

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
The Lord shall watch over your going out  
and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

### SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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### THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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 Julie; Jess; Cynthia; Jeff; Sherry; Wendy; Mae; Anita; Juli; Fred & Renee; Bob; Sandy & Randy; Marion; Krista; John; Morgan; Buddy; Sophie; Chloe; Matthew; Rob; Nathan; Mariam; Larry & Leslie; Wally; Kay; Roland; Keira.

✠ We pray for those who have died.

**What does S.T.E.W.A.R.D.S.H.I.P. mean?**

The second letter in stewardship is "T" which stands for **Thankful**. We could be thankful during all of our days, in addition to Thanksgiving. We all have obstacles and illnesses in our path, and we know life isn't going to be perfect here. Still, we would be on the right path, if we could be as kind as our dogs and as loving as our cats. You don't have to be a Saint to participate in a ministry at our church. However, being a little "thankful" can help.

*There is always something to be thankful for.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME EVERYONE AGE 14 AND OVER TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR STRETCH OF THE CAREFREE HIGHWAY THIS SATURDAY.** Most of us meet first at 7 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship at The Place (51st Ave. and Bell Rd.). Then we swing by church to pick up pickers and carpool to our site around 8 AM. We will have pickers, bags, and water to drink, but please wear jeans, sturdy shoes and bring gloves and a hat or clothes appropriate for the day's weather (it is often windy out there). We should be done between 10:30 and 11am.. Talk to Dan Basche or Mike Werner if you have questions.

**THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ARE COLLECTING USED PURSES, BACKPACKS AND HYGIENE PRODUCTS (ESPECIALLY FEMININE) TO GIVE TO THE HOMELESS.** Any kind of purses and/or backpacks will work. Feminine hygiene items we need are sample sized bottles of soap, shampoo, lotion, Chapstick, and female monthly products. The items we collect will be put into the purses and handed out with our blessings bags. You can drop the items off at our Thrift Store on Fridays or Saturdays or bring them to Susan Young on Sundays. Thank you!

**RICHARD BARISON'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.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A TRIP/PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL (FALL OF 2021), LET SHELLI ROMERO KNOW BY SIGNING UP IN THE PARISH HALL.** If there is enough interest, she will schedule an Information Night.

**LOOKING FOR YOUR POT OF GOLD? CHECK OUT ST. JOHN'S CLOSET!** There is a 25% discount on anything GREEN for a LEPRECHAUN sale through this Saturday. Stop by on Friday's & Saturdays from 9-1 and see what's new. Thanks for your continued support. The St. John's Closet Crew

**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 Baptism &amp; 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.	FTTA (PH)	
Fri.	St. John's Closet	9 AM—1 PM
	Stations of the Cross	6 PM
	Soup Supper	6:30 PM
	Lenten Study	7 PM
Sat.	Crafters Ministry (PH)	9 AM
	St. John's Closet/Thrift Shop	9 AM—1 PM
	Crafters Ministry (PH)	9 AM
	FTTA Reception	5:30 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**

canned tuna, pancake mix and syrup  
grape jelly, cereal, toothbrushes

**BLESSING BAGS**

Travel size or individually wrapped please

Oreos, Rice Krispie treats  
Goldfish