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**Color of the Day:** Green - suggesting spiritual growth and maturity. There is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "green meadow" time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

Opening Hymn . . . . . #807 – *When Morning Glids the Skies*  
Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 167

*Service of the Word*

Introit . . . . . Page 168

*Ps. 40:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 40:10a, b*

I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart; \*  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation;  
I waited patiently | for the LORD; \*  
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.  
He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog, \*  
and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.  
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God. \*  
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.  
Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust, \*  
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a  
lie!  
You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your  
thoughts toward us; none can com- | pare with you! \*  
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.  
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.  
I have not hidden your deliverance with- | in my heart; \*  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal- | vation.

Kyrie . . . . . Page 168

Hymn of Praise (This Is The Feast) . . . . . Page 170

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Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 172

*1 Samuel 3:1-20*

<sup>1</sup>Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the

LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.<sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

**Gradual** ..... Page 172

*Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*

bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

**Epistle Reading** ..... Page 172

*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

**Choral Anthem**

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*John 1:43-51*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw

you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day** ..... #402 - *The Only Son from Heaven*

**The Sermon** .....

*Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), check out Pastor’s blog at: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/> or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: <https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/>*

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

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*Our First Fruits & Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.*

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### *Service of the Sacrament*

**Preface** ..... Page 177

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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**Distribution** ..... Page 181

*Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

**Distribution Hymns** ..... #396 – *Arise and Shine in Splendor*

#688 – *“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake*

#783 - *Take My Life and Let It Be*

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**Closing Hymn** ..... #533 - *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure*