

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

August 10, 2025 ~ 8:30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rev. Doug Gaul



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Our mission at St. Francis of Assisi is to love, grow and serve.





## *St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church* *Welcoming All God's Children!*

### **Guests and Newcomers**

We are delighted you are worshiping with us today! We encourage you to complete a *Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi Pew Card*. There is contact information for the Church with a tear-off portion so we can learn more about how we may serve you. Please place the completed tear-off portion of the card in the alms basin.

### **CLERGY AND STAFF:**

**The Rt. Rev. Daniel P. Richards**, Bishop

**The Rev. Doug Graul**, Rector

**The Rev. Deacon Ann F. Pilat**, Deacon for Hispanic Ministries

**Mrs. Rebecca Christmas**, Church Administrator

**Mr. Joseph Schroer**, Director of Music

**Mrs. Bertina Floyd**, Pianist for 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Mr. David Schroer**, Organist for 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Mrs. Karen Wade**, Thrift Shop Manager

**Ms. Joan Murray**, Thrift Shop Assistant Manager

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **Sunday, August 10th**

##### **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults)

#### **Monday, August 11th**

6:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Meeting

#### **Tuesday, August 12th**

2:00 p.m. Small Group

#### **Wednesday, August 13th**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Coffee with Clergy

6:00 p.m. Soulful Supper: Fraud Prevention

#### **Thursday, August 14th**

10:00 a.m. Grief Share

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

#### **Friday, August 15th**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Open

Women's Retreat

#### **Saturday, August 16th**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Open

Women's Retreat

#### **Sunday, August 17th**

##### **Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Adults)

Women's Retreat

### **ON-LINE GIVING**

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**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

**Prelude**

*The Processional Hymn     How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord*

*Hymn 637*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Celebrant*     Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*         *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**BCP 355**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Gloria** (*Sung at 10:30 a.m.*)

**S280**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



### The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.***

*The People Sit.*

### The First Lesson - Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

**The First Lesson - Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, *continued***

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

*Reader The Word of the Lord.*

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24, Deus deorum**

**BCP 654**

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

## **The Second Lesson - 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.

*Reader The Word of the Lord.*

**People Thanks be to God.**

*The People Stand As Able.*

**Sequence Hymn**

***Lo! What a Crowd of Witnesses***

***Hymn 545 (v.1-3)***

**The Gospel - Luke 12:32-40**

*Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

*Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sequence Hymn**

***Lo! What a Crowd of Witnesses***

***Hymn 545 (v.4-6)***

*The People Sit.*

**The Sermon**

***The Rev. Doug Graul***

*The People Stand As Able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*The People Kneel.*

## **The Prayers of the People Form V**

**BCP 389**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy”.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Sean (Rowe), our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel (Richards), our Bishop; for Doug (Graul), our Rector; for Ann (Pilat), our Deacon; for Elizabeth (Eaton), Bishop in the Lutheran Church (ELCA); and for Virginia “Ginny” (Aebischer), Bishop of SC Synod (ELCA); and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust especially, Donald (Trump), the President of the United States, for Henry (McMaster), the Governor of this State, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In our Parish Prayer Cycle: Pray for the Stewardship Committee.

In our Anglican Prayer Cycle: Pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Pray for St. Mary's, Columbia; The Ministry of the Deans and Lay Wardens of Convocations.

In our Community Prayer Cycle: Pray for the people and clergy of Providence AME Church.

We pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially those listed in the insert today and (*names read from Prayer Request Book*). You may add your own petitions either silently or aloud: (*pause*); and for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***



For those celebrating birthdays this week.

