

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

It is possible to say one thing and yet to do another  
concerning some aspects of the Christian life,  
but it is not possible to do so concerning giving.

*“Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world,  
and especially in our relations with you,  
in the holiness and sincerity that are from God” (2 Cor. 1:12).*

### FIRST READING

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?” It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 111

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, \*  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.  
Great are the deeds of the Lord! \*  
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
those who act accordingly have  
a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

### SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

**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 Shelley & Eric; Kelsey; the Wheat family; Michael & his family; Michael; Mike & Debbie; Martha; Karl; Brody; Colissa; Samantha & Tommy; Dan; Don; Shoney; HT; John; Robert; Lori; Keira.

Our altar flowers are given  
*In celebration of Bob Crecca's birthday*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 9:45 AM.** **WE WILL COMBINE CLASSES FOR THIS SUNDAY ONLY AND MEET IN CHILTON HALL ROOM #2.** Please see Peggy Diaz after the service in the Parish Hall to register your child for Sunday school!

**STACY MILHOAN LEAVES FOR HAITI MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.** If you would like to donate school supplies for the children she visits, the deadline to bring items to the Church is Sunday, September 2. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

**IF YOU NEED PRAYER FOR YOURSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE,** a member of the Pastoral Care Ministry can be found in our Library during Communion at both services, for 10 minutes before & after the first service, and for 10 minutes after the second service.

**FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS UPDATE** We will continue to have note cards (\$6.00 each or 2 for \$10) and the Women of Perryville art work available through August 26. If you are interested, please see a member of Faith Through the Arts.

**DON'T FORGET OUR THRIFT STORE PRICES ARE 25% OFF THROUGH THIS WEEK.** The hours for shopping and donation drop-off are Fridays & Saturdays, 8 AM – 12 Noon. All Thrift Store proceeds go to support our Church. *Please note that we will be closed Labor Day weekend (8/31 & 9/1).*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 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
	Bunco (PH)	7 PM
Wed.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
Fri.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
Sat.	Thrift Shop (CH7)	8 AM—12 Noon
	Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH)	9 AM
Sunday	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	DOK meeting (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	<b>Holy Baptism &amp; Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

### FOOD PANTRY

Spam, peanut butter, grape jelly,  
pancake mix, syrup

### BLESSING BAGS

Snack size or individually wrapped please

granola bars, Oreos,  
peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers