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## The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17

August 31, 2014



### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

#### Gathering Music

*Great is the Lord*

#### Great Is The Lord

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
 In the city of our God in the mountain of his  
 holiness  
 Beautiful for situation the joy of the whole  
 earth  
 Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north,  
 The city of the great King.

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#### Procession to the Altar Hymn #135

*Song 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.

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

#### A Reading from Jeremiah (15:15-21)

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me,  
 and bring down retribution for me on my

persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 26:1-8**

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

- 1    Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; \* **I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.**
- 2    **Test me, O LORD, and try me; \* examine my heart and my mind.**
- 3    **For your love is before my eyes; \* I have walked faithfully with you.**
- 4    **I have not sat with the worthless, \* nor do I consort with the deceitful.**
- 5    **I have hated the company of evildoers; \* I will not sit down with the wicked.**
- 6    **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \* that I may go in procession round your altar,**
- 7    **Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \* and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**

**8    LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \* and the place where your glory abides.**

### **A Reading from Romans**

(12:9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord

*People*    **Thanks be to God**

### **Gradual Hymn #439 vss. 1, 2**

*What wondrous love is this*

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

(16:21-28)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

### **Gradual Hymn #439 vs. 3**

*What wondrous love is this*

### **The Sermon**

Fr. 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**

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 La Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America, our diocese, especially for St. Anne, Washougal; St. Timothy, Chehalis and for our parish, especially for our parishioners Jill Little; Shirley Loflin; Aaron, Luella, Samantha, Jamie & Michael Loudenback.

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 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 continue to pray for those who are in danger and distress in this world, especially those Christians and other religious minorities who are facing persecution in Iraq, those continuing to endure the bloodshed in Gaza, those who suffer from racial profiling and bigotry, and for those who suffer from suicidal thoughts and mental illness. 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, Justo, Carmen, Stephen, Dave, Sarah, Harriet, Katrina, Mary, Corretta, Paulett, Heather, Justin, Tommy, Ginny, Maryann, Lila, Bill, Brenda, Bud, Beth & Kendall 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.**

*Celebrant*

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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**

### **Offertory Hymn**

*Solo by Nan Clapp*

*Your Grace Still Amazes Me by Craig/Harrington*

## **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 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*

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 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.*

*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 are available upon request at the rail.*

## Communion Music

### Praise the Name of Jesus

Praise the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus.

He's my rock, He's my fortress, He's my deliverer.

In Him will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus.

**(Repeat)**

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### Servant Song

1. Won't you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other,  
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you,  
in the night-time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the words you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you  
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen  
this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony.  
Born of all we've known together,  
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Won't you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

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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 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 #707**

*Take my life, and let it be*

## 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

<b>Priest</b>	Fr. Kendall Haynes
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Bob Witter
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Anne Hartwig
<b>Lector</b>	Chuck Zimmerman
<b>Acolytes</b>	Zawadi Chege
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Wright Rich Gould Art & Pam Ladley
<b>Greeters</b>	Chuck & Lyn Zimmerman
<b>Eucharistic Visitor</b>	Marian Oberg
<b>Bread Maker</b>	Beth Latsis
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cat Kuniyoshi Liz Latsis Jim Oberg
<b>Counters</b>	Jackie Whorton
<b>Nursery</b>	Sarah Dawes
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Terry Elofson Rich & Kate Gould
<b>Altar Guild Directress</b>	Janet Witter

## St Matthew Episcopal Church Staff

<b>Head of the Church</b>	Jesus Christ our Lord
<b>Bishop of Olympia</b>	The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel
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<b>Pianist</b>	Maria McKanzie
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## St Matthew Episcopal Church Vestry Officers

