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Color of the Day: Red - used during the somber days of Holy Week to help offer a different message. Scarlet is a color anciently associated with the passion...the color of blood.



Opening Hymn #791 - All People That On Earth Do Dwell
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First Reading Revelation 14:6-7
⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.

⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Epistle Reading Romans 3:19-28
¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.

²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all

who believe. For there is no distinction:

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.

²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Holy Gospel John 8:31-36

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,

³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.

³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.

³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day #656 – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

The Sermon Justified by Faith – Rom. 3:19-28

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

Today is _____.

The Law and Its Purpose

The law serves to _____.

The law serves to _____.

The law serves to _____ .

The Gospel and Its Purpose

The Gospel _____ .

The Gospel is _____ .

The Gospel comes _____ .

How the Law and Gospel Work Together

The Law _____ .

The Gospel _____ .

The importance of _____ .

This shows _____ .

Our Response

To humbly _____ .

To recognize _____ .

To humbly _____ .

To humbly _____ .

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:

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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.

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

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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:

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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..... #645 – Built on the Rock

#644 – The Church's One Foundation

#582 - God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

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Closing Hymn..... #655 - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

I am **bound by the Scriptures** I have quoted

and my conscience is captive to the **Word of God.**

I cannot and will not retract anything.

I cannot do otherwise, **here I stand,**

may God help me, **Amen.**

—Martin Luther

here

