

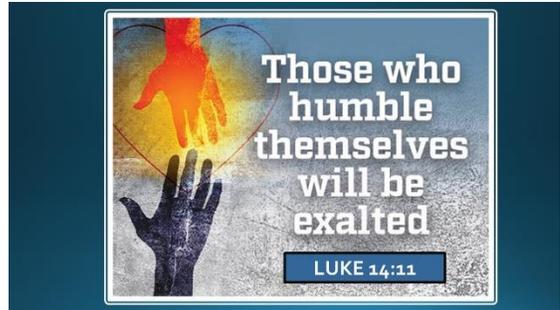
August 31st, 2025 Lectionary Notes

The Readings on This Day

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Sunday, August 28–September 3

Lectionary 22



We continue eating our way through Luke. We eat the bread of wisdom; we share the wine of Christ's suffering.

[Proverbs 25:6-7](#)

The short reading places the advice to humility centuries before Christ. Jesus is our monarch, and he says to us, "Come up here," and up to the table we go.

[The Psalm for the Day](#)

Having heard the call to humility, we join together in singing [Psalm 112](#), which expresses the hope that the righteous will be merciful and will give generously to the poor. Such persons recognize that their joy is in God, rather than in wealth and status.

[Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16](#)

This, the lectionary's last semi-continuous selection from the book of Hebrews is a collection of directives to the church, many of which are countercultural. Those with faith are now a community of care. The beliefs that God will never leave us and that Jesus Christ is always the same contrast with the temple and its sacrifices, which pass away. Although close congruence of the second reading and the gospel during post-Pentecost is not intended, on this Sunday the call for hospitality to strangers and for sharing with others fits well with the gospel reading.

[Luke 14:1, 7-14](#)

Christ's call is to countercultural behavior: the society is hierarchical, but the church is to enact a surprising acceptance of the poor, to give to others with no expectation of return. Jesus is the model, who gave himself all the way to death, and who was indeed repaid in his resurrection.