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## The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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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 . . . . . #735 - *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 203

### ☩ ☩ ☩ *Service of the Word* ☩ ☩ ☩

Introit . . . . . Page 204

*Ps. 28: 7-9; antiphon: Ps. 28:6*

Blessèd | be the LORD!\*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your | heritage!\*

Be their shepherd and carry them for- | ever.

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.

Blessèd | be the LORD!\*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis . . . . . Page 204

Salutation & Collect of the Day . . . . . Page 205

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus

Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 205

*Genesis 3:8-15*

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Gradual . . . . . Page 205

*Ps. 145: 3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,\*

and his greatness is un- | searchable.

On your wondrous works, I will | meditate,\*

and I will declare your | greatness.

Epistle . . . . . Page 205

*2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

<sup>13</sup>Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, <sup>14</sup>knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Choral Anthem  
 Alleluia & Verse . . . . . Page 205  
 Holy Gospel . . . . . Page 206

*Mark 3:20-35*

<sup>20</sup>Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

<sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— <sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” <sup>33</sup>And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Athanasian Creed . . . . . Page 319

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day . . . . . #668 – Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You  
 The Sermon . . . . . Wasting, Transient Tent vs Eternal Heavenly Home  
 2Corinthians 4:13-5:1

*Check out Pastor Bogs’ blog at: [rabswritings.blogspot.com](http://rabswritings.blogspot.com) or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: [pastormendez.blogspot.com](http://pastormendez.blogspot.com).*

Introduction

Today is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 This morning \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Faith In Action (v. 13-15)  
 Paul reminds us \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Of course, as we live \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 And Paul reminds us \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Our Struggles (v. 16-18)  
 Yet, Paul understands \_\_\_\_\_ .

Paul makes a definite distinction \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 In speaking about the afflictions \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 I think most of us will \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Temporary verses Permanent (5:1)  
 In the last verse \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Our permanent home is \_\_\_\_\_ .  
What Does this Mean?  
 As we live in this world \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 More important than focusing on \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 As you have heard me say \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 So Paul encourages us \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Our lives can point to \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 Might we summarize \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

Prayer of the Church . . . . . Page 207

*Our First Fruits and 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.*

Offering & Offertory Hymn . . . . . #955 - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Sacrament* ✠ ✠ ✠

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 Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord’s Prayer, Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini  
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 Agnus Dei & Distribution. . . . . Page  
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*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 . . . . . #645 – Built on the Rock  
 #741 - Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense  
 #674 - Jerusalem, O City Fair and High  
 #672 - Jerusalem the Golden

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 Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus & Benediction . . . . . Page 212  
 Closing Hymn . . . . . #714 - Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode