



SUNDAY, AUGUST 28–SEPTEMBER 3

TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 22

Year C, Complementary Series

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7

OR Sirach 10:12-18, following

A reading from Proverbs.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the presence of a monarch
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,”
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

OR: Sirach 10:12-18

A reading from Sirach.

¹²The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
¹³For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brought upon them unheard-of calamities
and destroyed them completely.
¹⁴The Lord overthrew the thrones of rulers
and enthroned the lowly in their place.
¹⁵The Lord plucked up the roots of the nations
and planted the humble in their place.
¹⁶The Lord laid waste the lands of the nations
and destroyed them to the foundations of the earth.
¹⁷The Lord removed some of them and destroyed them,
and erased the memory of them from the earth.
¹⁸Pride was not created for human beings
or violent anger for those born of women.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 112

SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from Hebrews.

¹Let mutual affection continue.

²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them,
those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all,
and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled,
for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money,
and be content with what you have,
for God has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

⁶So we can say with confidence,
 “The Lord is my helper;
 I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you;
consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through Christ, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God,
that is, the fruit of lips that confess God’s name.

¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life. *or* The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

¹On one occasion

when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host,

⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, your host may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²Jesus said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your siblings or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

¹³But when you give a banquet, invite those who are poor, crippled, lame, and blind.

¹⁴And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.