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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 worshippers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

Opening Hymn #793 - *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Confession and Absolution. Page 167

✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 168

Ps. 28:1-2, 6-7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,*

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the
pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,*

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

Blessèd | be the LORD!*

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I
am helped;*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

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.

The LORD is the strength of his | people;*

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Kyrie Page 168

Hymn of Praise (Gloria in Excelsis) Page 170

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 172

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 172

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

⁸The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

Gradual Page 172

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle Reading Page 172

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹¹ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience,

³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy.

³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Choral Anthem

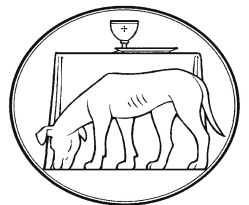
Alleluia & Verse (Common) Page 173

Holy Gospel Page 173

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him,



saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #653 – *In Christ There Is No East or West*

The Sermon **The Call to Faith** ~ Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

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

What must I do to be saved? _____ .

Paul's Concern

Many of Paul's own family _____ .

Why are many of Paul's family _____ .

To the Gentiles

Paul is praying for _____ .

Paul explains his logic _____ .

Concerning the Jews

Paul describes a _____ .

At the same time, God's call _____ .

After the flood _____ .

Jesus came to fulfill _____ .

God does not _____ .

What Does This Mean?

First and foremost _____ .

God's promise was made _____ .

God narrowed _____ .

God's gifts and promises _____ .

For God and His part _____ .

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

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Prayer of the Church & Offering Page 175

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. Page 176

☩ ☩ ☩ *Service of the Sacrament* ☩ ☩ ☩

Preface Page 177

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving Page 178

Lord's Prayer and The Words of Our Lord. Page 179

Pax Domini and Agnus Dei Page 180

Distribution Page 181

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 #629 – *What Is This Bread*

#526 – *You Are the Way; through You Alone*

#831 - *"How Shall They Here," Who Have Not Heard*

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) Page 181

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction Page 183

Closing Hymn. #936 - *Sing Praise to the God of Israel*