joys of giving. Call Claire Scharmach, Chair, Pastoral Care Commission (253-244-8831), if you have questions or wish to participate in any of these areas of Pastoral Care.

Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 2nd 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
- 4th Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Friday, May 8, Youth Outing
- Thursday, May 14, 6PM Ascension Super & Dessert Auction
- Sunday, May 24, Pentecost with Bishop Rickel
- Saturday, May 30, 4PM baseball with the Bishop at Cheney stadium
- Saturday, June 6, Book Sale at St Matthew