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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

Following the first-half of the instructed Eucharist, I was asked if we had ever thought of a booklet that contained some of these details. The short form is "yes" there has been thought about it, and it has been worked on.

This Sunday copies of an Introduction to the Liturgy published in house will be available. It is still a work in progress, and will be updated as required. Feel free to take one, or more, for yourself and those with whom you would like to share The Episcopal Church way.

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## Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield

[Rector's Blog \(new\)](#)

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## The Good News

October 11, 2019



### Midweek Activities

Due to Liam's choir concert on Wednesday, there will be no midweek activities on the 16th.

We will resume with reading the Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) on the 23d.

Copies of the Didache will be available on Sunday.

### Instructed Eucharist

We continue with our Instructed Eucharist on 10/13 at both services. This is an excellent opportunity to enter more fully the meaning of our liturgy and invite others who might have questions about what we do, and why we do it, to join you for worship.

10/13--The focus will be on the Holy Eucharist.

### Breakfast Fellowships

Men's Breakfast will not meet on October 19 due to the Diocesan Synod. However, we will meet on the 26th at Shannon's 5Star if agreeable to the men of the church. Please let Fr. Dave know if that date does not work.

### Special Forum

October 20th at 9AM.

John and Chrissy Stoffer will present on their recent trip to Kenya in support of Midwest Food Bank. You will not want to miss hearing about their amazing experience and the work that is being done by this local ministry in Africa.

### **Adult Forum**

An Adult Forum will be held at 9AM each Sunday during the time for Children's Catechesis. This is an informal gathering to answer questions and have discussion about the Church and its life in the world.

### **Theology Uncorked**

Will meet at 6PM on October 13th.

We will spend some time with concepts in William Law's "The Way to Divine Knowledge" especially paragraphs 1-51. There is no pressure to read the text as key paragraphs will be provided for discussion. If you wish to read it can be found [here](#).

### **Visitation Change**

Bishop Daniel's annual visitation date has changed to 10 November.

### **About Our Stewardship Campaign**

We are so thankful for your commitments and the forms that have been returned. If you haven't had the opportunity to fill out a pledge card, we are *hoping* to wrap up this effort by October 13. Your pledges provide the MLT the information needed to plan, budget, and prepare for the coming year. Thank you!

### **Thank You Note Received**

To the church of St Matthews,

On behalf of myself and all of the Zumba members, we'd like to thank you for letting us use your beautiful church for classes. You were all so welcoming, kind and accommodating. We also appreciate your flexibility in letting

us work around your schedule as well as the many other groups who use your building. This type of outreach and relationship is what makes a church commendable in the eyes of God.

Thank you again and may God bless all of you abundantly.

:) Tex Kahle

### **Sabbatical**

In full disclosure, and with the MLT's support, I am preparing to take Sabbatical beginning 1 June 2020. Sabbatical time is included in every Rector's letter of agreement and can be taken anytime after the first five years.

A sabbatical is not a vacation, or even continuing education, but a time for clergy to focus on renewal for ministry. It is supposed to be a time for developing new skills and/or learning new things that can enhance our Parish life.

For my sabbatical I will be joining Bishop Elias in Tabora, Tanzania. Bishop Daniel has tasked me in this with learning how they are doing evangelism, clergy formation, and ministry development. The expectation is that a document will be produced outlining the above and how it might be beneficial to our Diocese and our Parish. Part of the plan is not just to preach and visit congregations, but to actively participate in clergy development through teaching Scripture to those in their formation program. I will also be teaching English at St. Peter's Secondary School in Tabora.

Supply clergy will support our liturgical life, and the Mission Leadership Team will support the administrative life of the Parish.

Unfortunately, some clergy misuse this time to search for other positions. However, please know that this is not appropriate nor will this be done.

Now, if anyone would like to join me for a portion of this trip, you are invited. A group portion would be appropriate for the first part of the time and would run roughly 1-19 June when Amy and Liam will be with me. If you are interested, please see me for cost estimate. I will need to make airline reservations by 1 November.

Thank you for your support and this opportunity.

Dave+

### **Outreach Opportunities Fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale**

The Outreach Committee's fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 26, 8AM to 1PM. Donations of books, DVDs and other recordings may be brought to the parish hall and placed near the bookshelves. Bake sale items may be brought during parish office hours on Thursday (Oct 24) and Friday (Oct 25), as well as during sale set-up on Oct. 25, 3-6PM or during the sale on Oct. 26. We welcome help with the set-up. For any further information please call Debbie Leighton, 826-7390.

**ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH for October & November 2019.** MIDWEST FOOD BANK is asking for the following items for "The Big Give," its Thanksgiving meal giveaway for local residents in need:

Boxed stuffing mix, boxed mashed potatoes, pie crust mix; canned green beans, cranberry sauce, cream-of-mushroom soup, evaporated milk; envelopes of gravy (no jars, please); regular size cans of French fried onions; large cans of pumpkin pie mix, containing all sugar and spices.

Overall, 20 churches are collecting these items because so many are needed, for instance, 5,000 cans each of green beans and mushroom soup. Hy-Vee and Schnuck's are ready to assist people shopping for The Big Give. They also sell turkey cards.

Please help The Outreach Committee provide St. Matthew's response to this vital community need. **THANK YOU!**

If you can, please bring your non perishable donations early in October so that MFB volunteers will have plenty of time to pack individual and family boxes for distribution.

Thanks again! The Outreach Committee

Updated ways to assist Oakland School are found on their [PTO News](#)

**The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

## **Worship Serving Schedule**

13-October 2019

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham

Lector: Kathryn Morris

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.:

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Phyllis & Dave Halt

20-October 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter

Crucifer: Brad Bauman

Thurifer: Emily Lavikoff

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffee Hour: Robin Levine & Karyn Smith

## **St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of October 13**

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

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

9:00 a.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (for Children)

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-Theology Uncorked

Monday-9:00 a.m.-Home School Ed Classes \*  
11:00 a.m.-Private Music Lessons \*

Tuesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer  
2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*  
5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist  
6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

Thursday -7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast  
9:00 a.m.-Moms in Prayer \*  
2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*

Friday

Saturday

*Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
\* Authorized Group--St. Matthew's guests*

*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 October 13, 2019**

Hymns: #371, #397, #637

Old Testament

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have



you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean!'" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

## Psalm 111

### *Confitebor tibi*

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*

holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

### The Epistle

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful--

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

### The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

**Birthdays & Anniversaries October 13 - 92**

Anniversaries

Pam & Roy Laws

Birthdays



Fr. Dave  
Robert Wolfe  
Brad Brenneman

**Dedications for this week:**

*The Memorial lamp is lit in remembrance of*

***Carl Plonese***

*by Gary Plonese*

**Collect for 18th Sunday after Pentecost, October 13th**

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; 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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