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Holy Space

The church building proper (AKA sanctuary) is holy space. It is where holy things are said and done. It is a place of worship, and not a classroom, or a lecture hall, or a lab for experimentation. It is a place where the Blessed Trinity is worshipped, praised, adored, and the Holy Eucharist is celebrated. This is its sole purpose.

The result of our encounter with the Holy One in our holy space is that we share in His holiness in order to take it out into the world. In reality, we go out to be and make holy space in our homes, workplaces, and places of recreation, where the fruit of the Holy Spirit may be seen.

As Advent draws near, I hope that you will take the opportunity the New Year affords to make a little holy space around you, and for the life of the world.

Blessings,

Dave+

Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
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The Good News

November 18, 2016



Prayfully consider ...

In the time of plenty, think of the time of hunger; in days of wealth think of poverty and need. From morning to evening conditions change; all things move swiftly before the Lord. ~ Ecclesiasticus 18:25-26

It is at this time of year, that we are asked to think about the many talents God has provided us and how we can share those talents with others so that we are living witnesses to the Glory of Christ. On November 20th after the 9:30am service there will be a ministry fair. There will be tables setup in the hallway, leading to the parish hall. They will be staffed by representatives of the various ministry's here at St. Matthews. Stop by and learn discover how our parishioners our sharing their talents with others, what it means in their life and how you can volunteer to share your talents.

For further information, please contact Tim Leighton, Crissy Stoffer or Robin Levine

Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Matthew's will offer our annual Thanksgiving meal on 11/20. Sign up sheets are in the hallway by the office.

Remember on that day we will have one service at 930AM.

Parish Education

Will not meet on 11/23.

Men's Breakfast

Will be on hiatus this month. Come to worship and lunch on Sunday!

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday and Tuesday, 8:30 AM Wednesday and Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Intercessory Prayer - Fall Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 12:15.

Guild of the Holy Rosary

Is changing there meeting time on Sunday morning to immediately after the 10:00 service. Wednesdays continue at 5:30pm.

Silent/Secret Auction

The quilters are offering a quilt for a silent/secret auction, that Peggy Blackley pieced and the quilters have finished. ALL of the MONEY will go to THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE for their community activities. The reserve on the quilt is \$100.00. The quilt and the auction box are located in the Fellowship Hall.

- RULES:
1. Name, telephone number and \$\$\$\$\$ on bid paper
 2. Put bid in designated box
 3. All bids must be in by Nov. 25, 2016
 4. The bids will be opened and the winner notified by Nov. 26, 2016

Happy bidding, The Quilters

Outreach Opportunities

Help keep someone warm this coming winter by donating your discarded but gently used coat to the **Salvation Army's annual coat drive**. It's easy - just place the coat(s) and any used gloves, mittens and hats in decent condition into the big white box in the hallway across from Pat's office. The outreach committee will deliver them to the Army's west Washington St. headquarters.

Thank you for helping those in need.

Parish Schedule for the week of November 20

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters are off for the Holiday

Wednesday-8:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary
Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-No Children's or Adult Formation
this week
Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Office Hours: Monday - Wednesday: Mornings, 8:00 a.m.- noon

If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Readings & Music for November 20, 2016

Hymns: #494, #460, #324, #688

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Psalm 46

Deus noster refugium

1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

4 The Lord of hosts is with us; *

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.

6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *

God shall help her at the break of day.

7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

8 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.

11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."

12 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Epistle

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let

him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Ministry Assignments for November 20 & 27

20-November Thanksgiving
9:30

Acolytes: Jack White & Nolan White

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Lector: Ann Sokan

E.M.: SB Carter

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: replaced by Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal

27-November
7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

Acolytes: Christian Pitts & Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Lector: Cris Embree

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Roger & Debbie Thomas

Birthdays & Anniversaries November 20 - 26

Birthdays

Grace Johns
James Messer

Collect for November 20th

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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