For those celebrating their anniversary this week: **August 11 ~ Craig & Lisa Maylath; 15 ~ John & Susan Little.**

In thanksgiving for the altar flowers today given to the glory of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Francis of Assisi and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***To you, O Lord our God.***

Let us pray together *The Prayer of St. Francis,*

**BCP 833**

***Lord, make us instruments of your peace.***

***Where there is hatred, let us sow love;***

***where there is injury, pardon;***

***where there is discord, union;***

***where there is doubt, faith;***

***where there is despair, hope;***

***where there is darkness, light;***

***where there is sadness, joy.***

***Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;***

***to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.***

***For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;***

***and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.***

*The celebrant concludes with a collect*

## **Confession of Sin**

**BCP 359**

**Deacon** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People** ***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

## **Absolution**

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

*The People Stand As Able.*

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         ***And also with you.***

*The People Sit for Announcements.*

### **Announcements**

## LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### **Offertory Sentence**

**BCP 376**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*The People Stand As Able.*

### **The Doxology**

***Hymn 43***



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** *We lift them to the Lord.*

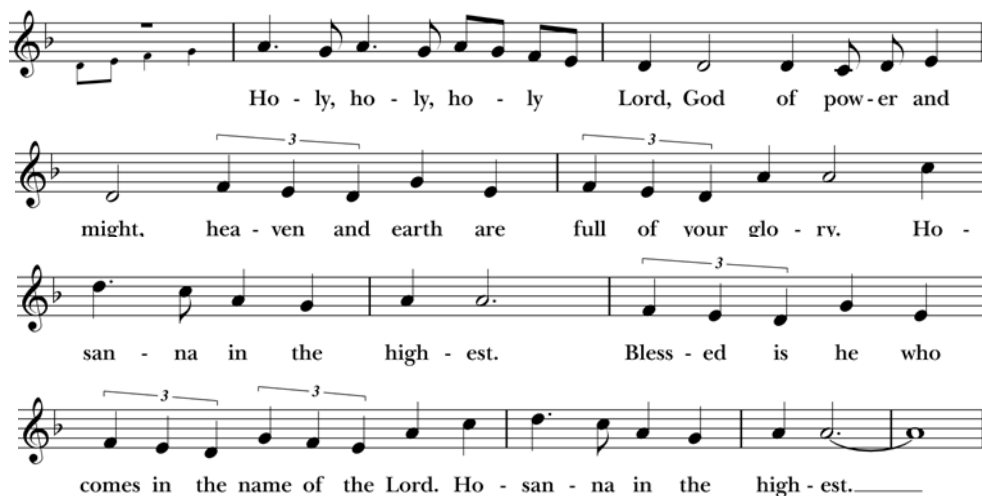
**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

**Celebrant** It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),



*The People Kneel or Stand.*

**Celebrant** We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant & People* ***We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

*Celebrant* Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, St. Francis and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,***

***as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The People Sit.*

## Communion

*Baptized Christians of all traditions and ages are invited to receive the sacrament. Those who have not yet received baptism are welcome to come to the rail for a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing from the priest by crossing your arms over your chest. Those who do not wish to receive the wine can indicate this to the cup bearer by crossing their arms over their chest. Gluten Free Communion Wafers are available. Please make your request known to the Ushers.*

**Communion Hymns**

***O What Their Joy and Glory Must Be  
Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove***

***Hymn 623  
Hymn 510***

*The People Kneel or Stand.*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP 365**

