

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –
PROPER 13

August 4, 2024

Year B, Revised Common Lectionary

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a

(alternate Joshua 24:15-17 attached)

Psalm 51:1-12

(alternate Psalm 84:1-5 attached)

Ephesians 4:1-16

(alternate Acts 17:24-30 attached)

John 6:24-35

(attached)

Joshua 24:15-17

“Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Then the people answered...

“it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed...”

Psalm 84:1-5

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints,

for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,

ever singing your praise. (Selah)

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Acts 17:24-30

[Then the Apostle Paul stood in front of the rock outcropping near the Acropolis in Athens and said,] “The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble

about for him and find him— though indeed he is not far from each one of us.

For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to [reconsider what they think they know]...

John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him,

“Rabbi, when did you come here?”

Jesus answered them,

“Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is

on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

Then they said to him,

“What must we do to perform the works of God?”

Jesus answered them,

“This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

So they said to him,

“What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness,

as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' ”

Then Jesus said to them,

“Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

They said to him,

“Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them,

“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
