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## The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023

*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** . . . . . #851 - *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

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

### ☩ ☩ ☩ *Service of the Word* ☩ ☩ ☩

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

*Ps. 89: 15-18; antiphon: Ps. 89:1*

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;\*  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- |  
ations.

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\*  
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,  
who exult in your name | all the day\*  
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

For you are the glory | of their strength,\*  
by your favor our horn is ex- | alted.

For our shield belongs | to the LORD,\*  
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

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.

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

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

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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

*Jeremiah 28:5-9*

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

*Rom. 11:33, 36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!\*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!  
For from him and through him and to him are | all things.\*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

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

*Romans 7:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

<sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

**Choral Anthem**

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

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

*Matthew 10:34-42*

<sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>40</sup>"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."



**Creed** . . . . . Page 206/207

**Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day** . . . . . #685 - *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

**The Sermon** . . . . . The Severity of the Law, the Sweetness of the Gospel  
Romans 7:1-13

*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**

We are encouraged to preach \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Tenure of the Law**

The law is binding as long as \_\_\_\_\_.

For Christians, the law \_\_\_\_\_.

The result \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Purpose of the Law**

One of the purposes of the law \_\_\_\_\_.

Just because we do not know \_\_\_\_\_.

The law is \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Purpose of the Gospel**

The Gospel shows \_\_\_\_\_.

The Gospel shows us \_\_\_\_\_.

The Gospel moves us to \_\_\_\_\_.

What Does this Mean \_\_\_\_\_?

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

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

We are reminded that Christ \_\_\_\_\_.

The law is \_\_\_\_\_.

**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

**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** . . . . . #717 - *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*  
#751 - *O God of Love, O King of Peace*  
#966 - *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

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

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

**Closing Hymn** . . . . . #965 - *God Bless Our Native Land*