

August 10th, 2025 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, August 7–13

Lectionary 19



Sunday arrives, and once again we meet the Son of Man; yet always there is something of Christ's presence that surprises us.

[Genesis 15:1-6](#)

This account of the establishment of the covenant between God and Abraham is set next to Luke 12 as two more images of God's promise of grace to the faithful. God's coming is like a couple in their 90s finally bearing a child and like the multitudinous stars shining in the night.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

Having heard the Lord's promise to Abram, we join in [Psalm 33:12-22](#), which praises the greatness and goodness of God. Along with the descendants of Abram, the church is now like a nation blessed by God. Once again, we call God our shield (v. 20). In the language of the psalm, we people of faith place our trust and hope in God.

[Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16](#)

Hebrews 11 is the first of four semi-continuous selections here in Year C: Year B also includes four semi-continuous passages from Hebrews. The reading enhances our hearing of Genesis 15 with the author's extended example of Abraham's faith. Both Hebrews 11:12 and Genesis 15:5 invoke the image of the stars.

[Luke 12:32-40](#)

We are given four different images of the life of faithfulness: we are a flock that is well shepherded; we put our money into sturdy purses; we are slaves served at table by the master; our lives are broken into by God's very self. At holy communion today, we are those very slaves served by the master.