

# Readings August 24, 2025 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

- <sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.
- <sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 103:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all God's benefits**

- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the grave  
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide vindication  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- <sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29**

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**