

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024 – 9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist – Contemporary Service



Christ and the Rich Young Ruler – First United Methodist, St. Petersburg, FL

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Rev. Rodney Roehner

Prelude *Thy Word* (instrumental) by **Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith**

Gather *Thy Word* by **Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith**

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

Verse 2

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant continues with the Collect of Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise *King of Kings* by **Brooke and Scott Ligertwood & Jason Ingram**

Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, Three in One
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of Kings

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Jesus Remember Me

by Taize' Community

Jesus remember me
When You come into Your kingdom
Jesus remember me
When You come into Your kingdom

Gospel (*standing*)

Mark 10:17-31

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon (*seated*)

Rev. Rodney Roehner

Faith Song

We Believe and Trust

by **Marc Nelson**

We believe and trust in
God the Father Almighty
We believe and trust in
Jesus Christ His Son

We believe and trust
In the Holy Spirit
We believe and trust in
The Three in One

The Prayers of the People – Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Bp. Daniel, Fr. Rodney, Fr. Dave, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joseph our President, Josh our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Betsy, Ava, Laura, Carol, Millie, Jane, Kathleen, Anthony, Steve, Fred, Christy, Tyler, Steve, Caleb, Patti, Virginia, Polly, Henry, Bernadette, Daniel, Roger, Erin, Giuliano, Brody, Dave, Sean, Gerry, Tom, Mary, Constance, Lilly, Ethan, Joey, Sue, Eileen, and Colleen.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed, especially Ann Sibson, in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given by the Sibson family, eternal rest. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, St. Matthew, and all your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray for our church family and preschool; for all first responders and law enforcement, especially Jamie and Justin; for those who serve our nation in the armed forces, especially Steven, Jonathan, Kyle, Justin, Zack, William, and their families; and for those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. We also pray for the protection of persecuted Christians throughout the world, and that all may come to the knowledge and love of Christ.

Celebrant Let us also pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive ✠ you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(all stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory

Lay My Burdens Down

by Ryan Long

Amazing love how can it be
That you my God would die for me
Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
I come and lay my burdens down

Amazing life forget the grave
Jesus has died my soul to save
Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
I come and lay my burdens down

Amazing sight no longer blind
You touched my eyes new hope I find
Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
I come and lay my burdens down

Amazing help no more alone
New family new heavenly home
Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
I come and lay my burdens down

Amazing joy I happy shout
You took my dark and cast it out
Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
I come and lay my burdens down

Amazing love how can it be
That you my God would die for me
Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
I come and lay my burdens down

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

Sanctus

Holy Holy Holy

arr. by Geoff Weaver

Holy, Holy, Holy
My heart, my heart adores You
My heart knows how to say to You
You are holy Lord

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, ‘Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.’”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. ✠ Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Anthem

You Are My All in All

by Dennis Jernigan

Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your Name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your Name

The Celebrant then faces the People while elevating the Sacrament and says
✠ The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

Wonderful Merciful Savior

by Dawn Rogers & Eric Wyse

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you**

**with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant says the following blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Service Hymn

Sing for Joy

by Lamont Hiebert

Chorus

Sing for joy to God our strength
Sing for joy to God
our strength our strength

Verse 1

If we call to Him
He will answer us
If we run to Him
He will run to us
If we lift our hands
He will lift us up
Come now praise His name
All you saints of God

Verse 2

Draw near to Him
He is here with us
Give Him your love
He's in love with us
He will heal our hearts
He will cleanse our hands
If we rend our hearts
He will heal our land

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consecration Sunday | *Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:2* Let us come together at all three services on Sunday,

October 27th, to gratefully consider God's innumerable blessings, and bring forth our pledge commitments for 2025. We will share in a festive coffee hour that day at 10:00 a.m. to give thanks for our St. Matthew's community and its many blessings.

All Souls' Day, Wine & Cheese Reception | St. Matthew's will remember the faithful departed by holding a solemn Holy Eucharist on Saturday, November 2nd at 4:00 PM, followed by a wine and cheese reception. **All named departed loved ones from 2023 will be included.** If you have additions to that list, please email their first and last names to Fr. Rodney, rector@saintmattsec.org. Remembrances are requested by Wednesday, October 30th.

EVENTS

Trunk or Treat | Celebrate a spooky good time in the upper parking lot on **Saturday, October 26th at 4 PM.** **We need trunks!** Help us make this a successful event by signing up to decorate your trunk by going here: tinyurl.com/SMEC-Trunk2024. A prize will be awarded for the best trunk!

SCHC/Companions | The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross will be meeting at St. Matthew's on Saturday, **October 26th starting @ 10:00 a.m.** All women are welcome! For more information, please contact either Lynn Buggage - LMBuggage@gmail.com or Treva McLaughlin - trevaa1314@gmail.com

OUTREACH

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Donations | A group from CHOP is traveling to a rural area in the Dominican Republic to provide healthcare and health education. They have requested our help in gathering the following items in support of this mission:

- Books for children ages 0-5 (these help promote bonding between children and caretakers, and families greatly appreciate them!)
- Travel-sized toothpaste
- Adult toothbrushes
- Children's toothbrushes

Items will be collected through October 27th, and can be placed in the marked bin in the narthex. Thank you!

Seamen’s Church Institute Holiday Ditty Bags | This organization assembles supply bags every holiday season for the crews of cargo ships arriving in our ports. The members of our knitting ministry, the Knit Wits, are working hard making hats and scarves for this donation. Please join them in supporting this ministry by donating some of the other items that are needed. Please see the bulletin board for the full wish list. A bin will be available by the kitchen for donations. Thank you!

Church for Kenya | During his recent visit, Bp. Chemengich mentioned that his diocese of Kitale in Kenya wants to plant 140+ new churches. Most of these buildings are semi-permanent structures similar to a pavilion with walls, and they cost \$2,000 to construct. St. Matthew's outreach funds will provide money for one church, and we would like to offer parishioners an opportunity to contribute toward a second one. If you would like to donate toward this unique fundraiser, please make checks payable to St. Matthew’s, noting “Church for Kenya” on the memo line.

Little Pantry | Thank you for answering our call for toilet paper and peanut butter! We are now in need of the following: **crackers, jelly, cereal, spaghetti sauce, breakfast bars, paper towels, toothpaste, dish soap, and laundry detergent.** Thank you so much for your generosity!

Parish Calendar *for the week of* **October 13th, 2024**

Tuesday, October 15th	7:30 PM	Tuesday Group <i>on Zoom*</i>
Wednesday, October 16th	10:00 AM	Knit Wits <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	12:00 PM	Holy Eucharist <i>in the Sanctuary</i>
	7:00 PM	Bible Study <i>on Zoom*</i>
Thursday, October 17th	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer <i>on Zoom*</i>
Sunday, October 20th <i>All services are held in the Sanctuary. 9 AM service is also accessible via Livestream.</i>	7:45 AM	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Rite II Holy Eucharist with Contemporary Music
	9:00 AM	CGS Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Weaving God’s Promises <i>in the Rector’s office</i>
	10:00 AM	Coffee Hour <i>in the Parish Hall</i>
	10:30 AM	Rite II Choral Eucharist

*Access Zoom meeting links by going to bit.ly/SMEC-Zoom-Gathering