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Thanksgiving Day

November 27, 2014

9:00 AM



Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting II

Gathering

Procession to the Altar Hymn #290

Come, ye thankful people, come

Confession and Forgiveness

Minister: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

People: **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

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

People: **And also with you.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his God's 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 Prayer of the Day

Minister: Let us pray.

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

A Reading from Deuteronomy (26:1-11)

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 65

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
- 2 **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**
- 3 **Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.**
- 4 **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**
- 5 **Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.**
- 6 **You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**
- 7 **You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.**
- 8 **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- 9 **You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.**
- 10 **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**
- 11 **You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- 12 **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

13 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

A Reading from 2 Corinthians (9:6-15)

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn #291 vss. 1, 2 *We plow the fields*

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew

(25:1-13)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So

when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." "

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

Gospel Hymn #291 vs. 3

We plow the fields

The Sermon

Fr. Haynes

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day #178

Alleluia, alleluia

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, / was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. / 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, / who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, / who 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 Intercession

With the whole people of god in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

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 The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, our diocese, especially for Christ Church, Blaine; St. Stephen episcopal, Oak Harbor; Grace Church, Lopez Island and for our parish, especially for our parishioners Tom & Janine Anderson; Fred Axberg; Don & Rose Barg

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

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 safe birth of Maya Evelyn Gastelum this last week 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 who are in danger and distress in this world. We pray that your justice, compassion, and mercy may work in us and through us as we proclaim the New Day of your Kingdom. We pray also for those individuals on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially for Lyn, Areewa, Eloise, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Sarah, Harriet, Katrina, Mary, Corretta, Paulett, Heather, Justin, Ginny, Maryann, Lila, Bill, Brenda, Beth & Kendall, Ayrton, Jim, Wes, Dawna, Lin & Tom,

Shirley, Rose, Lorraine, Ashley 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, praying especially for those we now name. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Minister: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

Minister: The Peace of Christ be with you always.
People: **And also with you.**

Offering Anthem

*For the beauty of the earth
The Marine View Bells*

(Today's offering will be given in equal parts to Episcopal Relief & Development and Lutheran World Relief)

Meal

Minister: Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

(Printed on page XX 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.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be + filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Lord's Prayer

(Printed on page XX of the Worship Guide)

**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.**

Communion

Minister: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you. [*Amen.*]
The blood of Christ, shed for you. [*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.

Minister: Let us pray.

God of abundance, **with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn #397

Now thank we all our God

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: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest	Fr. Kendall Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
Eucharistic Minister	Tom Peterson
Lector	Pamela Reed
Acolytes	Zawadi Chege Nicholas Yun
Ushers	Gary Neuman Tom Peterson
Greeters	Marcie Neuman Janet Witter Chuck Zimmerman Lyn Zimmerman
Bread Maker	Marian Oberg
Altar Guild	Sandy Goretti Janet Witter
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
Sarah (sister of Lydia Nabawanga) – recovery after heart surgery and grief following the death of her husband
Harriet Anderson – congestive heart failure and heart disease
Katrina Goodjoint (sister of Lorina Goodjoint) – kidney issues
Mary (grandmother of Lorina Goodjoint) – stroke & Pneumonia
Corretta (mother of Florence Nabaggala) – malaria
Paulett Sloan (sister-in-law of Jim Sloan) – difficulty after gall bladder surgery
Heather Halabisky – High levels of calcium and high blood Pressure
Justin Smith – Seeking new employment and healing
Ginny Sloan - experiencing an unusual medical situation.
Maryann Smith - guidance and wisdom pertaining to her schooling and health.
Lila Candoo – recovering from foot surgery
Bill Trandum – recovering from a stroke
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
Jim Sloan – sciatic pain
Wes Szczepanski – (friend of Lydia Nabawanga) Open heart

surgery
Dawna Martin (sister-in-law of Nan Clapp) – recovering from spinal surgery
Lin (Ball) Cashman (former parishioner) - had very serious spinal surgery and had a second surgery on October 22. Pray also for her husband and also former parishioner Tom Cashman who stands with her in her trials.
Shirley Ryan Rose (neighbor of Linda Pomeroy-Hull) – who suffered a stroke
Rose Barg – healing after eye surgery
Lorraine Casillas – for healing, strong healthy heart and good blood pressure
Ashley Goldie (friend of David Kelley_ – undergoing some tests.
Maya Evelyn Gastelum (daughter of John & Emily Gastelum) – in thanksgiving for her birth

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

Announcements

Bridging the Gap— Bridging the Gap, Sunday, November 30 we will see and discussing lecture 34 “Catholic Mystical Theologies” in our continuing series **The History of Christian Theology**. Please join us this Sunday at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall – coffee included.

Dear Friends and Supporters of Julia's Gulch— Saturday, December 13 from 9AM until noon. Park at View Park on Norpoint Way. (see juliasgulch.org for a map.) We will meet at the picnic table under the Big Leaf Maples. 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!

Mark your calendar—

- Saturdays, 8AM, Men's Breakfast in the Parish Hall
- 2nd Saturday of each month, 9AM-Noon, Julia's Gulch
- Thursdays, 10AM, Bible Study in the library
- Thursdays, 7PM Adult Catechumenate in the Library
- Sundays, 11:30AM, Choir rehearsal
- Sundays, 9:00AM Bridging the Gap, EXCEPT Sunday, December 7, 2014.
- Saturday, November 29, 9AM Greening of the church for Advent