

TODAY'S LESSONS: THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 16

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Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Job 28:12-28

"But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? Mortals do not know the way to it, and it is not found in the land of the living. The deep says, 'It is not in me,' and the sea says, 'It is not with me.' It cannot be gotten for gold, and silver cannot be weighed out as its price. It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious onyx or sapphire. Gold and glass cannot equal it, nor can it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold. No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; the price of wisdom is above pearls. The chrysolite of Ethiopia cannot compare with it, nor can it be valued in pure gold. "Where then does wisdom come from? And where is the place of understanding? It is hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the air. Abaddon and Death say, 'We have heard a rumor of it with our ears.' "God understands the way to it, and he knows its place. For he looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the heavens. When he gave to the wind its weight, and apportioned out the waters by measure; when he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the thunderbolt; then he saw it and declared it; he established it, and searched it out. And he said to humankind, 'Truly, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.'"

Psalms 103:1-8

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, * and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins * and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave * and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, * and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

- 6 The Lord executes righteousness * and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses * and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") 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, 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, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. 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! 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." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free

from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Sunday Worship Leaders

Today

Lector 10am	Diana Brehob
LEM 10am	Clergy
Vestry (Count)	Barbara (James)
Ushers	Team 2
LEV	B. Hall/M. Breil

Next Week

Lector 10am	Barb Hall
LEM 10am	Barb Hall
Vestry (Count)	James (Lynn)
Ushers	Team 3

The Calendar

Sunday, August 25

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9am Holy Eucharist, Plaza
9:30am Summer Hospitality, Lounge
10am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
10:50am Summer Hospitality, Lounge

Monday, August 26

6:30pm Chapel Day Board, Lounge

Tuesday, August 27

5pm Baptized for Life, Library
6:30pm Stewardship, Library

Wednesday, August 28

Thursday, August 29

Friday, August 30

4pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, August 31

5pm Wedding

Sunday, September 1

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9am Holy Eucharist, Plaza
9:30am Summer Hospitality, Lounge
10am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
10:50am Summer Hospitality, Lounge

Spiritual Offerings

Centering Prayer, Room 19
Tuesday 6:15pm

AA meets

Monday, 8pm, Lounge
Wednesday, 8pm, Room 213
Thursday, 11:30am, Room 213
Thursday, 6:30pm, Resource Room
Saturday, Noon, Room 213

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
Tuesday nights, 7pm

Bridge, Lounge
Wednesday 1pm

Listening Group, Resource Room
1st & 3rd Monday 7pm

Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall
Sunday 2pm, Wednesday 7pm

Sonneman Voice & Piano, Choir Room
Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-9pm
Saturday 10am-4pm

Stretching, Fellowship Hall
2nd & 4th Saturday 10:30am



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THE COMMUNICATOR: PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan (Trinity Church [Belleville], Christ Church [Detroit], and St. Thomas' [Trenton]); for the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic; for Bishop Gibbs as he prepares to retire in December; for The Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry the Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

The Sick and Suffering: For Lori (Phillips), Dennis (Kirchoff), Kaitlyn, George (Ebling III), Jan (Timpko), Michael (Johnson), Karen, George (Chambers), Roxie, Jennifer (Casteel), Michelle (Bouchard), Ron (Atkins), Bill (Multhaupt), Mary (Durkas) and Mike (Johnson).

Armed Forces: For all those serving in harm's way.

Concerns in the World: For those who are suffering from natural disasters and extreme weather conditions.

Departed:

To place someone on the prayer list or request a pastoral visit please contact the church office.

Special Events and Announcements:

Community Brunch Pot Luck September 8

On Sunday September 8 we begin the new program year. This means we have two services, 8am in the Chapel, and 10am in the Church with the choir.

We also celebrate this day with a festive community potluck brunch after the 10am service.

This year, the *Strengthening Community Relations* Renaissance Team is hoping to make our meal extra special by extending the invitation to all members of our wider Christ Church community; welcoming others who use the premises to "Community Sunday" Brunch and Worship. Come as you are, and invite your friends and family. Childcare will be provided. All are welcome! Your food contributions are also welcome! A main dish will be provided, as well as coffee, tea and juice. If you are able, consider signing up to bring a favorite food item. Ushers can direct you to signup sheets, or you may contact the office or use our online sign-up (tinyurl.com/CECbrunch).

Episcopalooza

Christ Church is the host for this year's Episcopalooza, a back to school event put on by the YAYA ministry of the Diocese of Michigan, on Saturday, September 7th from 10am-3pm. There will be inflatables (bounce house, slide, obstacle course, etc.), carnival games, food, backpack giveaways and more. This is a free event, all are welcome. We need volunteers to supervise the different stations. A sign up sheet is available in the library or you can email the office to sign up for a time slot.



What do you have that you have not received?
(1 Corinthians 4:7)

Your offering envelopes this morning honor our God. Our gifts let God know in a very tangible way how much we honor the name, the person, the courts, and this house—a very holy place—made holy by the presence of God this morning. We will place our gifts to God on the altar to be blessed and used for God's work in God's church and God's world. We give thanks that you are here this morning to present your offering.

-Weekly Thought from the
Stewardship Commission