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Art Ladley

**Clerk of the Vestry**

Sandy Gorette

## Today's Prayer List

Lyn Zimmerman – Myotonic Dystrophy  
Areewa Saray – imprisonment  
Eloise Page (friend of Tom & Elaine Taylor) – hospice  
Justo Fernandez (brother of Agueda Fernandez-Webster) – Muscular Dystrophy and bitterness  
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  
Tommy Pawlicki (Son of Nancy Pawlicki, Browns Point resident) – Internal injuries  
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  
Bud Nalder - very bad leg pain  
Beth & Kendall – for a safe and healthy pregnancy

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

## Announcements

**An important note**—If you are the last to leave the church please ensure that the main entry door has been pushed tightly closed. On occasion, it has not closed by itself. This issue will be corrected, but in the meantime, please make sure the door tightly closed

## **Announcements (continued):**

**Bridging the Gap**— Next Sunday, 9:00 am – Anabaptists and the Radical Reformation.

**Message from Sarah Burd**—Dear St. Matthew's friends and family, as many of you may know I am co-leading a Habitat for Humanity Global Village trip to Radauti, Romania in October. As I am the co-leader, I must pay for myself. If anyone is interested in donating to my trip that would be greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible. Donations are due **TODAY**. I greatly appreciate your support and prayers. Sincerely, Sarah

To make a donation go to:

<https://www.habitat.org/cd/giving/one/donate.aspx?link=2> You would click on "The following person's Global Village trip" Sarah Burd 93581761 GV15458

**The Bell Choir**—will begin their first practice on Monday September 8th. We're still looking for new members so if you're interested please contact Sherry Vogel, 253-952-8859.

**A very delayed Thank You**—to all who helped with the preparations, serving and clean up for the two recent funeral receptions. A special thank you to Kitty Walker and Janet Witter for the extra time and energy they devoted to seeing that we served the families well.

**Pastoral Care Commission**—is starting a Birthday Project and would appreciate the birthday months and dates (please note, we don't need the years) for all. Also any dates that are special to you, such as ordination, baptism, anniversaries, etc. are welcome as well. Lila Candoo has graciously accepted the responsibility of sending out cards to individuals for their special days. Thanks to Lila.

**Pastoral Care Commission**—always wants to know if you or someone near to you is needing prayers or special help. We also have individuals who are willing to drive people to St Matthew services and events. If you know of a need, please call Claire Scharmach 253-952-6431.

**Choir**— Nan Clapp and Sherry Vogel will be starting a choir on Friday, September 12 at 7PM. It's going to be fun!

**Back Packs and School supplies for Northeast Tacoma Elementary School.** Thanks for your generous donations of school supplies. The school staff is thrilled with your response. School starts September 3<sup>rd</sup> and so today is the final day to donate school supplies. All supplies are welcome but the items most needed are:

Colored Pencils – 24 count  
Crayons – 24 count or larger  
Glue Sticks  
Highlighters  
Pencils #2 (Ticonderoga Brand)  
Pencil Top Erasers  
Pink Erasers (large)  
Plain folders (with pockets)  
Scissors (Fiskars brand – adult or child)  
Watercolor Paint Sets  
Sharpies (black, fine line)  
Mead Composition Book  
Sanitizing Wipes  
Hand Sanitizer (small bottle)  
Notebook Paper (wide or college)  
Pens (felt tip or ball point)  
Ruler (standard & metric units)

Donations can be put in (or next to, if it is full) the basket to the right of the Deacon's Chest in the Narthex by the Chapel. Thanks for giving so that all the kids at Northeast Tacoma can get off to a good start.

**Don't Forget Browns Point Food Bank Now Accepting Home Grown Produce.** In addition to our monthly contributions of grocery items to our local Browns Point/Northeast Tacoma Food Bank they will now accept fresh produce from our gardens. When donating please tell them that you are from St. Matthew, ask them to weigh the produce and give you a receipt. Then let us know how much you gave. Our neighborhood Food Bank is located in the basement of Browns Point United Methodist Church, 5339 Browns Point Blvd. NE. You can deliver garden produce at noon every Friday or just before they open at 4:30.



