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## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 23, 2024

*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 . . . . . #818 - *In Thee Is Gladness*

Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 203

### ✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit . . . . . Page 204

*Ps. 107: 29-32; antiphon: Ps. 107:28*

Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.

He made the | storm be still,\*  
and the waves of the | sea were hushed.

Then they were glad that the waters were | quiet,\*  
and he brought them to their desired | haven.

Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,\*  
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

Let them extol him in the congregation of the | people,\*  
and praise him in the assembly of the | elders.

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.

Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,\*  
and he delivered them from | their distress.

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

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

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; 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 205

*Job 38:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: <sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. <sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’

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 6:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time;

behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions,

hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You

are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

Choral Anthem

Alleluia & Verse. . . . . Page 205

Holy Gospel. . . . . Page 206

*Mark 4:35-41*

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."

<sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"

<sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"



Creed. . . . . Page 206/207

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day . . . . . #726 – Evening and Morning

The Sermon . . . . . Do Not Receive the Grace of God in Vain  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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Introduction

Most of us remember \_\_\_\_\_ .

God Has Given

The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ .

How does one \_\_\_\_\_ .

Jesus has taken \_\_\_\_\_ .

Our Struggles

How do we react \_\_\_\_\_ .

How do we handle \_\_\_\_\_ .

Words of Encouragement

Paul is speaking words of \_\_\_\_\_ .

When we hurt \_\_\_\_\_ .

How do we live \_\_\_\_\_ .

What Does this Mean?

Because of our nature \_\_\_\_\_ .

And we tend, \_\_\_\_\_ .

We tend, \_\_\_\_\_ .

The good news is \_\_\_\_\_ .

God the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ .

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 ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

Preface & Sanctus. . . . . Page 208

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer, Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini  
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Agnus 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 . . . . . #661 – The Son of God Goes Forth to War  
#752 - Be Still, My Soul  
#782 - Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings  
#718 - Jesus, Lead Thou On

Nunc Dimittis. . . . . Page 211

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

Closing Hymn. . . . . #669 - Come, We That Love the Lord