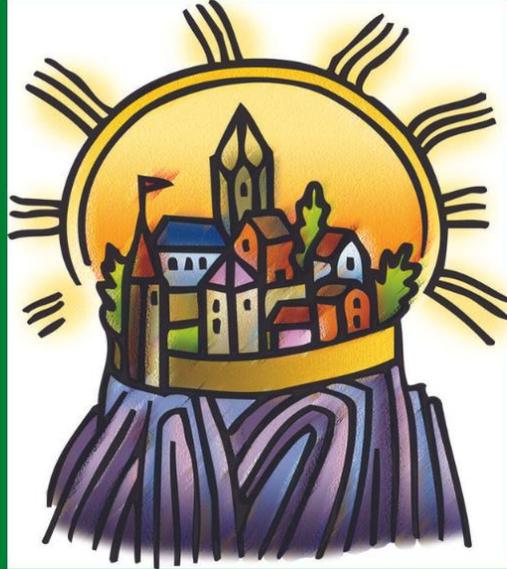


Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



February 5, 2023

INTRODUCTION

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

PRELUDE

This Little Light of Mine

Mark Albrecht

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**



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P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

P: We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *-Please stand*

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

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.

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE (Verse 1 Only)

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, 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

Isaiah 58:1-12

The first reading is from the Prophet Isaiah, the 58th chapter...

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-13-16

The second reading is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the second chapter ...

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him” —

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter...

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Eric Block

MESSAGE

Rev. Kirsten Laderach

HYMN OF THE DAY *-Please stand*

Go, Make Disciples

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“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you’re

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950
Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson
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THE APOSTLE'S 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: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

-A brief silence.

A: Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry so that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way. (We pray especially for . . .)

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

A: The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

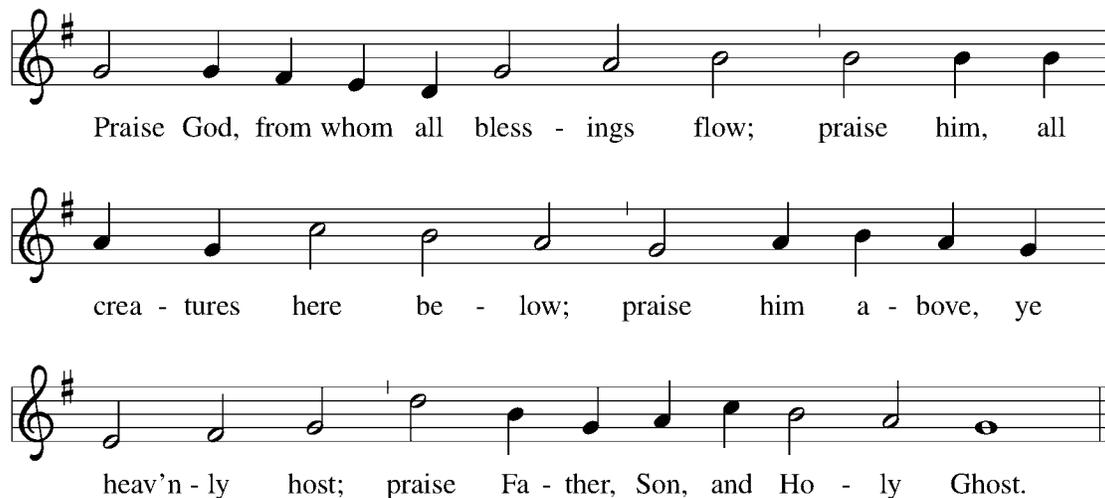
OFFERING *We give thanks to God by offering the gifts we have been given for the sake of the world. We invite you to place your donations in the plate as it is passed. Donations can also be made online at stmatthewsva.org/give. Your offerings go toward the mission of the church and allow us to respond to the needs of our congregation and community locally, nationally, and internationally.*

OFFERTORY

**Lord You Call Us
Senior Choir**

Haugen

OFFERING SONG



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Liberating God,

C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

**Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.**

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. 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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
 in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
 and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
 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, HOLY, HOLY

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

P: O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
 Over the eons your merciful might
 evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
 Here by your wisdom
 are both life and death,
 growth and decay,
 the nest and the hunt,
 sunshine and storm,
 darkness and light.
 Sustained by these wonders,
 we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross,
we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery,
we mortals sing our song:

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

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.

