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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 . . . . . #587 - I Know My Faith Is Founded  
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### ☩ ☩ ☩ Service of the Word ☩ ☩ ☩

Introit . . . . . Page 168

*Ps. 78:23-25; antiphon: Ps. 78:72*

With upright heart he shep- | herded them\*  
and guided them with his | skillful hand.  
He commanded the | skies above\*  
and opened the doors of | heaven,  
and he rained down on them man- | na to eat\*  
and gave them the grain of | heaven.  
Man ate of the bread of the | angels,\*  
he sent them food in a- | bundance.  
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.  
With upright heart he shep- | herded them\*  
and guided them with his | skillful hand.

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis . . . . . Page 168

Hymn of Praise (Gloria in Excelsis) . . . . . Page 170

Salutation & Collect of the Day . . . . . Page 172

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life.  
Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may  
be nourished unto life everlasting; 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 172

*Exodus 16:2-15*

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against  
Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them,  
“Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt,

when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have  
brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with  
hunger.” <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread  
from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s  
portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law  
or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be  
twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the  
people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who  
brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see  
the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the  
LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said,  
“When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning  
bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you  
grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but  
against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people  
of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

<sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of  
Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the  
LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have  
heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you  
shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you  
shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” <sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up  
and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.  
<sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness  
a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of  
Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know  
what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has  
given you to eat.

Gradual . . . . . Page 172

*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 172

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner  
worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and  
gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to  
maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body  
and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to  
your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one  
of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says, “When  
he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”  
<sup>9</sup>(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also  
descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the  
one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all

things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**Choral Anthem**

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Holy Gospel ..... Page 173

*John 6:22-35*

<sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

<sup>27</sup>Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" <sup>31</sup>Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup>Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

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**Children's Message**

Hymn of the Day ..... #918 – *Guide Me, O Though Great Redeemer*

The Sermon . . . .To Each One Grace Has Been Given ~ Ephesians 4:4-16

*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**

In the Old Testament and Gospel reading \_\_\_\_\_.

**Fellowship**

As Christians we \_\_\_\_\_.

We are \_\_\_\_\_.

Definitions: "orthodox" means \_\_\_\_\_.

"Heterodox" means \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul advocates \_\_\_\_\_.

Gifts from God \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul reminds us that \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul also reminds us that \_\_\_\_\_.

**A Pastor's Work**

Our pastor is called to \_\_\_\_\_.

Our pastor is to \_\_\_\_\_.

Together Paul reminds us \_\_\_\_\_.

The ultimate goal Paul places before us \_\_\_\_\_.

It is by our being \_\_\_\_\_.

Thus, we \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Finally, we \_\_\_\_\_.

**What Does this Mean?**

It means that we \_\_\_\_\_.

It means that we \_\_\_\_\_.

It means that we \_\_\_\_\_.

Once again we see \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

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*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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*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 ..... #644 – *The Church's One Foundation*

#822 - *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*

#524 - *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

#697 - *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death*

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Closing Hymn ..... #816 - *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*