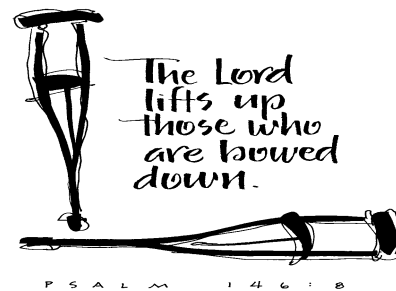




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## The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 18

**September 6, 2015**

### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Gathering Music

Jesus Your Name

*Jesus Your Name*

1. Jesus, Your name is Power  
Jesus, Your name is might.  
Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold,  
Jesus, Your name is life.
2. Jesus, Your name is healing,  
Jesus, Your name is sight.  
Jesus, Your name will free ev'ry captive,  
Jesus, Your name is life.
3. Jesus, Your name is holy,  
Jesus, Your name brings light.  
Jesus, Your name, above ev'ry other.  
Jesus, Your name is life.
4. Jesus, Your name is Power  
Jesus, Your name is might.  
Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold,  
Jesus, Your name is life.

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#### Procession to the Altar Hymn #397

*Now thank we all our God*

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

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

*Celebrant*

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 11 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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **A Reading from Isaiah** (35:4-7a)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for  
joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 146**

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

**1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \* I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

**2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \* for there is no help in them.**

**3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \* and in that day their thoughts perish.**

**4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

**5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* who keeps his promise for ever;**

**6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.**

**7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \* the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

**8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

**9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

### **A Reading from James** (2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for

all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

## Gradual Hymn

*Thy Word*

### Thy Word

Chorus:        Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
                    And a light unto my path.  
                    Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
                    And a light unto my path.

1.        When I feel afraid , think I've lost my way,  
            still you're there right beside me.  
            And nothing will I fear as long as you are  
            near. Please be near me to the end.

Chorus:        Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
                    And a light unto my path.  
                    Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
                    And a light unto my path.

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

(7:24-37)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a

Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go-- the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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

## Gradual Hymn

*Thy Word*

### Thy Word

Chorus:        Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
                    And a light unto my path.  
                    Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
                    And a light unto my path.

2.        I will not forget your love for me, and yet,  
            My heart forever is wandering.  
            Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,  
            And I will love You to the end.

Chorus:        Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
                    And a light unto my path.  
                    Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
                    And a light unto my path.

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## **The Sermon**

Father Haynes

## ***Hear our prayer***

*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**

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. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for Sialkot - (Pakistan); our diocese, especially for St. Andrew, Aberdeen; St. Luke, Elma; St. Germain, Hoodspout; and for our parish, especially for our parishioners Carole Kirkpatrick; Elizabeth, Jeff, Dionna, Elijah & Emi Klein; Jon & Cat Kuniyoshi.

Lord, in your mercy,

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, especially Barack our President, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our armed forces, their families, and those who are deployed, especially Andrew & Michael and for those we now name;

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. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for the births of Preston Eli Yun Yoeun and Penelope "Poppy" Louise Williams and for those we now name.

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. We pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Stephen, Dave, Maryann, Brenda, Rose, Shirley, Elsie, Sheri, Scott, Alisande, Ted, Donal, Crystal, Elliott, Don, Marisa, Laura, Adam, Cesar, Cherie, and for those we now name;

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

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

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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

### Offertory Hymn

*Sung by the Choir*

*Break Dividing Walls*

*(Please join the choir during the refrain):*

We will break dividing walls,  
We will break dividing walls,  
We will break dividing walls,  
In the name of Your Son.  
We will break dividing walls,  
We will break dividing walls,  
We will be one.

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## The Great Thanksgiving C

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*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*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus

**8:00 am (spoken), 10:00 am Sanctus (sung)**

*(Printed on page 11 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*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
***We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.  
***AMEN.***

**Lord's Prayer** *said at 8 am & sung at 10 am*  
*(Printed on page 12 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.*

*Then the Celebrant says*

[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.

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

## Communion Music Hymn #602 *Jesu, Jesu*

### *Chorus*

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show  
Us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.  
(to chorus)

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes  
their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them.  
(to chorus)

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black  
and white, Neighbors are nearby and far away.  
(to chorus)

These are the ones we should serve, these are the  
ones we should love, All are neighbors to us and  
you.

(to chorus)

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we  
were slaves; This is the way we should live with  
you.

### Father, I Adore You

1. Father, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
how I love you.

2. Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
how I love you.

3. Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you;  
how I love you.

