

All Saints Church
Good News Daily

Devotional readings for each day, parish birthdays and anniversaries

September 27-October 3, 2026

Sunday, September 27

James 3:1-13 *From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.* (v.10 NRSV)

James says the tongue is a small member, but boasts of great things. A great forest is set ablaze by a small spark. A small bit of gossip can damage a reputation, a marriage, or a career.

God has commanded that we do not bear false witness, yet some Christians gossip in the name of the Lord: “We need to pray for Pete, he has a big gambling problem.”

James talks about the contradiction of using our tongues to bless the Lord but also to curse people who are made in God’s likeness. He reminds us: a spring does not give fresh water and brackish; neither does a fig tree yield olives nor a grape vine yield figs.

So, we need to clean up our act, fill our mouths with praise and use our tongues to speak encouraging words, honest information, and kindness.

Dear Lord, forgive the wrongs of my tongue. Please let only goodness come from my mouth.

Hosea 2:2-14; Psalms 66, 67; Matthew 13:44-62

Birthdays: Jonathon Durcan, Sandy Hornbacher

Anniversaries: Gavin & Denise Mackinnnon, Vincent & Florence Smith

Monday, September 28

Acts 20:17-38 *“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”* (v.35)

Many of us have learned the truth of this passage when we have served meals to the homeless or helped in the clean-up after some disaster. It is truly a spiritual law of the universe: “Send out your bread upon the waters, for after many days you will get it back” (Ecclesiastes 11:1).

There is a flip side to this principle. Are we gracious receivers? Do we accept with gratitude what God and our fellow humans give us? Too often we play the old game: “No, you do not need to do that” or “I can do it by myself.” It takes a special gift of God’s grace for us to acknowledge those gifts given to us.

Thanksgiving Day may be two months away but let us practice the attitude of gratitude every day of the year. Many Christians end their evening prayers by thanking God for five blessings they received that day. This habit opens our eyes to see God at work!

Dear Lord, You have given me so many blessings. Give me one thing more—a grateful heart.

Hosea 2:14-23; Psalm 89:1-18; Luke 5:1-11

Birthdays: Phyllis Bolen, Tim Carney, Sarah Hamberg, Catherine Hinman, Keira Mackinnon, Jo Ann Mead, Noah Miller, Kate Pilgrim, Charlotte Pontius

Anniversaries: Charlie & Joan Kiester

Tuesday, September 29

Luke 5:12-26 *“Rise, take your bed and go home.”* (v.24b)

The four friends bring the paralyzed man to Jesus for healing, but the crowd is so huge they can not get in the door. Being men of strong faith, they go to Plan B. Because the roof tiles could be removed to let in sunlight and fresh air, the four friends go up on the roof, make an opening and lower their friend on his bed right in front of Jesus.

When Jesus sees their faith he tells the sick man, “Your sins are forgiven.” The scribes and religious leaders grumble and question Jesus about this to which he replies, “Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk?’”

The man goes home, carrying his bed and glorifying God and, I am sure, thanking his friends.

We too can bring our friends and family to Jesus for healing. As we lift their problem to God in prayer we can be the facilitators of healing. My heart has been touched by a member of our church who faithfully brought her sick friend to the healing service every week. Her friend is now healed—Praise the Lord!

Thank you, Jesus, for your healing power.

Hosea 4:1-10; Psalms 97, 99, 100; Acts 21:1-14

Birthdays: Jonathon Davis, Lynn Ivanek

Wednesday, September 30

Luke 5:27-39 *And Jesus said to Matthew, “Follow me.” And he left everything, and rose and followed him.* (v.27b-28)

Last week our Jewish friends celebrated Yom Kippur, one of their high holy days. The Day of Atonement is the only day during the entire year the high priest would enter the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle where the Ark of the Covenant was kept. The Ark would be sprinkled with blood on this day of reconciliation. This points clearly to Jesus’ atoning death and shed blood—our Messiah who takes away the sin of the world.

Matthew had undoubtedly heard Jesus preach and seen him heal. His heart had been changed enough for him to give up his lucrative tax collection business. He even gave a dinner party for Jesus to meet his colleagues.

Jesus may not be asking us to give up our job to follow him, but he is asking us to share the gospel, the good news that we have been atoned for by the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Jesus, that you ransomed us by shedding your blood on the cross.

Hosea 4:11-19; Psalms 101, 109; Acts 21:15-26

Birthdays: Jill Edwards, Charlie Kiester, Alina Mullally, Hannah Mullally,

Brent Ogilvie, Ron Schirtzer, Mac Shelby

Anniversaries: Kevin & Debbie Leider, Fredric & Jeanie Wurtzel

Thursday, October 1

Psalm 105:1-22 *Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!* (v.2)

This psalm is a call to thanksgiving and praise to our covenant-keeping God. He kept His promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He allowed Joseph to be sold as a slave in Egypt where he rose to become the Pharaoh’s chief of staff and thereby was able to save God’s chosen people when famine came.

As we think back to the many answers to our prayers, let us be more willing to share those big and little miracles. It always strengthens my faith when fellow Christians share their “praise reports.” The psalmist says, “Make known His deeds among the peoples.”

Our unbelieving friends’ hearts are not touched if we share theological jargon with them. But if we simply tell the story of what God has done in our life, that is a mighty witness and will most likely be heard.

The psalm just before this one reminds us that the eyes of all creatures look to God; He gives us our food in due season, He opens His hand and we are filled with good things.

Dear Lord, help us remember the wonderful works You have done and share them with others.

Hosea 5:8—6:6; Acts 21:27-36; Luke 6:1-11

Birthdays: Rachel Alden, Julia Heidt, Kristin Millson, Alice Wenrich, Jim Wiseman

Friday, October 2

Luke 6:12-26 *He called his disciples, and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles.* (v.13)

Verse 1: (sing to the tune of “Jesus loves me”)

Jesus called them one by one

Peter, Andrew, James and John

Next came Philip, Thomas too

Matthew and Bartholomew.

Chorus:

Yes, Jesus called them (repeat twice)

and He calls us too.

Verse 2:

James the one they called the Less

Simon, also Thaddaeus

Twelfth apostle Judas made

Jesus was by him betrayed.

Chorus

Thank you, Jesus, for your faithful friends who left all to follow you. May we follow in their footsteps.

Hosea 10:1-15; Psalm 102; Acts 21:37—22:16

Birthdays: Lee Miller

Anniversaries: Tom & Diane Andrews, Nick & Tanya Carpenter

Saturday, October 3

Luke 6:27-38 *“Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.”* (v.38)

Jesus says, “The measure you give will be the measure you get back.” He asks us to forgive others and promises that we will be forgiven.

How often we do not forgive and forget. In a recent sermon the preacher pointed out that if we continue to replay all the details of an incident when we were hurt, we have not forgiven.

Jesus gives us the law of love: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. It takes his supernatural strength to do this—I cannot in my own strength feel kindly to those who have cheated me. But he asks us not to condemn or judge. That is God’s job.

Jesus asks us to be merciful, even as our Heavenly Father is merciful. He reminds us: As you wish people would do to you, do so to them.

Dear Jesus, help us live your golden rule.

Hosea 11:1-9; Psalms 107:33-43, 108; Acts 22:17-29

Birthdays: Lisa Clayton, Iantha Mackinnon, Ava Mullally

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