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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 #803 - Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Confession and Absolution Page 151

⌘ ⌘ ⌘ Service of the Word ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

Introit Page 152

Psalm 127:3-5; antiphon: Ps. 127:1a

Unless the lord | builds the house,*
those who build it la- | bor in vain.

Behold, children are a heritage | from the lord,*
the fruit of the womb | a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a | warrior*
are the children | of one's youth.

Blessed is the man who fills his quiver | with them!*

He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies |
in the gate.

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.

Unless the lord | builds the house,*
those who build it la- | bor in vain.

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

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸Then the lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave name to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the lord God had taken from the man he made it into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man."²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and not ashamed.

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 2:1-13

¹Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?" ⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him the glory and honor, ⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside of his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing my sons to glory, shall make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²

saying, "I will tell your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me.

Alleluia & Verse (Common) Page 156

Holy Gospel Page 157

Mark 10:2-16

² Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³ He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴ They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵ And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female' ⁷ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and they shall become one flesh. So they are no longer but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate."

¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked Him again about this matter. ¹¹ And He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another she commits adultery."

¹³ And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongings the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶ And He took them in His arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #863 – *Our Father by Whose Name*

The Sermon *The Gifts of Marriage and Children – Mark 10:2-16*

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

Last week our Gospel lesson _____ .

This week we continue _____ .

Jesus Speaks of the Original Intent of Marriage

This morning the attempt of the Pharisees _____ .

Jesus questions the Pharisees _____ .

Jesus explains God's gifts _____ .

Later, as we are in the house _____ .

Jesus Speaks of the Blessing of Marriage

Our text continues with the bringing of _____ .

The second blessing _____ .

The third blessing _____ .

The fourth blessing _____ .

Jesus Speaks of the Faith of a Child

Getting back to the text _____ .

Jesus tells us adults _____ .

What Does This Mean?

Again this morning _____ .

God's desire is that _____ .

God provides for us _____ .

And because, in and of ourselves _____ .

So, as always, _____ .

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 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 #725 – *Children of the Heavenly Father*

#706 – *Love in Christ is Strong and Living*

#631 - *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) Page 164

Post-Communion Collect & Benediction Page 166

Closing Hymn #922 - *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*