

# TODAY'S LESSONS: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 14

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Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## John 20:19-29

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

## Psalms 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \* happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven, \* and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \* on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \* and understands all their works.

- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \* a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \* for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \* on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \* and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; \* he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \* for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \* as we have put our trust in you.

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

## Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

## Sunday Worship Leaders

### Today

Lector 10am	Nancy Lehnert
LEM 10am	Diana Brehob
Vestry (Count)	Michael (Holly)
Ushers	Team 4
LEV	S. Mulkern/Dolegas

### Next Week

Lector 10am	Pat Snyder
LEM 10am	Matt Sallman
Vestry (Count)	Holly (Barbara)
Ushers	Team 1

## The Calendar

### Sunday, August 11

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
9am Holy Eucharist, Plaza  
9:30am Summer Hospitality, Lounge  
10am Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
10:50am Summer Hospitality, Lounge  
11:15am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Monday, August 12

### Tuesday, August 13

### Wednesday, August 14

### Thursday, August 18

1pm Book Club, Lounge

### Friday, August 16

6pm Summer Concert Series  
Robert Jones &  
Matt Watroba

### Saturday, August 17

### Sunday, August 18

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

Cherry Hill Consort, Choir Room  
Friday 4pm

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 (All Saints' [Detroit] and St. John's [Westland]); 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), John (Danes), Dennis (Kirchoff), Kaitlyn, George (Ebling III), Jan (Timpko), Michael (Johnson), Karen, George (Chambers), Roxie, Jennifer (Casteel), Michelle (Bouchard), Ron (Atkins), Bill (Multhaupt) and Mary (Durkas).

**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:

#### Choir Preparation Workshops

Choir members, and any other parishioners interested in joining the choir, are invited to a workshop today, from 11:15am to 1pm, in choir room. We will prepare anthems for 'Season of Creation' Sundays, [September into October], as well as take a look through other musical offerings for later in the season. Attending this workshop is a fun way to have more time to develop confident singing, and get to know this lovely music. FYI: There will also be a choir rehearsal on September 1. And, our first 'choral' Sunday WITH ANTHEM will be September 8. Please let Carolyn know that you are able attend.

#### Summer Concert Series 2019

Our Summer Concert Series returns this summer for 1 more Fridays from 6-8pm. These concerts are free and open to the public, funded by proceeds from the annual Homecoming parking and Thrivent Financial. Please bring your own lawn chair, a meal, and a beverage of your choice, and enjoy these lovely summer evenings outside.

August 16 Robert Jones  
& Matt Watroba

#### Community Brunch Pot Luck September 8

On Sunday, September 8 we begin the new program year. This means we have two services, the 8am in the Chapel and the 10am in the Church with the choir. We also celebrate this day with a festive community potluck brunch after the 10am service. Brunch begins at 11:15am. Come as you are, and invite your friends and family. 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](http://tinyurl.com/CECbrunch) ).



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

God is the author of our creation. God created the world and God created us. Often, we hear someone say, "I am a self-made man (or woman)." Such people worship themselves as their own creator. This morning we acknowledge the Lord, our Father—our Creator. We worship not ourselves, but God, who created us. Our stewardship of time, abilities, and money acknowledges that God created all of us.

-Weekly Thought from the