

AUGUST 27, 2017  
TWELVETH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*Jesus is God's Son.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 16:13-20</b>	<b>Peter's confession of Christ</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>John 1:43-51</b>	<b>The confession of Nathanael</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>John 11:17-27</b>	<b>Martha's confession of Christ</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Matthew 27:50-54</b>	<b>The confession of soldiers</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 9:20-31</b>	<b>Saul's confession of Christ</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Romans 12:1-8</b>	<b>Christ brings new life</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 138</b>	<b>Praise the Lord with all your heart</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 16:21-28</b>	<b>Take up your cross and follow</b>

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

**Matthew 16:15-16 (CEV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, help us to show that we believe you are God's Son through what we think, say, and do today. Amen. (Matthew 16:16)

### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Son of God, come be our guest, our thanks to receive and these gifts to bless. Amen.

### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord guide your way, bless you with God's steadfast love, and give you good courage to confess your faith in Jesus.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Open My Eyes Lord*



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## CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home or small group:

- Tell about a time when you had a different view from someone else.
- What are some of the different ideas people have about Jesus? Who do you say Jesus is?
- In the verses that follow Matthew 16:13-20, it is clear that Peter did not have the right understanding of Jesus as God's son. How can we still misunderstand who Jesus really is?

## DEVOTIONS



*Read: Romans 12:1.*

The apostle Paul encourages Christians to offer their whole bodies in service to God. As part of your home devotional times this week, draw an outline of a body. Talk about how we can use different parts of our bodies (eyes, ears, hands, feet, etc.) to serve God and confess our faith in Jesus. Write your ideas on the paper. Display your drawing in your home and use it as a focal point for conversation, action, and prayer during the week.

## SERVICE



Romans 12:6-8 lists a number of different gifts that God gives to God's people: telling others the good news (prophesy), helping others, teaching, encouraging, sharing or giving, leading, and showing kindness to others. Name the gifts you see in your family and friends. Talk about ways you can use these gifts to serve God in your family, community, and church.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Peter confessed his faith by stating that Jesus is the Son of the living God. Because of this confession, Jesus called him the "rock" upon which he would build his church. Place a rock in your living space or in a garden to remember the confession of Peter and the church throughout the centuries. Write the words "Jesus is the Son of God" on the rock.



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