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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 #769 - *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ*
Confession and Absolution. Page 203

✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 204
Ps. 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: Ps. 145:5

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

I will extol you, my | God and King,*
and bless your name forever and | ever.

Every day I will | bless you*
and praise your name forever and | ever.

Great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised,*
and his greatness is un- | searchable.

They shall speak of the might of your | awesome deeds,*
and I will declare your | greatness.

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant | goodness*
and shall sing aloud of your | righteousness.

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.

On the glorious splendor of your | majesty,*
and on your wondrous works, I will | meditate.

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis Page 204

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 205
Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in
You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your
love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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
Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Alleluia & Verse Page 205

Holy Gospel Page 206

Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out,

⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.



⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was.

⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

Creed Page 206/207

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #754 – Entrust Your Days and Burdens

The Sermon To Know the Surpassing Knowledge of Christ Love
Ephesians 3:14-21

Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), just want to follow along? Visit Pastor Bogs' blog at rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez's blog at pastormendez.blogspot.com.

Introduction

Perhaps you have heard the question _____.

The Lessons

In the Old Testament Lesson _____.

In the Gospel Lesson _____.

In the Epistle Lesson _____.

Paul's Words of Praise

Paul is not speaking _____.

Paul is praying for _____.

Paul is praying for _____.

Ans we are _____.

Thanks be to God _____.

The type of love _____.

Paul's Doxology

Paul's words speak of _____.

Paul recognizes _____.

In these words of doxology _____.

What Does this Mean?

We recognize _____.

We recognize _____.

We recognize _____.

This morning _____.

As we have been working _____.

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 Page 209

Agnus Dei & Distribution Page 210

Here at St. Matthew we lovingly practice closed communion. Before partaking of the Lord's Supper, we ask you to read our communion statement on the insert behind the pew Bible. If you have any questions, please speak to a pastor or elder. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns #766 – Our Father, Who from Heaven Above
#806 - Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart
#849 - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
#649 - Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Nunc Dimittis Page 211

Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus & Benediction Page 212

Closing Hymn #540 - Christ, the Word of God Incarnate