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## The Second 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** . . . . . #822 - Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

**Confession and Absolution** . . . . . Page 203

### ☩ ☩ ☩ Service of the Word ☩ ☩ ☩

**Introit** . . . . . Page 204

*Ps. 50: 7-10; antiphon: Ps. 50:1*

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth\*  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.\*  
I am God, your God.

Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;\*  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.

I will not accept a bull from your house\*  
or goats from your folds.

For every beast of the forest is mine,\*  
the cattle on a thousand hills.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

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

Almighty and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading** . . . . . Page 205

*Hosea 5:15—6:6*

<sup>15</sup>I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. <sup>14</sup>“Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup>Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” <sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. <sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

**Gradual** . . . . . Page 205

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

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,\*  
and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,\*  
and I will declare your greatness.

**Epistle** . . . . . Page 205

*Romans 4:13–25*

<sup>13</sup>The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup>That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup>who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**Choral Anthem**

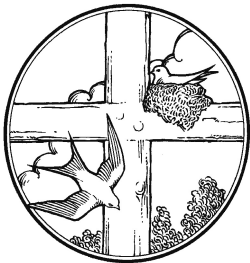
**Alleluia & Verse** . . . . . Page 205

**Holy Gospel** . . . . . Page 206

*Matthew 9:9-13*

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."



**Athanasian Creed** . . . . . Page 319

**Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day** . . . . . #689 - *Let Me Be Thine Forever*

**The Sermon** . . . . . To Be Given ~ Romans 4:13-25

*Want to read along, miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine? Check out Pastor Bogs' blog at: rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez's blog at: pastormendez.blogspot.com.*

**Introduction**

A promise \_\_\_\_\_ .

**The Promise**

The promise of a Savior was not \_\_\_\_\_ .

The promise was first given to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Later, God did get specific \_\_\_\_\_ .

The promise was given to \_\_\_\_\_ .

**The Law**

The Law was given \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Law was \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Law was given to \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Law cannot \_\_\_\_\_ .

**The Example of Abraham**

We are Christians and \_\_\_\_\_ .

God promised Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ .

We are heirs of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Like Abraham we \_\_\_\_\_ .

**What Does this Mean?**

We need to hear \_\_\_\_\_ .

We need to hear \_\_\_\_\_ .

We need to be reminded \_\_\_\_\_ .

We need to be constantly reminded \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

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**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 ☩ ☩ ☩**

**Preface & Sanctus** . . . . . Page 208

**Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer, Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini** . . . . . Page 209

**Angus Dei & Distribution** . . . . . Page 210

*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** . . . . . #566 - *By Grace I'm Saved*

#905 - *Come, Thou Almighty King*

#567 - *Not What These Hands Have Done*

**Nunc Dimittis** . . . . . Page 211

**Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus & Benediction** . . . . . Page 212

**Closing Hymn** . . . . . #703 - *How Can I Thank You, Lord*