

# TODAY'S LESSONS: THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 17

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Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Mark 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea. The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord

has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

## Psalm 112

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \* and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \* the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \* and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \* the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \* and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \* the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \* their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \* until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \* the desires of the wicked will perish.

## Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the out-

come of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

## Sunday Worship Leaders

### Today

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

## The Calendar

### 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

### Monday, September 2

Office Closed, Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 3

### Wednesday, September 4

### Thursday, September 5

- 6:30pm Chapel Day Parent Orientation, Fellowship Hall

### Friday, September 6

### Saturday, September 7

- 10am Episcopalooza
- 10am League of Women Voters, Lounge

### Sunday, September 8

- 8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- 10am Holy Eucharist, Church
- 11:30am Community Brunch, Fellowship Hall

### 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

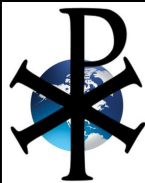
Bridge, Lounge  
Wednesday 1pm

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 (St. Paul's [Jackson] and Holy Faith Church [Saline]); for the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic (St. Bartholomew [San Critobal]); 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 (Mulhaupt), 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](http://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.

### Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day. The office will return to regular hours on Tuesday, September 3rd.

### Coffee Hour Sign Up

Coffee hour resumes September 15. Our goal is to offer hospitality, coffee and simple refreshments. Please sign up for a Sunday. A more elaborate Coffee Hour for a birthday or anniversary is welcome.



The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of  
Walter Akey by his grandson, Ron Juergens.



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

This morning, we are bringing our offerings to our Lord, God. We are honoring God's name at Christ Church. We are in God's place, the courts where we gather each week to worship God, to know Jesus, to be guided by the Holy Spirit. I give thanks to all who have brought their offerings this morning. Your offerings will enable Christ Church to continue to proclaim the Word of God and to be God's church in this holy place.

-Weekly Thought from the  
Stewardship Commission