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1 Timothy 2:8  
*Lift up  
 Holy  
 hands*



*without anger or argument*

# The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20

## September 22, 2013



### The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

**Gathering Music** *Amazing Grace*

**Procession to the Altar** *Morning has broken*  
Morning Has Broken

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,  
 Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the  
 morning!  
 Praise for them springing fresh from the  
 Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
 Like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
 Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
 Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
 God's recreation of the new day!

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**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; **May We Praise You** 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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly  
 things, but to love things heavenly; and even now,  
 while we are placed among things that are passing  
 away, to hold fast to those that shall endure;  
 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 Amos** (8:4-7)

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

### **Psalm 113**

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; \* **praise the Name of the LORD.**
- 2 **Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, \* from this time forth for evermore.**
- 3 **From the rising of the sun to its going down \* let the Name of the LORD be praised.**
- 4 **The LORD is high above all nations, \* and his glory above the heavens.**
- 5 **Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high \* but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**
- 6 **He takes up the weak out of the dust \* and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**
- 7 **He sets them with the princes, \* with the princes of his people.**
- 8 **He makes the woman of a childless house \* to be a joyful mother of children.**

### **A Reading from 1 Timothy** (2:1-7)

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;  
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,  
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

### **Gradual Hymn** *Jesus name above/open our eyes* **Jesus Name Above All Names/Open My Eyes, Lord**

Jesus name above all names, beautiful Savior,  
Glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us, precious Redeemer,  
Living Word.

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### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** **According to Luke** (16:1-13)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by

one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.'

He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

**Gradual Hymn** *Jesus name above/open our eyes*  
Jesus Name Above All Names/Open My Eyes, Lord  
Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him, and say that I love,  
him.  
Open my ears, Lord, and help me to listen.  
Open my eyes, Lord. I want to see Jesus.

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**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 for the Diocese of Upper Shire - Central Africa, our diocese, especially for St. Christopher & St. John, San Juan Olympia and our parish; especially for our parishioners Rich & Kate Gould; Bob, Anne & Cameron Hartwig; Kendall, Parker & Addison Haynes.

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, Justin, Maxwell, Josh, 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 pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, especially Lynn, Lyn, Ginny, Mary, Areewa, Bruce, Eloise, Ryan, Alex, Dar, Tim and his family, Justo, Rita, Stephen, Dave, Gail, Terri, Jerry and Peggy, Chris, Mary, Saray, Tomas, Lisa, Trish 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.

*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.**

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** *Will you come and follow me*  
*(printed on page 12 of the Worship Guide)*

## **The Great Thanksgiving C**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or 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)

**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*

*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 may be sung or said*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People:** **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.

*and may add*

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 (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

*or 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 baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who have yet to be baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing and are encouraged to speak with one of the clergy after the service about becoming baptized into Christ's Body. Gluten free hosts are available upon request at the rail.*

## Communion Music

### Holy Ground

This is holy ground, we're standing on holy ground,  
For the Lord is present, and where he is, is holy, (repeat)

These are holy hands, he's given us holy hands;  
He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy, (repeat)

These are holy lips, he's given us holy lips;  
He speaks through these lips, and so these lips are holy, (repeat)

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### 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.

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.

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### Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy one,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, 'I am strong,'  
Let the poor say, 'I am rich,'  
because of what the Lord has done for us!  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy one,  
Give thanks because He's given,  
Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks. Give thanks.

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### Surely the Presence/In Moments like these

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

In moments like these, I sing out a song.  
I sing out a love song to Jesus.  
In moments like these, I lift up my hands.  
I lift up my hands to the Lord, singing,  
I love you, Lord; singing, I love you, Lord;  
Singing, I love you Lord. I love you.

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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

*Here I am, Lord*

Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Refrain:** Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me;  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain;  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will bear their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

## Refrain

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest wheat I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied;  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

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## 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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## ALL GOD'S CRITTERS GOT A PLACE IN THE CHOIR

All God s critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low and some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire  
Some just clap their hands, paws or anything they got now...  
Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks, and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big to-do  
The old cow just goes moo. Oh...  
The dog and the cat they take up the middle  
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
The old coyote howls. Oh...  
Listen to the top with the little bird singing  
On the melody with the high notes ringing  
And the hoot-eye hollers over everything  
The jay bird disagrees. Oh...  
Singing in the night time, singing in the day  
The little duck quacks and he s on his way  
Now the possom doesn t have much to say  
The porcupine talks to himself. Oh...  
It's a simple song, a living song, everywhere  
'Bout the ox, the fox, and the grizzly bear  
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above  
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove. Oh...

