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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 #915 - Today Your Mercy Calls Us
Confession and Absolution. Page 151

✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit Page 152

Ps. 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;

as 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 155

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 156

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Page 156

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek 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, ⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!

¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore 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. ¹²For 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.

¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵Hate 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

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle. Page 156

Hebrews 3:12-19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

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

Choral Anthem

Alleluia & Verse 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 eternal life?”

¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You 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 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 Admonishing Loving Exhortation ~ Hebrews 3:12-19

Miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine (teachings), just want to follow along? Visit Pastor Bogs’ blog at rabswritings.blogspot.com or Pastor Mendez’s blog at pastormendez.blogspot.com.

Introduction

Our Old Testament Lesson _____.

Last week _____.

Take Care

Paul begins by _____.

Paul is concerned _____.

As Paul warns _____.

The Israelite Comparison

Paul goes on to _____.

As he has a habit of doing _____.

When it was time again _____.

The Word for Us Today

As I have reminded you many times _____.

As we grow up in this world _____.

And we need this constant reminder _____.

Paul’s Exhortation to Us

Paul’s exhortation to us today _____.

And as Paul reminds us _____.

So, to, as always _____.

The motto of the world _____.

As always we are _____.

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

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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 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 161

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

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei Page 163

Distribution Page 164

Here at St. Matthew we lovingly practice closed communion. Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask you to read our communion statement on the insert behind the pew Bible. If you have any questions, please speak to a pastor or elder. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns #559 – *Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion*

#565 - *Thy Word, Not Mine, O Christ*

#788 - *Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness*

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

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) Page 164

Post-Communion Collect & Benediction Page 166

Closing Hymn #918 - *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*