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## The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost August 6, 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 worshippers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace.

Opening Hymn . . . . . #907 - *God Himself is Present*  
Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 167

### ✠ ✠ ✠ *Service of the Word* ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit . . . . . Page 168  
*Ps. 105:39-43; antiphon: Ps. 105:1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;\*  
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

He spread a cloud for a | covering,\*  
and fire to give | light by night.

They asked, and he | brought quail,\*  
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.

He opened the rock, and water | gushed out;\*  
it flowed through the desert like a | river.

For he remembered his holy | promise,\*  
and Abraham, his | servant.

So he brought his people | out with joy,\*  
his chosen ones with | singing.

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 . . . . . Page 168

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

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

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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 Reading . . . . . Page 172  
*Romans 9:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—<sup>12</sup>she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Choral Anthem

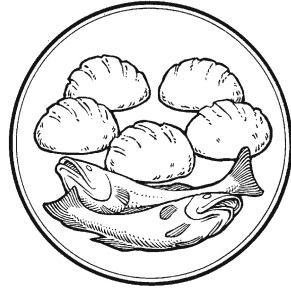
Alleluia & Verse (Common) . . . . . Page 173

Holy Gospel . . . . . Page 173

*Matthew 14:13-21*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



Children's Message

Hymn of the Day . . . . . #642 – *O Living Bread from Heaven*

The Sermon . . . . .

*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](http://rabswritings.blogspot.com) or Pastor Mendez's blog at: [pastormendez.blogspot.com](http://pastormendez.blogspot.com).*

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 Hymn . . . . . #955 - *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

⌘ ⌘ ⌘ *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 . . . #631 – *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*  
#597 – *Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying*  
#774 - *Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy*

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

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

Closing Hymn . . . . . #643 - *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*