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## The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost August 28, 2022

*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 . . . . . #641 - *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Confession and Absolution. . . . . Page 167

### ✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit . . . . . Page 168

*Ps. 75: 1-2, 6, 9; antiphon: Ps. 75:7*

It is God who executes | judgment,\*  
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your | name is near.\*

We recount your | wondrous deeds.

At the set time that | I appoint\*

I will judge with | equity.

For not from the east or | from the west\*

and not from the wilderness comes | lifting up.

But I will declare it for- | ever;\*

I will sing praises to the God of | Jacob.

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.

It is God who executes | judgment,\*

putting down one and lifting up an- | other.

Kyrie . . . . . Page 168

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

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

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

*Proverbs 25:2-10*

<sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. <sup>3</sup>As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. <sup>4</sup>Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; <sup>5</sup>take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. <sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen <sup>8</sup>do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? <sup>9</sup>Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, <sup>10</sup>lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

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

*Hebrews 13:1-17*

<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

<sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said,

"I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

Alleluia & Verse (Common) . . . . . Page 173

Holy Gospel. . . . . Page 173

*Luke 14:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things. <sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." <sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day . . . . . #842 – *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

The Sermon . . . . . Humble Service - Luke 14: 1-14

*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**

God gives \_\_\_\_\_.

Our text begins by \_\_\_\_\_.

At verse seven we are told \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus Observations**

Jesus is noticing \_\_\_\_\_.

In the parable we are told \_\_\_\_\_.

The one taking the lower seat \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus ends with the statement, \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Proverbs Connection**

Jesus' words are not just for \_\_\_\_\_.

The ultimate exalting and humbling \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus Address the Host**

True charity is not \_\_\_\_\_.

The great thing about charity \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Epistle Lesson Connection**

Paul urges us \_\_\_\_\_.

Faith begins with \_\_\_\_\_.

**So What Does This Mean?**

The greatest lesson is seen in \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus shows \_\_\_\_\_.

Faith shows itself \_\_\_\_\_.

At Christmas time \_\_\_\_\_.

Might I suggest \_\_\_\_\_.

God has indeed \_\_\_\_\_.

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

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Creed . . . . . Page 174/175

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.*

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 . . . . . #620 – *Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

#625 – *Lord Jesus Christ, Living-Giving Bread*

#635 - *O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing*

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) . . . . . Page 181

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction . . . . . Page 183

Closing Hymn . . . . . #845 - *Where Charity and Love Prevail*