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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

#### St. Matthew

Today is our Patronal Feast, the Feast of St. Matthew. Following custom we will transfer this feast to this Sunday. This means that the Collect and Hymns for this Sunday will especially focus on St. Matthew and his legacy.

St. Matthew (AKA Levi son of Alphaeus) was a tax collector and immediately left his stall upon hearing Jesus call him. He was present at Pentecost, but after that information is sparse, save for Holy Tradition that he preached in Asia Minor, Parthia, and Ethiopia. Papias, a second century Church scholar records that Matthew is responsible for the Gospel that bears his name, and that he first recorded the sayings of Jesus in Aramaic (the language of Galilee, Judea, and Syria at the time). It is the Greek translation of these sayings that has come down to us today.

Blessed Matthew Apostle and Evangelist, pray for us.

In Christ,

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## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield  
Rector's Blog

## The Good News

September 21, 2018



### Coffee of the Week

Last week's service of Peruvian coffee was not as well received as previous blends. Currently in the lead for regular service is the Ethiopian Sidamo followed closely by the Kenya AA. This week we will be serving a blend from Nicaragua and Thailand. Again, all coffee served in the month of September will be direct trade from Hemisphere Coffee Roasters.

If you would like individual 1lb packages, please let the office know.

### Sunday Evensong

at 5:30 PM. All are invited.

### Christian Formation

Continues this week. We will meet for Eucharist at 5:30 with study to follow. Our topic for the fall is "Paul's Greatest Hits". We will follow a seminar format that includes a study guide published before each session.

### A New Year for Children's Formation

Christian formation for children at St. Matthew's is growing! This year, not only will we offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) on Wednesday nights, but we are also offering Sunday School following our second service. Immediately after receiving Communion, the children will proceed to their classroom for a 50 minute session. Keep in mind, this isn't your mother's Sunday School! Our curriculum will help the children explore the Mass readings more deeply, but we will play together and pray together, too. In time, the older children will be able to coordinate their own prayer services-developing the habit of prayer, along with meditation

and a lot of fun.

The Children's Sunday School will have its first session Sunday, September 9th, immediately after Communion. CGS will begin again on Wednesday, September 12th at 6pm!

### **Spiritual Pilgrimage**

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Danville is hosting a Spiritual Pilgrimage to honor Our Lady of Walsingham on 14 October at 3:30 PM. The event will include a Solemn Vespers with Homily (The Rt. Rev. Tony Clavier) and a reception to follow.

We will arrange a car pool for anyone interested in attending and plan on leaving at 1:30 that afternoon. Please let the office know by 6 October if you wish to attend.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham was one of the most important pilgrimage sites in England during the Middle Ages, and is said to have rivaled the grave of St. Thomas Becket at Canterbury as the most beloved shrine in England.

More of the story of the Walsingham shrine can be found [here](#).

### **Theology Uncorked Date Change in October**

Will meet at 6PM on 21 October.

### **Tuesday Morning Quilters**

Fall meetings are (usually) on Tuesdays 18th at 10AM.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed school supplies for Oakland School. The teachers appreciate your generosity. Outreach will continue to collect and distribute supplies until the end of September. However, anyone can drop-off supplies to the school office throughout the year. Lists of needed items are on the bulletin board and near the drop-off boxes in the hallway. In addition, "Boxtops for Education" can be taken to the school or placed in the collection boxes in the narthex or on the bulletin board. If placed in the church boxes, they will be taken to the school periodically by someone from the Outreach Committee.

Again, thank you for giving school supplies so that children can learn.

## **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Serving Schedule**

23-September

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Thurifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: John Stoffer

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Chrissy & John Stoffer

30-September

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Chris Bennett

Crucifer: Liam Halt

Thurifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Jim Cooper

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Shelley Carter

Coffee Hour: Julie & Jim Cooper

### **St. Matthew's Schedule beginning September 23rd**

*Coffee hour follows 10:00 worship in the Parish Hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

10:00 a.m.-Rite II (& Children's Sunday School after HE)

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

11:15 a.m.-Confirmation Inquirers

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

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

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Holy Eucharist followed by Adult Formation

6:00 p.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer and breakfast  
Friday -7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*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.*

### **Readings for September 23, 2018**

Hymns: #235, #281, #336, #244

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
"Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.

Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.

He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.

He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.

We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.

Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;  
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.

Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected."

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,



nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

## Psalm 54

*Deus, in nomine*

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

## The Epistle

James 3:13-4:10

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18 And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for\* those who make peace.

4 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2 You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet\* something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, 'God\* yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us'? 6 But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, 'God opposes the proud,

but gives grace to the humble.'

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he

will flee from you. 8Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. 10Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

The Gospel  
Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries September 23-29**

#### Anniversaries

Jane & Wody Shadid

#### Birthdays

Bobbi Meihofer

Karyn Smith

Robin Levine

### **Lamp Dedications for this week:**

### **Collect for Sunday, September 23rd**

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit one God, now for ever.and ever Amen.

### **Collect for St. Matthew**

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we

pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

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