

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a,  
Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 112:1-9a

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord \*

and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*

the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*

and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending \*

and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; \*

the righteous will be kept in

everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*

their heart is right;

they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*

until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, \*

and their righteousness stands fast for ever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit

and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**



**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

✠ Those in special need, especially Bob; Sandy & Randy; the family of Dallas Borntrager; the family of Virginia Leita; Marion; Krista; John; Morgan; Buddy; Sophie; Chloe; Matthew; Rob; Nathan; Mariam; Larry & Leslie; Josephine; Yamile; Brayden; Jess; Pamela; Anthony; Wally; Kay; Roland; Keira.

✠ We pray for those who have died, *especially* Virginia Leita and Dallas Jay Borntrager.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MANY THANKS — THE SERVICE OF THE OUR CHRIS BECKER DINING HALL CREW LAST SUNDAY WAS ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL.** Half of our crew were 1st timers and everyone did an amazing job — loving and serving our Lord and the people well. God bless you all and thanks again! Dan Basche

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP — THIS SATURDAY, 8 AM**

**WOMEN UNLIMITED — THIS SATURDAY, 9 AM**

**PLEASE JOIN US BETWEEN SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY TO SIGN BIRTHDAY CARDS AND SEND WELL-WISHES TO OUR LADIES OF PERRYVILLE.** The ladies are part of the Sunshine Club of the Episcopal Church at Perryville Woman's Prison. Birthday cards and stamps are always welcome.

**RICHARD BARISO'S ENGRAVED GLASS THAT IS HUNG IN THE PARISH HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.** Please see a member of FTTA if you would like to make a purchase.

**DON'T FORGET THE RED HEART SPECIAL SALE AT ST. JOHN'S CLOSET through this Saturday.** Anything red – clothing, household goods or décor – is 25% off. This could help with Valentine decorating or gifts so stop in to check things out. As always, we welcome donations whenever St. John's Closet is open,

**THE EPISCOPAL HABITAT COALITION BEGINS BUILDING OUR NEXT HOUSE SATURDAY, FEB. 22.** Construction begins at 7:30, so the carpool will leave church at 7 AM. We will be putting together the outside walls, so come pound some nails with us! Lunch, tools, and training are all included. For questions or more information, contact Sandy at 602-439-3594 or dsbasche@juno.com.

St. John the Baptist is equipped with two types of hearing assistance devices: a receiver with an earbud or a neck loop (for use with telecoil-equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants). Either device can be used at any seat in the church. Please speak with an usher for assistance.

Our altar flowers are given  
by Gordon Bubel  
*In loving memory of Louise*

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Today	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM
Tue.	Tuesday Night Bible Study	6 PM
	Joyful Noise practice	7 PM
Wed.	Bible Study	4:30 PM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:15 PM
	Vestry meeting (CH 3)	7:15 PM
Thu.	Foundation Ministry meeting (CH3)	5:30 PM
	FTTA (PH)	6:30 PM
Fri.	St. John's Closet	9 AM—1 PM
Sat.	Men's Fellowship, Breakfast & Study	8 AM
	Women Unlimited (CH 4 & 5)	9 AM
	St. John's Closet	9 AM—1 PM
Sun.	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>	<b>8 AM</b>
	Card signing between services (PH)	9 AM
	Nursery care	9:30–11:15 AM
	Sunday School (CH 2 & 8)	9:45 AM
	Youth Group (CH 6)	9:45 AM
	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
	Praise Band Practice	11:30 AM

### FOOD PANTRY

shampoo, Hamburger Helper  
canned tuna, pancake mix and syrup  
grape jelly

### BLESSING BAGS

Travel size or individually wrapped please  
fruit snacks, Rice Krispie treats  
Goldfish