

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022



INTRODUCTION

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

PRELUDE

Prelude

William Harris

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.
Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.
~Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation.**

We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life.

Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.



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P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.
 God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.
 Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ~Please stand

Gather Us In

ELW 532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



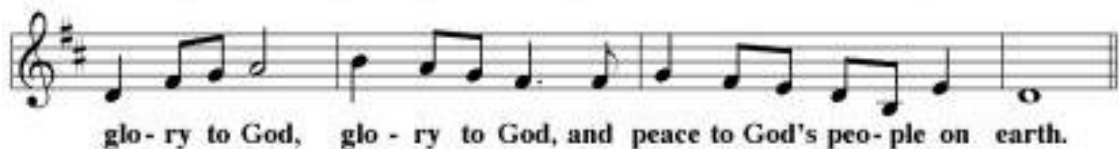
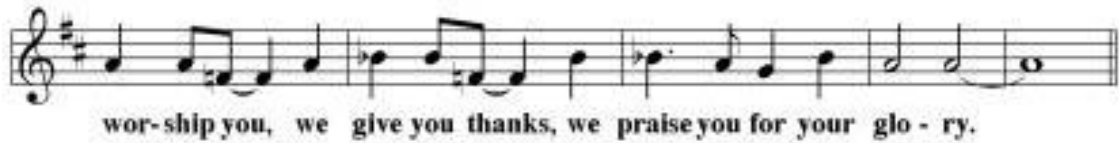
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(I- High Voices; II- Low Voices)



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

II you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

~ Please share a sign of peace with those around you

~Please be seated

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos, the sixth chapter...

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from the first letter to Timothy, the sixth chapter...

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - please stand



GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter ...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Holy Words, Holy Wisdom. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gretchen Wilcox

MESSAGE

Bishop Leila M. Ortiz



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



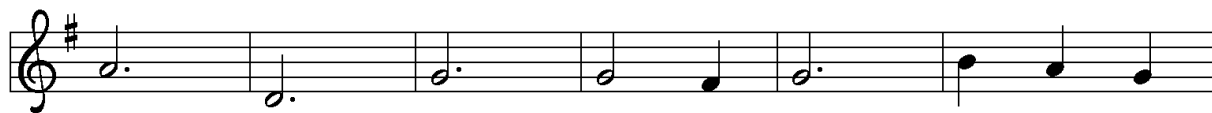
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

~ Please stand, sit, or kneel for the prayers

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

~A brief silence.

A: O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill (especially). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

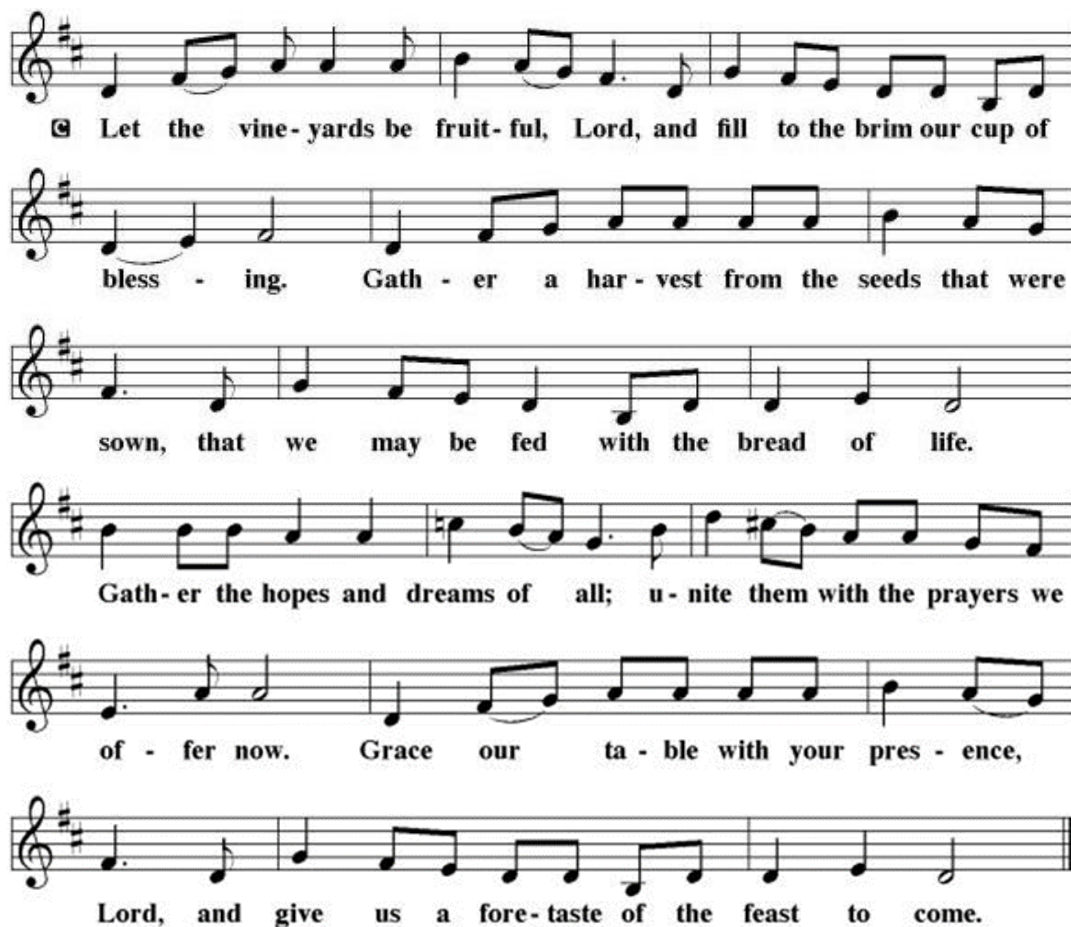
OFFERING *We give thanks to God by offering the gifts we have been given for the sake of the world. In lieu of passing the offering plate, we invite you to place your donations in the plate as you leave the sanctuary or donate online at stmatthewsva.org/give. Your offerings go toward the mission of the church and allow us to respond to the needs in our congregation and community.*

