

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2019



### THE LESSON Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup>The more I called them, the further they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and they burned incense to idols.

<sup>3</sup>Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them.

<sup>4</sup>I led them with bands of human kindness, with cords of love. I treated them like those who lift infants to their cheeks; I bent down to them and fed them.

<sup>5</sup>They will return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria will be their king, because they have refused to return to me.

<sup>6</sup>The sword will strike wildly in their cities; it will consume the bars of their gates and will take everything because of their schemes.

### THE RESPONSE Psalm 107:1-9, 43

"Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever!"

<sup>2</sup>That's what those who are redeemed by the LORD say, the ones God redeemed from the power of their enemies,

<sup>3</sup>the ones God gathered from various countries, from east and west, north and south.

<sup>4</sup>Some of the redeemed had wandered into the desert, into the wasteland. They couldn't find their way to a city or town.

<sup>5</sup>They were hungry and thirsty; their lives were slipping away.

<sup>6</sup>So they cried out to the LORD in their distress, and God delivered them from their desperate circumstances.

<sup>7</sup>My people are bent on turning away from me; and though they cry out to the Most High, he will not raise them up.

<sup>8</sup>How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart winces within me; my compassion grows warm and tender.

<sup>9</sup>I won't act on the heat of my anger; I won't return to destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a human being, the holy one in your midst; I won't come in harsh judgment.

<sup>10</sup>They will walk after the LORD, who roars like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.

<sup>11</sup>They will come trembling like a bird, and like a dove from the land of Assyria; and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>God led them straight to human habitation.

<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his faithful love and his wondrous works for all people,

<sup>9</sup>because God satisfied the one who was parched with thirst, and he filled up the hungry with good things! . . .

<sup>10</sup>Whoever is wise will pay attention to these things, carefully considering the LORD's faithful love.

### THE EPISTLE Colossians 3:1-11

Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. <sup>2</sup>Think about the things above and not things on earth. <sup>3</sup>You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>So put to death the parts of your life that belong to the earth, such as sexual immorality, moral corruption, lust, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>The wrath of God is

coming upon disobedient people because of these things. <sup>7</sup>You used to live this way, when you were alive to these things. <sup>8</sup>But now set aside these things, such as anger, rage, malice, slander, and obscene language. <sup>9</sup>Don't lie to each other. Take off the old human nature with its practices <sup>10</sup>and put on the new nature, which is renewed in knowledge by conforming to the image of the one who created it. <sup>11</sup>In this image there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all things and in all people.

### THE GOSPEL Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup>Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me as judge or referee between you and your brother?"

<sup>15</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Guard yourself against all kinds of greed. After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy."

<sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "A certain rich man's land produced a bountiful crop. <sup>17</sup>He said to himself,

What will I do? I have no place to store my harvest! <sup>18</sup>Then he thought, Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. That's where I'll store all my grain and goods. <sup>19</sup>I'll say to myself, You have stored up plenty of goods, enough for several years. Take it easy! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself. <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool, tonight you will die. Now who will get the things you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup>This is the way it will be for those who hoard things for themselves and aren't rich toward God."

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