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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 #819 – Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

Confession and Absolution Page 167

✠ ✠ ✠ **Service of the Word** ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 168

Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: Ps. 37:4

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and He will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in Him, and | He will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for Him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the
man who carries out evil de- | vices!

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.

Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and He will give you the desires | of your heart.

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

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸The Lord made it know to me and I knew;
then you showed me there deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

I did not know that it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
that his name be remembered no more.”

²⁰But, O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.

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 3:13-4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.

¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹⁹What causes quarrels and fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²⁰You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and can not obtain, so fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ²¹You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ²²You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ²³Or do suppose it is to no purpose that the scripture says, “He yearns jealousy over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? ²⁴But He gives more grace.

Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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Holy Gospel Page 173

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise. ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day #851 – Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

The Sermon

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/>

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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.

Offertory Page 176

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

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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 #605 – Father Welcomes

#618 – I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

#707 - Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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Closing Hymn #917 - Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



WHOEVER welcomes ONE OF THESE

LITTLE CHILDREN IN MY NAME *welcomes me;*

AND WHOEVER WELCOMES ME DOES NOT WELCOME ME

BUT *the one who sent me.*