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## The Blessing

**Sending Hymn**

***Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers***

***Hymn 68***

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

***Postlude***



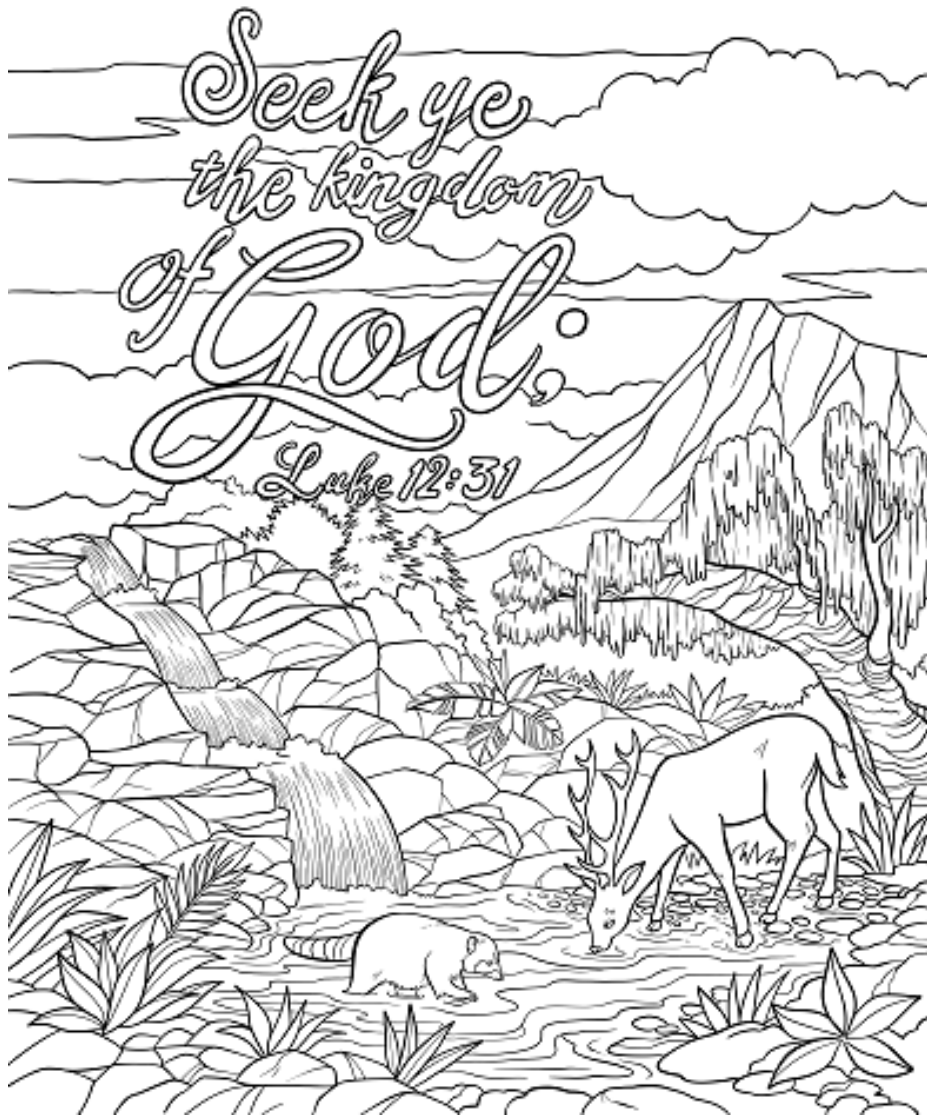
# Luke 12

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	<b>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost August 10</b>	<b>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	8:30 a.m. Kennon Webb 10:30 a.m. Susan Little Del Collings	8:30 a.m. Dennis Baker 10:30 a.m. Linda Barksdale Del Collings
<b>Greeters</b>	10:30 a.m. Sue Copeland	10:30 a.m. Mary Kay Elsasser
<b>Acolytes</b>	Addisyn Hood Jayden Organski Cameron Hood Brooke Hood	Izzy Steude Tessa Kalish Madison Miller Aria Taliaferro
<b>Worship Assistants and Lectors</b>	8:30 a.m. John Grindley Carol Baker 10:30 a.m. Cindy Epps Sonny Epps	8:30 a.m. John Grindley Diane Henry 10:30 a.m. Michael Copeland Don Demuth
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Eckhart Pris Stickney	Susan Eckhart Pris Stickney
<b>Prayer Desk</b>	8:30 a.m. Deborah Laren 10:30 a.m. Cindy Epps	8:30 a.m. Glinda Van Dyke 10:30 a.m. Meredith Boyd
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Peggy Williams	Nancy DeMuth
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Courtney & Stancil Hood	Janice Bryan Cheri Beesburg
<b>Bread Baker</b>	Fr. Doug Gaul	Fr. Doug Gaul
<b>Counters</b>	Alice Brooker Jayne Bradley	Richard Walters Jerome Gorman

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