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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 #533 – *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure*

Confession and Absolution Page 167

⌘ ⌘ ⌘ **Service of the Word** ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

Introit Page 168

Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: Ps. 51:2

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!

But I trust in you, | O LORD;*
I say, "You | are my God."

My times are | in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

Make your face shine on your | servant;*
save me in your | steadfast love!

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.

Be strong, and let your heart take | courage,*
all you who wait | for the LORD!

Kyrie Page 168

Hymn of Praise (Gloria in Excelsis) Page 170

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 172

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Gradual Page 172

Psalm 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

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening

both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Alleluia & Verse (Common) Page 173

Holy Gospel. Page 173

Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them.

¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him.

¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?"

¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me."

²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes."

²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead."

²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day . . . #849 – *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

The Sermon *All Things Are Possible For One Who Believes*

Mark 9:14-29

Want to read along, miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine? Check out Pastor Bogs' blog at: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/> or Pastor Mendez's blog at: <https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/>

Introduction - Setting the context

Last week we watched as _____ .

As we get to our text for this morning _____ .

As Jesus approaches _____ .

Jesus Arrives on the Scene

Jesus arrives on the scene _____ .

Next, Jesus addresses the _____ .

As the father explains the tragic life _____ .

As all this is going on _____ .

Jesus heals the boy showing _____ .

After healing the son _____ .

Jesus calls the people of His day a _____ .

What Does This Mean?

First and foremost _____ .

Jesus shows himself to be _____ .

At the miracle Jesus mutes the _____ .

As true God, Jesus has power over _____ .

Jesus came to save all people _____ .

The gifts Jesus purchased and won on the cross _____ .

Although we live in a sin filled world _____ .

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.

Offertory Page 176

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

Preface. Page 177

Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving. Page 178

Lord's Prayer & The Words of Our Lord Page 179

Pax Domini & 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 #846 – *Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old*

#845 – Where Charity and Love Prevail

#545 - Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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

Post-Communion Collect & Benediction Page 183

Closing Hymn #924 - *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*