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## Special Ministers Today

<b>Priest</b>	The Rev. Kendall Haynes
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Tom Peterson
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Bob Witter
<b>Lector</b>	Dick Elofson
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## Announcements

**Thank you!** A huge thank you to those who have spent a many weeks working on the Brown's Point Anniversary Celebration. And thanks to all who attended and provided a St Matthew presence for this wonderful community celebration.

**Hospital Visitations**— If you or someone you know is in the hospital or sick at home, please let Fr. Haynes know by email (fatherkendall@gmail.com), phone 253-224-7554 or other form of direct communication so that a timely pastoral response from the priest may be given.

**Life Transition Planning** Continuing during the Season after Pentecost, Fr. Haynes will be contacting all parishioners to talk about Life Transition Planning and the importance of having an end-of-life instruction packet on file here at the parish. Look forward to his call sometime in the coming weeks.

**Bridging the Gap:** Next Sunday, September 28 we will be watching and discussing lecture 17, “Montaigne and Pascal – Evil and the Self” in our DVD series “Why Evil Exists”. **Bridging the Gap** is an informal, drop-in series of discussions that bridges the gap between the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. Everyone is welcome and you may drop by at any time. It is a great opportunity to hear an interesting lecture and to share thoughts and opinions with fellow parishioners –guests are welcome as well. So grab a cup of coffee in the kitchen and then drop by at our table in the Parish Hall this coming Sunday and join us for this interesting series.

**Going to the Washington State Fair?:** Be sure to visit the new World Vision Experience “Kisongo Trek”. Kisongo Trek is an interactive experience that uses innovative technology, dynamic cinematography and captivating photography to show how life has changed for the better for children and families of this Tanzanian village. Free tickets to Kisongo Trek are available on the table in the Narthex. These tickets also provide you with an online discount on your fair ticket.

**New Website**—Check out our new website at [www.neighborhoodparish.org](http://www.neighborhoodparish.org). On it you will find up to date information about the parish as well as an online directory accessible using the password: **peacebewithyou**. Fr. Haynes is planning a formal presentation of the website to be given in September (date and time TBA).



## **Announcement (continued):**

### **Outreach:**

#### **School Supplies for Northeast Tacoma Elementary:**

Thanks everyone who contributed school supplies for our backpacks. These supplies and backpacks will help children whose families are not able to meet all the supply needs that are required for school. They have been delivered to Northeast Tacoma Elementary and they are very appreciative of our help.

**Hunger Walk:** On October 6th the 33rd Associated Ministries Hunger Walk will be held at Fort Steilacoom Park in Lakewood. As part of our continuing commitment to helping those who can use a little help with food, Outreach would like to form a Hunger Walk Team. Individual registration is \$20.00 but if we have a team of 5 or more, the cost is \$10.00. Youth are \$5.00 each and children under 5 free. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex as well as counter cards.

**First Sunday Food Drive—** October 6th is also the first Sunday of the month and time to refill the Deacons Chest with food for the FISH food bank. Your continued support is really appreciated.

#### **Mark your calendar—**

- Men's Breakfast, every Saturday 8-9AM in the Parish Hall
- Today, September 22, 10AM St. Matthew Day & Neighborhood Celebration Service
- Tuesday, September 24, 6:30PM Mutual Ministry Review meeting
- Friday, September 27, 7PM JLS (Just Love Singing), in the Parish Hall
- Saturday, October 12, 9AM – Noon Work Party at Julia's Gulch

#### **The Browns Point Emergency Shelter Team Needs Volunteers**

The Emergency Shelter Team was established about five years ago. It is a combined effort of St Matthew and Resurrection Lutheran Church personnel and facilities. We are using joint resources to man one or both buildings with the combined personnel. St Matthew is very fortunate to have an emergency generator on site that will provide power for the building in the event of any power outage. St Matthew is capable of providing shelter for up to 25 people in need. In order to provide that shelter, volunteers are required to manage the various aspects of the operation, as you can imagine.

As we are approaching the stormy, winter season, the likelihood of an emergency situation increases. There are two very important training events scheduled for 6:30 p.m. October 10<sup>th</sup> at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Browns Point Blvd, and October 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lakewood, 5400 112th St SW, Lakewood, WA. The purpose is to re-acquaint the volunteers with operating a shelter. However our volunteer head-count has been dwindling and it is necessary that new volunteers be recruited to fulfill our requirements in order to open an emergency shelter. Depending on the situation, either church may be designated as a warming facility during daylight hours or as a full-fledged shelter, operating around the clock for several days.

