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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 . . . #855 - For All the Faithful Women (st. 1, 9, 3, 4)

Confession and Absolution . . . . . Page 203

✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

Introit . . . . . Page 204

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!

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.

Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*

and a light | to my path.

Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis . . . . . Page 204

Salutation & Collect of the Day . . . . . Page 205

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.

Old Testament Reading . . . . . Page 205

Genesis 18:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day.

<sup>2</sup>He 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 <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while 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." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes."

<sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then 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.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

Gradual . . . . . Page 205

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.

Epistle Reading . . . . . Page 205

Colossians 1:21-29

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if 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.

<sup>24</sup>Now 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, <sup>25</sup>of 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, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To 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. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Alleluia & Verse . . . . . Page 205

Holy Gospel. . . . . Page 206

Luke 10:38-42

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But 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." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Creed . . . . . Page 206/207

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day . . #536 - One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure

The Sermon . . . . . What Is Better

Text: Luke 10: 38-42

Want to read along, miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine? Check out Pastor Bogs' blog at: [rabs writings.blogspot.com](http://rabs writings.blogspot.com) or Pastor Mendez's blog at: [pastormendez.blogspot.com](http://pastormendez.blogspot.com).

**Introduction**

Last week we heard the parable of \_\_\_\_\_ .

**On Being A Good Host**

Most of us like to \_\_\_\_\_ .

We want to make sure \_\_\_\_\_ .

We want to make sure \_\_\_\_\_ .

We always want everything to be \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Mary**

Mary \_\_\_\_\_ .

Can we say \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Martha**

Martha was concerned about \_\_\_\_\_ .

Martha wants \_\_\_\_\_ .

**The Confrontation**

Martha comes to Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ .

Jesus answer \_\_\_\_\_ .

**So What**

We live in a world \_\_\_\_\_ .

And, God call \_\_\_\_\_ .

This week the question is, " \_\_\_\_\_ ?"

I believe this narrative \_\_\_\_\_ .

We cannot know \_\_\_\_\_ .

Only after hearing \_\_\_\_\_ .

Are we Mary or Martha? \_\_\_\_\_ .

The first thing \_\_\_\_\_ .

The second thing \_\_\_\_\_ .

My prayer \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

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Prayer of the Church & Offering . . . . . Page 207

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 ☩ ☩ ☩**

Preface & Sanctus . . . . . Page 208

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer, Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini . . . . . Page 209

Angus Dei & Distribution . . . . . Page 210

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 . . . . . #904 - Blessed Jesus, at Your Word  
 #708 - Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart  
 #862 - Oh, Blest the House What'er Befall

Nunc Dimittis . . . . . Page 211

Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus & Benediction . . . . Page 212

Closing Hymn . . . . . #643 - Sent Forth by God's Blessing