



**DAILY BREAD  
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS  
PENTECOST 21—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 111**

**A: Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.**

L: Great are the works of the LORD;

**G: they are pondered by all who delight in  
them.**

L: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

**G: and his righteousness endures forever.**

L: He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

**G: the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

L: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

**G: all his precepts are trustworthy.**

L: He provided redemption for his people;

**G: he ordained his covenant forever.**

L: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**G: all who follow his precepts have good  
understanding.**

**A: Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people  
pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all  
their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through  
Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us  
rejoice and be glad in his salvation.  
(Isaiah 25:9b cf. NIV)**

**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:

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost:** Cleansed of sin the life of the believer is one of thanksgiving for deliverance now and into eternity.

**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 17:11-19

Cries for mercy are answered by a heart filled with compassion. Those once separated by sickness are welcomed back. Yet only one returns to give thanks to his Savior for deliverance. Whether it's leprosy of the body or leprosy of the soul, Jesus has cleansed the afflicted. In his compassion for those diseased by sin, he has given his life to restore our membership in the family of our Father. By faith, our hearts are now moved to thankfulness for the healing hand of our gracious Lord. Our whole lives will be filled with thanksgiving.

*My takeaways:*

## FIRST LESSON: RUTH 1:1-19A

The Lord had brought Naomi and her daughters-in-law through the hardship of their husbands' deaths. On hearing that the Lord had come to the aid of his starving people, Naomi readies herself for the journey back home. Though she had two daughters-in-law, only one went with her. In faith, Ruth clings to her mother-in-law, determined to remain with her and with the Lord. Such loyalty is honorable, even by earthly standards. Yet our loyalty to each other and to the Lord is not a matter of honor, but a matter of faith. In thanksgiving our very lives are dedicated to the Lord and his service.

*My takeaways:*

## SECOND LESSON: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13

Paul urges Timothy to always remember the deliverance found in Jesus Christ. Because of this gospel message Paul is in chains. Yet it is this very message that gives him strength to remain and endure in anticipation of eternal glory. Paul quotes a hymn that reminds Christians that we will live with Christ and we will reign with Christ. That is the reason Paul can be thankful always—even in chains. That is the same hope that fills our lives with thanksgiving as we live for the Lord and await his reward.

*My takeaways:*

## SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON: 1 SAMUEL 12:20-24

At Saul's coronation, Samuel gives his farewell speech to Israel. Helping Israel to recognize its sin of idolatry, Samuel encourages faithfulness to the Lord in remembrance of the Lord's promised deliverance both past and future. As recipients of the Lord's gracious salvation, we do not forget what God has done. Rather, heartfelt thanksgiving and fearless devotion to him and his people mark our lives of faith.

*My takeaways:*

## SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 1:8-11

The prayers of the saints rise up to heaven as Paul found himself in deadly peril. How many days have come and gone that have found us uncertain of the future? We find ourselves in circumstances that leave us excessively burdened, questioning how we will survive. And then the Lord's deliverance comes. He who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will raise us up from deadly peril and hardship, causing thanksgiving in our hearts and in the hearts of many others. Because our hope is founded on his promise, our thanks pour forth both now and into eternity.

*My takeaways:*

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