



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
PENTECOST 12—YEAR C**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 33

**A: The earth is full of the goodness of God,
the goodness of our God.**

L: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;

G: it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

L: For the Word of the LORD is right and true;

G: he is faithful in all he does.

L: By the word of the LORD were the heavens made,

**G: their starry host by the breath of his
mouth.**

L: For he spoke, and it came to be;

G: he commanded, and it stood firm.

L: The LORD foils the plans of the nations;

G: he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

L: But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever,

**G: the purposes of his heart through all
generations.**

L: The LORD loves righteousness and justice;

G: the earth is full of his unfailing love.

**A: The earth is full of the goodness of God,
the goodness of our God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**A: Now faith is being sure of what we hope
for and certain of what we do not see.
(Hebrews 11:1)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: True treasure is faith in the promises of God—no matter how difficult they seem to believe. The Verse of the Day defines that treasure well: sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not yet see.

As you study this week, seek to find the *connecting theme* in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:32-40

After heaping up a number of warnings in Chapter 12, Jesus called on his disciples to “Seek his kingdom and all these things will be given to you as well.” Setting aside the decaying decadence of the world, the flock has nothing to fear, for God has promised that he has already given us the kingdom. Some days that is a very hard promise to believe as we walk the way of the cross. But trusting that promise of God brings real treasure and a deep longing for Christ to come.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 15:1-6

Earthly wealth wasn't the treasure that Abraham sought. No, he longed for the son long promised who would carry forward the promised Seed of Woman. God came and reminded Abraham that God was not only Abraham's shield, but his treasure, too. Certain again of what he could only see by faith, Abraham looked forward to the fulfillment of the Lord's promise to bless him with the seeming impossibility of a son. To us the Son of promise has come. Like Isaac to his aged parents, Jesus has come to bring joy and connection to the Lord's imminent and eternal reward.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

How long seems this road from grace to glory! How difficult this earthly path we walk laden with burdens of body and soul! We cry with saints across the centuries, “How long, O Lord?” Using the life of Abraham as an example, the writer to the Hebrews encourages faithful living that looks forward to the fulfilled promises of the Lord. Written in his blood and guaranteed with his life, the great High Priest promises to us the same heavenly country, the same eternal city prepared for the faithful.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: HAGGAI 1:12-14

Judah had returned from exile at the gracious working of the hand of the Lord. Yet their first priority was to rebuild personal wealth rather than rebuild the house of the Lord for the coming of the Messiah. They labored, but the treasure they sought dropped through a “purse with a hole in it.” With the Lord's salvation at hand, the people were to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. By the power of the Spirit, the Lord redirects our eyes to look for him as we prepare our hearts for his coming again.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 3:1-6

All the outward signs of living faith could be seen in Sardis, but the truth revealed the dead and dying. Wake up from the sleep of spiritual apathy before judgment comes like a thief in the night. Join the remnant of the faithful that has been preserved and will be forever acknowledged before the Father.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?