

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

The most important act of giving  
is to first give ourselves to the Lord.  
“ . . . they gave themselves first to the Lord” (2 Cor. 8:5)

### FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; \*

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways  
for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those  
who trouble me; \*

you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all  
the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN  
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE  
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

✱ As we pray, let us remember Brody; Colissa; Samantha & Tommy; Shelley & Eric; Camp Genesis campers, counselors and staff; the Jerome family; Debbie; the Nail family; Mike & Debbie; Brody; Krista; Dan; Martha; Karl; Rosella; Lori; Don; Shoney; HT; John; Robert; Lori; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given by Gordon Bubel  
*In memory of my beloved wife Louise  
and in celebration of her 82nd birthday*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF ST. JOHN'S**  
Please don't forget to fill out our church survey. We are requesting your input regarding the future direction of St John's. It will only take a few minutes to answer the survey questions. If you have access to a computer, type in this link to go directly to the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJBSurvey>. Blank surveys that can be completed by hand are located on the ministry table in the parish hall. **Be sure to return your completed surveys to the envelope at the same table where you found them.**

**FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS HAPPENINGS:** What a great opening reception we had last Saturday night! Thank you all for attending, purchasing the art, and enjoying wonderful talks by Rev. Kim and her dad, Bob. Many thanks also to the Orangeaides Ministry for assisting with the delicious munchies and Steve Spoonamore for tending to everyone's drinks. If you missed our exhibit opening you can still purchase art from our Women of Perryville Exhibit through August 26. Please see a Faith Through The Arts member to assist.

**THE GARDEN MINISTRY** The circle garden is the focal point of the main garden. We would like to find a 2 gardener team to run this patch for a one year commitment. The circle garden features seasonal plants (geraniums in the Winter and potato vines in the Summer. The team would maintain the beauty and add appropriate floral accents at the base of the wall. Please speak with Janet Lennon in you are interested. 623-687-7397

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	FTTA meeting (L)	4:30 PM
	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
Sat.	Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH)	9 AM
	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
Sun.	Nursery care	7:45–11:15 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

### FOOD PANTRY

Spam, applesauce cups, fruit cocktail,  
grape jelly, ravioli

### BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please

travel size soap, travel size shampoo,  
granola bars, snack size peanuts