## Psalm 107:1-9, 43 We give thanks to you, Lord, for your wonderful works. (Ps. 107:8)

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good, for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,

<sup>3</sup> gathering them in <sup>1</sup> from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and <sup>1</sup> from the south.

4 Some wandered in | desert wastes; they found no path to a city where | they might dwell.

<sup>5</sup>They were hun- <sup>I</sup> gry and thirsty; their spirits lan- <sup>I</sup> guished within them.

<sup>6</sup>Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD, and you delivered them from | their distress. R

<sup>7</sup>You led them <sup>1</sup> on a straight path to go to a city where <sup>1</sup> they might dwell.



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<sup>8</sup> Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love and your wonderful works | for all people.

<sup>9</sup> For you satisfy the <sup>1</sup> thirsty soul and fill the hungry <sup>1</sup> with good things.

43 Whoever is wise will pon- | der these things, and consider well the Lorp's | steadfast love. R

## Hosea 11:1-11

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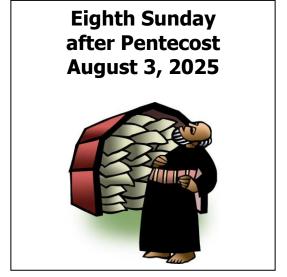
¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. ²The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and offering incense to idols. ³Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up in my arms, but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. ⁵They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. ⁶The sword rages in their cities; it consumes their oracle priests and devours because of their schemes. ⁵My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all. ⁶How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. ⁶I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim, for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. ¹o They shall go after the LORD, who roars like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west. ¹¹ They shall

come trembling like birds from Egypt and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

## Colossians 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account



desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

## Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."