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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*

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 for ever.  
*Amen.***

## The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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

### Hymn #537

*Christ for the world we sing!*

## 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 into the world, rejoicing  
in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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### Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
Worship Leader in Training	Mary Blacker
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Witter
Lector	Bud Nalder, Mary Blacker
Acolytes	Nicholas Yun Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Bob Wright Frank Blacker
Greeters	Art Ladley Pam Ladley
Eucharistic Visitor	Kitty Walker
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg

## **Altar Guild**

Beth Latsis  
Liz Latsis  
Cat Kuniyoshi  
Mary Blacker

## **Counters**

Frank Blacker  
Jim Oberg

## **Nursery**

Micaela Detrick

## **Coffee Hour**

Dick Elofson

Terry Elofson

Lorina Goodjoint

Florence Nabaggala

## **Altar Guild Director**

Linda Pomeroy-Hull

## **St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff**

### **Head of the Church**

Jesus Christ our Lord

### **Bishop of Olympia**

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel

### **Priest in Charge**

The Rev. Kendall Haynes

### **Parish Administrator**

Dave Noll

### **Bookkeeper**

Beth Rich

### **Church Sexton**

Saray Yourn

### **Pianist**

Maria McKanzie

### **Nursery Care Attendant**

Micaela Detrick

### **Church Photographer**

John Hibben

## **St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry**

### **Sr. Warden**

Terry Elofson

### **Jr. Warden**

Sueann Goretti

### **PLC Chairperson**

Marcie Neuman

### **Marketing & Evangelism Liaison**

Sueann Goretti

Sherry Mees Hartley

### **Stewardship Liaison**

Jon Kuniyoshi

### **Liturgy & Arts Liaison**

Fred Vogel

### **Outreach Liaison**

Samuel Kamau

### **Christian Education Liaison**

Mark Lepkowski

### **Pastoral Care Liaison**

Liz Latsis

## **St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry Officers**

### **Treasurer**

Frank Blacker

### **Clerk of the Vestry**

Sandy Goretti

## **Today's Prayer List**

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy

Areewa Saray – imprisonment

Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice

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 – recovery from surgery

Shirley Ryan Rose – (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – continued recovery from a vascular stroke

Elsie Forrest – Macular Degeneration, tremors, and hernia

Sheri Peterson – dementia

Scott Candoo – undiagnosed medical issues

Alisande Watterson – tests for a health issue

Ted Blattenbauer – (friend of Dan & Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – grieving and diagnosed with multiple myeloma

Donal Hull – (Dan's dad) – heart issues and lung cancer

Crystal Rose – kidney issues

Elliott Feit – (friend of Abby Smith) – for complete healing from pain (pancreatic cancer)

Don Barg – holding the family together

Marisa La Rue – (friend of Kathleen Manning) – struggle with Parkinson's disease

Laura O'Donnell – (mother of Alex and Savannah Sloan) for recovery and healing from heart surgery

Adam – (friend of Liz Latsis brother) – who is very sick with acute Leukemia, spine, lung and fungal infections.

Cesar Gathbunton – (Agueda Fernandez-Webster's sisters husband) - He had a heart attack Saturday and now he is at St. Joseph and will have a quadruple bypass this Thursday

Cherie Peterson – (sister of Bud Nalder) – suffering from dementia

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

**Thanks!**

## **Announcements**

**Bell Choir Practice Starts Sept 11<sup>th</sup>** – Reminder that Bell Choir practice begins Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If you have interest in participating please contact Sherry Vogel at 253-952-8859.

**Care Team Training September 12<sup>th</sup>** - You are invited to attend a new offering at St. Matthew!!

Care Team training at St Matthew will be provided free of charge on Saturday, September 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This conversation/training is for helping to support neighbors during disasters such as earthquakes, floods, fires, and storms by sharing compassion, support, resources and care.

Associated Ministries is providing this training and we were selected as the location for this event.

Other organizations and churches have been invited and have started to register.

This event: **1)** supports the work of the Emergency Shelter role we have in the community, **2)** provides for the emotional support often needed in times of crisis and disaster, **3)** is a great way to support your community in being more prepared for unforeseen and difficult community times.



**Please consider registering by calling Terry Elofson 253-670-1948 or Wendy Morris at Associated Ministries at 253-383-3056 X 117. No one will be turned away, if you haven't registered! We also need people to welcome guests to St Matthew and help serve coffee and refreshments!**

**Choir Rehearsal Time Change** – Please note that starting Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, choir rehearsal will start at 11:45 and end at 12:30. The first Sunday of each month will remain at 9:15am. All other Sundays will be at the new time, 11:45am.