OFFERTORY

Poor Man Lazarus
Senior Choir

arr. Jester Hairston

OFFERING SONG



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious God,

C: in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

P: You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P: We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people, and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION ~Please be seated

All who believe Jesus is present in this sacrament are invited to receive the bread and wine. Communion will be distributed by stations; when invited by an usher, please come forward using the center aisle to receive the host and wine. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Know that if you only take the bread that you have fully communed. Whether you are receiving communion at in-person worship or if you are receiving communion at home, we extend to you: The body of Christ given for you. And the blood of Christ shed for you.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

1	Let	us	break	bread	to -	geth-er	on	our	knees;
2	Let	us	drink	wine	to -	geth-er	on	our	knees;
3	Let	us	praise	God	to -	geth-er	on	our	knees;

let	us	break	bread	to -	geth - er	on	our	knees.
let	us	drink	wine	to -	geth - er	on	our	knees.
let	us	praise	God	to -	geth - er	on	our	knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Here is Bread

ELW 483

1	Here is bread,	here is wine,	Christ is with us,	he is with us.
2	Here is grace,	here is peace,	Christ is with us,	he is with us.
3	Here we are,	joined in one,	Christ is with us,	he is with us.

The first staff of music is written on a five-line treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note on G4, an eighth note on A4, and a quarter note on B4. This is followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note on G4, an eighth note on A4, and a quarter note on B4. This pattern repeats for a third measure. The final measure of the staff contains a quarter note on G4, an eighth note on A4, and a quarter note on B4, ending with a double bar line.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ~Please stand

Commonwealth is God's Commandment

ACS 1036

1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,

Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha - lom, mas - la - ha: com-mon good is ho - ly ground.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

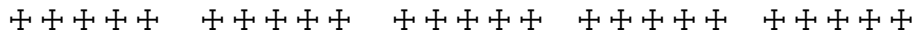
THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

POSTLUDE*

Gather Us In

arr. John Behnke

**During the postlude, you are invited to exit the sanctuary or sit and enjoy the musical offering.*



Ministers: ALL the People of St. Matthew's

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Lector: Tom Meier
Usher: Dave Carr



Altar Flowers are given by the Day School Committee
In honor of Kathy Lundgren's 38 years of service to St. Matthew's Day School

For more announcements, please visit www.stmatthewsva.org

Happening Today – High School and Young Adults are invited to go for a hike along the Bull Run Occoquan Trail. Meet at 1PM at the parking lot for the trail at 12619 Old Yates Ford Road, Clifton!

October 1, 11AM – Join us for a Family Fun Day to kick off our 50th Anniversary Weekend! We'll have moon bounces, food, a community service project, and activities for the children. All are welcome!

October 1, 6PM – Reserve your spot today for our 50th Anniversary Banquet to be held at Old Hickory Golf Club. \$60/person. Make your reservation online at www.stmatthewsva.org/celebrate or call the church office, 703-494-3090.

October 2, 10AM – Come to our special Sunday morning worship service. Guest artist, Pastor Paul Oman will complete a painting depicting the Feeding of the Five Thousand during worship to commemorate our 50th anniversary. A reception will follow.

October 7, 4PM – Help us celebrate with Kathy Lundgren as she retires from the Day School! The reception will be held in the Narthex.