

AUGUST 10, 2025  
NINTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



*Be secure in God's love.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	Abram believes the Lord
Tuesday	Hebrew 11:1-3, 8-16	The meaning of faith
Wednesday	Proverbs 3:1-6	Trust and honor God
Thursday	Psalms 112	Blessings of the righteous
Friday	Isaiah 41:8-13	The Lord's chosen servant
Saturday	Psalms 33:12-22	Trust only in God
Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."* Luke 12:32 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

God of power and might, help us to turn to you with confidence, trusting that you care for us and promise us peace and joy through Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, for this food we give you thanks; for all that you promise to do for us, we give you our hope and trust through Christ. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May God's love give you peace.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Lord, Take My  
Hand and Lead Me*

### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What worries do you have?
- What keeps a person from fully trusting in God?

### DEVOTIONS

*Read:* Luke 12:22-40.

Jesus wants us to trust God for what we need. Jesus told his disciples, "[S]trive for his [God's] kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well" (v. 31). He was emphasizing that God knows our basic needs in life. We should not worry about "what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear" (v. 22). It is a tall order to put one's life on the line and give full trust in God. Jesus goes on to tell the disciples that they should sell their possessions and rely on the stuff of life that is eternal, "where no thief comes near and no moth destroys" (v. 33b). Faith is looking to and looking for God in everything around us. It is God who gives us what we need. We are to look to God instead of bank accounts, promotions, or a sense of personal security. This is something that is much easier said than done. However, the benefit is a life without fear, a life that need not compare our comfort with that of others. It is a life ready for what God promises.

*Discuss:* How does faith in God make you feel secure?

*Pray:* **Almighty God, you know our weaknesses and worries; give us faith to trust in you above anything else so that we may have a life of peace and joy through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what organization can you contribute to that serves the needs of others?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In the reading from Genesis 15:1-6, God made a special covenant with Abram promising him as many descendants as there were stars in the sky! And again, in the reading from Hebrews, we learn that Abraham (Abram), was faithful and that he and Sarah fulfilled the covenant. "[D]escendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven'" (Hebrews 11:12b). Go outside on a clear night and take a moment to look at all the stars in the sky. Can you count them? Think or talk about God's promise to Abram.

*Pray:* **Dear Lord, we are in awe of your presence in our lives. We ask that you give us faith in all your promises. Amen.**



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