

AUGUST 28, 2022
TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Our faith needs community support.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Humility and hospitality
Monday	Proverbs 25:6-7	Wise sayings of Solomon
Tuesday	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Service that pleases God
Wednesday	1 Peter 4:7-11	Love wipes away many sins
Thursday	Acts 2:43-47	Life among believers
Friday	Leviticus 19:32-34	Living a holy life
Saturday	Psalms 112	Blessings of the righteous
Sunday	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Holy God, help us during difficult times to trust in you and love our neighbor, whoever that neighbor may be, through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this food. May we give generously to others as you have given this food to us through Jesus who brings us to your heavenly feast. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with abundant joy as you honor others in love.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK
All Are Welcome



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you felt insecure and in need of support from others?
- Give an example of how the faith community has cared for you or someone you know.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16.

The church was experiencing internal and external challenges. The faith community itself was facing the challenge of not meeting together (Hebrews 10:25). During unsettling times, we need one another for comfort and guidance. Just as Jesus is an example (Hebrews 12:1-4) to strengthen our faith, so are those around us who have spoken the word of faith to us, including loved ones like family, friends, and other elders. With the consistency of Jesus who is the same “yesterday and today and forever,” we show our faith within the community by sharing affection, welcoming strangers, and seeking purity of life for the sake of love and mutual well-being. All of this demonstrates an empathy, an acceptance, and an understanding of others that seeks oneness with those in need. This pleases God and shows our praise to God.

Discuss: How has someone in your faith community shown the love of God and love for others?

Pray: **God of yesterday, today, and forever, give us models of faith through other disciples that we may be encouraged in our faith and faithful in our love through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and the theme for this week, how can you help and contribute to the well-being of your faith community?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In the biblical world, showing hospitality was a matter of life and death. There were not the reliable and safe hotels and highways to travel in the ancient world. The Christians needed to rely on each other in their travels. It is still true today. Welcoming one another is as vital to our spiritual well-being as it is to our physical health. Through it we experience God’s holy presence. Reach out and have a meal and caring conversation with someone, especially someone with whom you have not exchanged hospitality before.



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