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.

Gathered around this table,
we your children unite in this song:

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune, you create the worlds,
you uphold the living,
you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you
and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises,
we rise from our deaths
to praise you again:

C: The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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: Come and taste the joy of God!

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 bread 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.

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

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Refrain / Estribillo

U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la_a - le - grí - a
 U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is

se_ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
 joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:

la_a - le - grí - a se_ha - ce_o - ra - ción.
 all our joy to God be - longs.

1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
 1 We will praise God, we will sing
 2 We will praise God, we will feast
 3 We will praise God, we will play

a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
 al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
 at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
 al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;

por - que gran - de_es el a - mor
 we will praise God for the love
 we will praise God and give thanks
 we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo

que_en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
 that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
 for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
 that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

2 *Cantaremos la bondad del Señor que nos sienta a su mesa, y nos llama a comulgar como hermanos su vino y su pan.*

3 *Cantaremos al Señor aleluyas al son de instrumentos, y será nuestra canción la alabanza que ensalza su amor.*

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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: Holy One, we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN *-Please stand*

Thy Strong Word

ELW 511



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speaking it was done. For created light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in conquering might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes confess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE*

Rise, Shine You People

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

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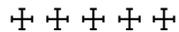
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The altar flowers for today are given by Caroline Leean,
For the lives of Sharon Leean (2-2-63 to 9-27-2001) and Joseph Leean (3-10-42 to 2-2-2022)



For more announcements, please visit www.stmatthewsva.org

Happening Today – Sunday School classes will be held following our worship service. **PreK - 5th Grades** will meet upstairs in the Blue Room. **Confirmation Class, 6-8th Grades** will meet upstairs in Rooms 9 and 10. **Adult Bible Study** with Keith Kuhn will meet in the conference room.

Ongoing – Community registration for St. Matthew's Day School for the 2023-24 school year begins February 6th, 2023. See dayschool.us for more information and spread the word!

February 5-19 – Have you done a kind deed recently? Have you seen someone else being kind? Acts of kindness can be large or small. From February 5-19, look for our beautiful "trees of kindness" in the Narthex, painted by artists Leslie Wilcox and Evan Peters. Write any acts of kindness you see or do on a sticker and add your sticker to our kindness trees. Let's see how big our kindness trees can grow!

February 15 – We're turning tryouts inside out! We're inviting YOU to try out our Senior Choir for a 7-week commitment. We are preparing a contemporary cantata, "In My Place" by Craig Courtney. We will present this moving cantata on Good Friday, April 7th. Rehearsals begin on February 15th. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the front of Fellowship Hall. Questions? See Kathy Lundgren.

February 16 – Join us for our February Fellowship Luncheon at Carrabba's Italian Grill! Please use our SignUp Genius to make your reservation by Tuesday, February 14th.

February 19 – St. Matthew's Fastnacht Fun from 3:30 – 6pm. Potluck dinner, games and prizes for everyone (adults and children), line dancing, and singing. Our theme is Mardi Gras. Please use SignUp Genius to let us know how many will be attending and what food item you can bring to share.

February 27 – Bill Mehr food service to the Homeless this winter (November-March) consists of a hot meal the fourth Monday of each month. Sign up to contribute on the St. Matthew's SignUp Genius. Place your items in the church kitchen marked *Bill Mehr* or *Homeless* before February 27. Bring your hot lasagna to the church parking lot on Monday, February 27, at 6pm. Questions? Phone/text Joyce McFarland 703-298-8380.

March 5 – For Black History Month, the St. Matthew's Book Group is reading *House Girl* by Tara Conklin. Our discussion will follow on March 5 at St. Matthew's at 2:30pm.

March 5, 19, 26 – First Communion classes will be held on March 5, 19, and 26 with Pastor Laderach, the students, and the student's parent or sponsor during the Sunday School time. There will be an acknowledgement of the students' First Communion at the church service on April 16th.