If you are interested in joining the team, and hopefully attending the two upcoming training sessions, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex on Sunday morning, or contact Dick Collins at 253.927.9245 or Art Ladley at 253.952.2895. We need your help!

#### **Work Party at Julia's Gulch, October 12, 9:00 AM - Noon**

In concert with the Friends of Julia's Gulch, we are sponsoring a work party that will involve weeding, removing Himalayan Blackberries and doing trail maintenance. There will be activities for every level of physical ability. Helpers are encouraged to dress for the weather and the blackberries (!) including sturdy foot wear and gloves. Tea, coffee and snacks are provided but volunteers should bring their own water. Some tools are provided but if you have a favorite lopper, pitchfork, or shovel you are encouraged them to bring it along. Volunteers park at View Point Park (about 1/3 of the way up the hill on Norpoint Way from Marine View Drive) and walk 100 yards or so up to the picnic table under the big leaf Maples where we gather before working. Sign up and we'll see you there!

**Adult Cate-WHAT??**—Introducing the Adult Catechumenate! Beginning October 17, 2013, our Adult Catechumenate will explore with great depth and lively engagement topics such as Holy Scripture, Salvation History, Church History, the Book of Common Prayer, and much, much more. Whether you are new to the Church or old, seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into the Church or just interested in growing more in your faith, come and enjoy. Two class options are available: Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM **or** Friday mornings at 9:00 AM. Please contact Fr. Haynes ([fatherkendall@gmail.com](mailto:fatherkendall@gmail.com)) for more information. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex.

## **Announcement (continued):**

**St. Joseph-St. John**— will hold its annual gala auction fund raiser on Saturday, October 19. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. It will include soup, salad, main course, and rolls accompanied by wine, coffee and dessert. There will be great prizes to win, auction items to bid on and gifts to buy. This year's theme is "Walk on the Wild Side." Please join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at this festive celebration. Tickets are \$20 each. Please call the church by October 13 to make your reservations.

The church is located at 11111 Military Rd. SW (at the intersection of Military Rd. SW, Farwest Dr. SW, and 112<sup>th</sup> St. SW., Lakewood. Call (253) 584-6143 or email [stjoseph-stjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:stjoseph-stjohn@hotmail.com) for more information, to make reservations.

**Convention 2013**— Our diocesan convention is Friday-Saturday, November 8-9, at the Hotel Murano & Bicentennial Pavilion in Tacoma. Convention information is being communicated directly to clergy, delegates and alternates and is also posted on the [Convention Page](#) of the diocesan website. Information about the agenda, how to reserve a hotel room, final draft of the 2014 diocesan operating budget, etc. is posted as it becomes available. Look for the Registration form to be available in the next week or so, as well as information on social functions such as the Friday evening dinner. These will be posted and sent to you directly as well. In late September or early October information about resolutions and elections will be posted. A copy of the preliminary convention agenda is also attached.

**Fall Pre-Convention Gatherings:** the Diocesan Council and your regional leadership host these bi-regional gatherings in October. Please make sure your clergy, delegates and alternates are aware of these gatherings.

- Peninsula & **Rainier:** Saturday, October 12, time TBA, St. John, Gig Harbor

**Safeguarding God's People training**— Six years ago we implemented the training program Safeguarding God's Children as part of this diocese's efforts to protect the most vulnerable in our society. We now offer as well, Safeguarding God's People, a companion training in two modules: preventing sexual harassment of church workers and preventing sexual exploitation of church workers. This training will be required of the following groups:

- All active clergy, including deacons, stipendiary priests, non-stipendiary or retired priests who are regularly serving in congregations 10 hours

or more per week, and all TCM circles (both ordained and commissioned);

- Monastic groups;
- All employees of congregations, including employees of preschools, schools and counseling centers;
- All lay persons whose ministry might involve them meeting one on one or two on one with persons to whom they minister, including, but not limited to Eucharistic Visitors and Stephen Ministers.
- The leadership of the diocese and congregations including governing bodies (the Board of Directors, Standing Committee, and Diocesan Council), regional ministry leaders, and diocesan staff; vestries and bishop's committees will also be asked to have at least one-third of members certified in this training at any time.

If you have questions about whether you are required to take this training please contact Blaire Notrica, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, at [bnotrica@ecww.org](mailto:bnotrica@ecww.org), or [206.325.4200 ext. 2010](tel:206.325.4200).