

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Westfield

The Rev. Dr. Ronald A. Bogs, Pastor

The Rev. Arturo G. Mendez, Associate Pastor

21434 E. Hardy Rd., Houston, TX 77073 281-443-2304 or 281-443-8463
www.stmatthewlcms.com office@stmatthewlcms.com

Pastor Bogs' Contact Information: Pastor Mendez's Contact Information:
Cell Phone: 832-515-4830 Cell Phone: 832-883-1705
pastorbogs@stmatthewlcms.com pastormendez@stmatthewlcms.com

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 10, 2021

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 #940 - Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Confession and Absolution Page 151

✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 152
Psalm 112:3-6; antiphon: Ps. 112:1

Praise the lord! Blessed is the man who | fears the lord,*
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!
Wealth and riches are | in his house,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;*
he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.
It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends;*
who conducts his affairs with | justice.
For the righteous will nev- | er be moved;*
he will be remembered for- | ever.
Glory be to the Father and- | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
and it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Praise the lord! Blessed is the man who | fears the lord,*
who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

Kyrie Page 152

Hymn of Praise (Gloria in Excelsis) Page 154

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 156

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 156

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Seek the lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! ¹⁰ They hate him who reproves to the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins- you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Gradual Page 156

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 156

Hebrews 3:12-19

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today", that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

¹⁵ As it is said,
"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶ For who are those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom he was provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom he did swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Alleluia & Verse (Common) Page 156
Holy Gospel Page 157

Mark 10:17-22

¹⁷ As [Jesus] was setting out on His journey, a man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit internal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day ... #694 – *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

The Sermon *Our Offerings, A Sign of Faith* – Mark 10:17-22

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

This morning we pick up where we left off last week _____.

The Questions

- Jesus was setting out _____.
- For the man who approached Jesus _____.
- As we are told a little later _____.
- Jesus wants the man to understand _____.
- Because this man believes that _____.
- Yet,, “disheartened _____.

What Does This Mean?

- Last week we were encouraged _____.
- What is our confession _____.
- As we listen to Jesus’ words _____.
- We live in a world which _____.
- So, do we give some _____.
- This morning _____.
- God gives us _____.
- Our response of faith _____.
- I would challenge _____.
- God loves you _____.

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor: _____

Creed Page 158/159

Prayer of the Church & Offering Page 159

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 159

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

Preface Page 160

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and 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 to 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 161

Lord’s Prayer & The Words of Our Lord Page 162

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei Page 163

Distribution Page 164

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 #788 – *Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness*
#565 – *Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*
#783 - *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) Page 164

Post-Communion Collect & Benediction Page 166

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

