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+ SO I SAY TO YOU +
ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 12

July 28, 2013



The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Gathering Music

Freely, Freely

Freely, freely

Refrain: Freely, freely, you have received,
Freely, freely, give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his love as he told me to. He said
2. All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share his pow'r as he told me to. He said

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Procession to the Altar Hymnal 410

Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

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 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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that,
with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass

through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Genesis (18:20-32)

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

Psalm 138

(Read in unison after the first asterisk)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * **before the gods I will sing your praise.**
- 2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 **For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.**
- 4 **When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 **All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- 6 **They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.**
- 7 **Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.**
- 8 **Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**
- 9 **The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

A Reading from Colossians [2:6-15, (16-19)]

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in

baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *Seek ye first* vs. 1,2
Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the king of God and its
righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek, and ye shall find, knock,
And the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, Alleluia!

Rounds and Canons

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Luke** (11:1-13)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted
to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

Gradual Hymn *Seek ye first* vs. 3
Seek Ye First

We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word that proceeds from the
mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Rounds and Canons

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 Phulbani, North India, our diocese, especially for St. Paul, Pt. Townsend, St. Luke, Sequim, and our parish; especially for our parishioners Bob Wright; Saray & Mary Yourn; Chuck & Lyn Zimmerman.

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, Phillip,

Maxwell, Josh, and 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 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

Only in God

Only In God

1. Only in God is my soul at rest,
In him comes my salvation.
He only is my rock, my strength and my salvation.
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all.
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.
2. Only in God is found safety,
When my enemies pursue me.
Only in God is found glory,
When I am found meek and found lowly.
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all.
My stronghold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.
Only in God is my soul at rest,
In him comes my salvation.

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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**

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

His Name is Wonderful

His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King,
Master of everything,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He's the great shepherd,

The rock of all ages,
Almighty God is he.
Bow down before him,
Love and adore him,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

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Let All That is Within Me

1. Let all that is within me, cry, "Holy!"
Let all that is within me, cry, "Holy!"
Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb that was slain.
2. Let all that is within me cry, "Worthy!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Worthy!"
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain.
3. Let all that is within me cry, "Jesus!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Jesus!"
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lamb that was slain.
4. Let all that is within me cry, "Glory!"
Let all that is within me cry, "Glory!"
Glory, glory, glory to the Lamb that was slain.

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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

Fear Not, Rejoice and Be Glad

Refrain: Fear not, rejoice and be glad,
The Lord hath done a great thing;
Hath poured out his Spirit on all
mankind,
On those who confess his name.

1. The fig tree is budding, the vine beareth fruit,
The wheat fields are golden with grain.
Thrust in the sickle, the harvest is ripe,
The Lord has given us rain.
2. Ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
The mountains will drip with sweet wine .
My children shall drink of the fountain of life,
My children will know they are mine.
3. My people shall know that I am the Lord,
Their shame I have taken away.
My spirit will lead them together again.
My spirit will show them the way.
4. My children shall dwell in a body of love,
A light to the world they will be.
Life shall come forth from the Father above,
My body will set mankind free.

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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.**

Special Ministers Today

Priest	The Rev. Kendal Haynes
Worship Leader	Dick Elofson
Eucharistic Minister	Kitty Walker
Lector	Art Ladley
Acolytes	Moses Chege Zawadi Chege
Ushers	Pamela Reed Tom Taylor
Greeters	Pamela Reed Claire Scharmach
Eucharistic Visitor	Kitty Walker
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Altar Guild	Jill Little Sue Inglis Lila Candoo Mary Jo Hopkins
Counters	Art Ladley Jim Oberg
Nursery	Sarah Dawes
Coffee Hour	Pamela Reed Alex Ringstad Claire Scharmach
Bell Ringer	Grace Lepkowski
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Announcements

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.

Church School— Thank you to those who have signed up to show a Bible story video and help with the follow up activities (handouts to be worked on during the service or at home). There are still a few dates where we need a volunteer. Please consider signing up! Sign up on the clipboard located on the glass table in the narthex today and thank you in advance!

Today's sermon may be found on Fr. Haynes' website www.fathseed.net

Bridging the Gap: Next Sunday, August 4th, our topic of study will be chapter 9, "Creation, Evil, and the Fall – Augustine". **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. Our current series, "Why Evil Exists", has drawn record crowds. Everyone is welcome. 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.

Godly Play Training— Anne Hartwig, Jackie Whorton and Kitty Walker have signed up for *Godly Play* training this fall in Seattle. We would love to have more people attend these trainings. If you are interested, please talk to Anne, Jackie, or Kitty. St Matthew will pay your tuition.

\$592,590 and still counting!! This is the amount of money brought in by Tacoma Relay for Life. Godspeed collected **\$4,502** this year. Godspeed consists currently of St. Matthew, Christ Church, and St. Joseph/St. John. Godspeed has had a team on the track for around 25 years. Thank you to participants and donors!

Mark your calendar—

Announcements (continued):

Your six-month “Giving Statement” is in the mail—

You will be receiving your “Giving Statement” in the mail this week. It will show you the money you have given to St Matthew in the first six months of this year. Please review the statement and should you have any questions contact Art Ladley, Treasurer 253-952-2895. We thank you for your contributions to the work of St Matthew.

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Outreach Co-mission—

- There will be another July Outreach meeting on Tuesday, July 30th at 10 AM in the Library. All are welcome.
- First Sunday Food Drive: In July the parish donated 72 lbs. of food to the FISH Food Bank. Thanks to all who participated. August 4th will be our next food drive.

Work Party at Julia’s Gulch, August 10th 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!

- Men’s Breakfast, every Saturday 8:00-9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.
- July 30th at 10:00 AM Outreach Co-Mission meeting in the church library.
- July 31 at 1PM Memorial Garden meeting in the church library. All are welcome.
- July 31st at 3:00 PM Executive Committee meeting in the church library.
- August 2nd, 10:00 AM Liturgy & Art Co-Mission meeting.
- August 4th, food drive at St. Matthew.
- August 6th at 7PM Vestry meeting in the church library.
- August 10th, Saturday, from 9:00 AM – Noon Work Party at Julia’s Gulch.
- August 12th at 7PM Stewardship Co-Mission meeting in the church library.
- August 13th at 7PM Marketing & Evangelism Co-Mission meeting in the library.
- JLS (Just Love Singing), August 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Save the Date—The annual **Summer Read Barbeque** will be held on August 29th at John and Leanne Kennedy's house. The culinary feature will be the infamous John Kennedy and Judy Peterson chicken. Bring your own beverage and one of the following an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert. Everyone is welcome to come and share books that they have read within the past year.

Blackberries and Lighthouses and never the twain should meet?—Not! St Matthew's and The Point NE Historical Society are combining forces to celebrate St Matthew's Day and the 110th anniversary of the Browns Point Lighthouse (80 years for the 1933 structure). The PNEHS plans a birthday celebration for Browns Point at a special open house **Saturday, September 21** and that evening it will work with St Matthews on a blackberry pie dessert (and more) with a program and displays and speakers. The blackberry pie dessert harkens back to our founding days as the parishioners picked the abundant blackberries in the area and the church ladies baked pies for St Matthew's Day. We are looking for volunteers to plan the event with the PNEHS. If you are interested, please contact Kate Gould 253 927-3778/richandkategould@comcast.net or Sueann Gorette 253 927 0730 /thegirl@aol.com