**Altar Guild Meeting Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** - There will be an Altar guild meeting Sunday 9/13 at 9 AM in the Library. New members are welcome! The guild is open to all who wish to join. New members are provided training and will be placed on a team; we all work together to prepare the Lord's table for the services. The more members we have, the more teams we have to rotate for AG duty. Contact Linda Pomeroy-Hull, 253-279-2089 for more information.

**Musician Retreat** - will be Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am -12:30pm in the Parish Hall. ALL are welcome. Anyone who is interested in singing, playing an instrument, learning about music and having a fun time of fellowship is welcome to join the retreat. Snacks and water provided during the morning rehearsal. Potato bar (everyone brings a topping!) and beverages will be served for lunch.

**St. Matthew Day, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Planning is underway for our celebration of St. Matthew Day on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Father Kendall will be officially inducted and Bishop Rickel will be here. Your help would be extremely appreciated with setup and cleanup activities. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex. Contact Elaine Taylor with questions, 253-838-1827.

**Where There's a Will, There's a Way: Making end-of-life and legacy decisions** - *A workshop to discuss how to plan ahead and provide for your loved ones.*

**Sat. Sept. 26, 2015. 9 am – 2:30pm**  
Saint Mark's Cathedral, Bloedel Hall  
1245 – 10<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Seattle, WA 98102  
Check in at 9 am; Program starts at 9:30 am

\$15, includes lunch and handouts  
Register at [ecww.org/where-theres-will-theres-way](http://ecww.org/where-theres-will-theres-way) or 206-325-4200.

Registration deadline is Sept. 21.

### ***What is your hope for your legacy?***

This special diocesan workshop will feature clergy, estate planning attorneys, and financial consultants from St. Andrew's, Ascension, St John's, Emmanuel, Saint Mark's and several other parishes in our diocese. Discussion on estate planning, round table talks with experts in the field. Good advice, great resources, time for Q&A. Everyone will receive the diocese's Life Planning Manual.

Bishop Greg Rickel and Dean Steve Thomason will share their stories about theology of stewardship and transformative gifts.

*"Even though I served as a hospital chaplain in both long-term and acute-care facilities, it was only when taking care of my parents at the end of their lives that the importance of estate plans really hit home. Their careful planning prevented squabbling and heartache between siblings, made sure that their philanthropic wishes were carried out, and made space for us to share stories with grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and colleagues." The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Cornwell, Rector, Church of the Ascension*

**Start of Sunday School** - "Stay tuned! Sunday school will start on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. More to follow! We are so excited and we just can't hide it!!!!" (*From your Sunday school Teachers*)

**DID YOU KNOW?** - St Matthew is designated as an Emergency Shelter for this area in times of crisis/disasters. We have members of this parish who work to keep our generator running for shelter needs as well as seeing that a cadre of people keeps up to date on emergency measures for managing our Shelter during emergencies. If you are interested in helping to be on the leadership team for the Shelter, please let one of your Warden's know. (Dick Collins leads this effort, but your Junior and Senior Warden's will take your names temporarily.)

### **"Giving is Receiving". St Matthew Dinner**

**Auction is November 14!**- In the narthex, we now have an auction station. There are four brightly colored trays: one holds the "Ask" letter which you can use when requesting a donation. One holds the procurement forms. Another one holds the completed procurement forms. And yet the fourth one holds envelopes for your use with the ask letter and the procurement forms. We hope to have the same forms on our parish website soon. Then you will be able to access and print them yourselves , avoiding a trip to the church. For the time being, if you have a procurement, you may leave it there at the auction station and the committee will move it to a safer place. Kathleen Monahan has volunteered to pick up items if you cannot transport it yourself. Please call her at 253 927 2425 , email [Queenkak52@msn.com](mailto:Queenkak52@msn.com). You may also leave a message on the church phone. Thank you for your help!

We need all kinds of items including theme baskets; try WSU, UW, Seahawks, Mariners, Sounders, cooking themes, beauty, books, kid oriented, holiday decorations, gardening, martini, wine. The possibilities are endless. You may even go in with others to put the items together. Use your imagination. If you have questions or want to discuss an idea, check with our committee. Kathy Sanders and Jan Witter are advising procurement. Sherry Hartley is our executive coordinator. Also serving are John Kennedy, Terry Elofson, Sandy Goretti and Kathleen Monahan!

### **Mark your calendar—**

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- Fridays, 7:00PM, Bell choir practice
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal (first Sunday only at 9:15am)
- Sundays, 9AM Bridging the Gap
- Bible Study will resume in October
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing)
- Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, St. Matthew Day, Priest Induction & Bishop here