

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2016



SERVICE OUTLINE (Div. Serv IV w/c pg 203)

INTROIT *Ps. 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: Ps. 119:105*

Your word is a lamp | to my feet*

and a light | to my path.

The Lord is my | portion;*

I promise to | keep your words.

I entreat your favor with | all my heart;*

be gracious to me according to your | promise.

When I think | on my ways,*

I turn my feet to your testi- | monies;

I hasten and do | not delay*

to keep your com- | mandments.

The earth, O Lord, is full of your | steadfast love;*

teach me your | statutes!

Glorify 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.

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and a light | to my path.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Rom. 10:15b, 18b; Is. 52:7b, alt.*

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,*

who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.

Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*

and their words to the ends | of the world.

DAILY READINGS

July 17: 1 Sam. 1:1–20; Gal. 5:1–26; **18:** 1 Sam. 1:21–2:17; Gal. 6:1–18; **19:** 1 Sam. 2:18–36; Acts 15:22–41; **20:** 1 Sam. 3:1–21; Acts 16:1–22; **21:** 1 Sam. 4:1–22; Acts 16:23–40; **22:** 1 Sam. 5:1–6:3, 10–16; Acts 18:1–11, 23–28; **23:** 1 Sam. 6:19–7:17; Acts 19:1–22.

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Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:1–10a

1The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. 2He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth 3and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. 4Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, 5while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” 6And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” 7And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 8Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” 10The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

Epistle: Colossians 1:21–29

21You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, 23if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and

steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. 24Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, 25of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. 27To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. 29For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38–42

38Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. 39And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. 40But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” 41But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, 42but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”