## **Announcements (continued):**

### **An Easy Way to make Pledges and other**

**Donations**—You can make your pledge payment or other donation through St. Matthew's website: [www.neighborhoodparish.org](http://www.neighborhoodparish.org) Once at the site, simply select the GIVE ONLINE icon on the lower right of the page. This brings up a new page that allows you to select the fund you wish to contribute to, e.g., General Operating Fund (which is the normal pledge account), Priest-in-Charge, Outreach or other accounts, as you will see. Then a second page allows us to use your bank account or credit card for your donation. You can choose to make a one-time donation or periodic donations. If you elect to donate through your bank account there is \$ 0.25 charge for each transaction. If you use a credit card the fee is \$0.45 per transaction plus 2.75% of the amount. There is also a one time \$0.50 setup fee for each donor. St. Matthew Church pays all fees. No fees are deducted from your donation. Contact Art Ladley if you have questions.

**Bible study**—beginning on September 3, 7PM at St Matthew in the Church library. We will go over the study format and introductions at that time. Please bring paper and pens or pencils. The study will be one hour +, depending on the flow of the study. For any questions, please contact Bud Nalder at 253-677-3105.

### **Phone Bank for Background Check Initiative**—

Please join us on Sept 4th to help make phone calls on behalf of Initiative 594. I-594 is a non-partisan initiative supported by many faith communities which would apply the current federal background check system to all gun sales in Washington State. The phone bank will help fellow voters understand the initiative and encourage people to come out and vote November. Initiative supporters will be hosting a phone bank here at St. Matthew on Thursday, September 4th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We have an opportunity with I-594 to reduce gun violence NOW. Please join us and RSVP to [andrea@wagunresponsibility.org](mailto:andrea@wagunresponsibility.org) Training material and snacks will be provided. Phone bank volunteers are asked to bring a mobile phone and a laptop if possible.

### **Attention parents and children of all ages**—

Church School begins on September 14 during the 10AM service. We try to begin right at 10 to cover the entire lesson. Again, our focus will be the wonderful ***Godly Play*** Curriculum. This is intended for all children, with the exception of our youngest, perhaps age 4 and under.

We are in need of a "**Helper**" (also known as the door person who greets each child and assists the teacher), and would love to add more adults or older teenagers to our "**teacher**" staff for more information, please contact Anne Hartwig at 253-927- 8025 ([hartwia@comcast.net](mailto:hartwia@comcast.net)), Jackie Whorton at 253-927-3415 ([jgwhorton@msn.com](mailto:jgwhorton@msn.com)), or Kitty Walker at 253-952-2650 ([kvmwalker@Hotmail.com](mailto:kvmwalker@Hotmail.com))

**St. Matthew Feastday**—September 21 is the Feastday of St. Matthew, which is an annual celebration at our parish. This year, with the theme of "Neighborhood Homecoming" we are personally inviting former members of our parish and friends of the St. Matthew parish family. If you have names of people you would like to have invited, will you please provide that information to Tom Peterson ([tommynp@comcast.net](mailto:tommynp@comcast.net)) or Sueann Goretti ([sueanngoretti@gmail.com](mailto:sueanngoretti@gmail.com)) as soon as possible? Thank you very much.

Marcie Neuman, Liturgy and Arts Co-mission

**Save A Life!!**—Browns Point – Dash Point Fire Department, BPIC, DPIC and St. Matthew Church are sponsoring a **Free** Three-Hour course on the New CPR guidelines.

When: October 1, 2014

Time: 6PM to 9PM

Where: St. Matthew

Register online at [www.neighborhoodparish.org](http://www.neighborhoodparish.org)

### **Mark your calendar**—

- Men's Breakfast, every Saturday 8AM in the Parish Hall
- Sunday, September 21, St. Matthew Feastday
- Wednesday, October 1, 6PM-9PM **Save A Life! Free** course on the New CPR guidelines