

## November 12, 2023 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

### First Reading (alternate): Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Wisdom is radiant and unfading,

and she is easily discerned by those who love her,

and is found by those who seek her.

<sup>13</sup>She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

<sup>14</sup>One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,

for she will be found sitting at the gate.

<sup>15</sup>To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,

and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

<sup>16</sup>because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,

and she graciously appears to them in their paths,

and meets them in every thought.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Reader:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**