

Sunday, October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Year A

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm Psalm 80:7-15
Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

A READING FROM ISAIAH

- ¹ I will sing for my beloved
 my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
 on a very fertile hill.
- ² He dug it and cleared it of stones
 and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
 and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
 but it yielded rotten grapes.
- ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
 and people of Judah,
judge between me
 and my vineyard.
- ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
 that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield rotten grapes?
- ⁵ And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
- ⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds

that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

THE WORD OF THE LORD *THANKS BE TO GOD*
A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

THE WORD OF THE LORD *THANKS BE TO GOD*

Sunday, October 11, 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm Psalm 23
Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹ O LORD, you are my God;
 I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
 for you have done wonderful things,
 plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
² For you have made the city a heap,
 the fortified city a ruin;
 the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
 it will never be rebuilt.
³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
 cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
 a refuge to the needy in their distress,
 a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
 the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained
clear.
⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the
earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

THE WORD OF THE LORD

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A READING FROM PHILIPPIANS

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD

Sunday, October 18, 2026
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

First Reading Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A READING FROM ISAIAH

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
 and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:
² I will go before you
 and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron;
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
 and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
 I give you a title, though you do not know me.
⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD

A READING FROM FIRST THESSALONIANS

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

THE WORD OF THE LORD
THANKS BE TO GOD

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Year A

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm Psalm 1
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A READING FROM LEVITICUS

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

²"Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵"You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷"You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

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A READING FROM FIRST THESSALONIANS

¹You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ²but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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