



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week of August 16, 2026

Collect for the week: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 11:33--12:8; Matthew 16:13-20

Hymn for the week: "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

Notes on the Sermon: _____

Trinity Reads the Bible in 2026: (Psalms in parentheses may be read in the evening.)

August 16	2 Samuel 6:1-19	1 Corinthians 9:1-23	Ps. 110 (66; 23)
August 17	2 Samuel 7:1-17	1 Corinthians 9:24–10:22	Ps. 62 (73; 8)
August 18	2 Samuel 7:18-29	1 Corinthians 10:23–11:16	Ps. 13 (36; 5)
August 19	2 Samuel 11:1-27	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	Ps. 96 (132; 134)
August 20	2 Samuel 12:1-25	1 Corinthians 12:1-13	Ps. 116 (26; 130)
August 21	1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35	1 Corinthians 12:14-31	Ps. 85 (25; 40)
August 22	1 Kings 2:1-27	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Ps. 61 (138; 98)

NEXT Week's Readings

August 23	1 Kings 3:1-15	2 Corinthians 1:1-22	Ps. 103 (117; 139)
August 24	<i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i>	1 Kings 5:1-18 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17	Ps. 5 (84; 29)
August 25	1 Kings 7:51-8:21	2 Corinthians 3:1-18	Ps. 42 (102; 133)
August 26	1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63	2 Corinthians 4:1-18	Ps. 89:1-18 (1; 33)
August 27	1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13	2 Corinthians 5:1-21	Ps. 97 (16; 62)
August 28	1 Kings 11:1-26	2 Corinthians 6:1-18	Ps. 51 (142; 65)
August 29	<i>Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist</i>	1 K 11:42-12:19 2 Cor 7:1-16	Ps. 104 (118; 111)



for home devotions &
personal meditation

From the Old Testament

The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.” *Isaiah 56:8*

Applying God's Word to our lives: God has compassion, pity, mercy, and love not only toward the physical descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God has compassion, pity, mercy, and love toward all the people of all the nations, tribes, and languages of the whole world. And through the Gospel proclaimed by the Church, God still gathers people to Himself to be saved by faith in His Son Jesus.

From the Epistle

For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. *Romans 11:30-32*

Applying God's Word to our lives: Tell others of the mercy God showed to the Canaanite woman, the mercy God showed to Saul (Paul), the mercy God has shown to you in Christ. Tell others that God has mercy on them too. As Paul did, invite people to believe in Jesus and be saved.

From the Holy Gospel

O woman, great is your faith! *Matthew 15:28*

Applying God's Word to our lives: Do you have great faith? You do if your faith clings solely to the Gospel promise that God's Son, Jesus Christ, has suffered for your salvation to pay the debt of your sins and bring you to God. Ask God to grant you such faith and to strengthen in you such faith. He will surely do it.