11.8.26 Scripture Readings *(NRSV)*

Hebrew Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:
2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them:
You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

15 You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to
the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your
neighbor. **16** You shall not go around as a
slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of
your neighbor: I am the Lord.**17** You shall not hate in your heart
anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur
guilt yourself. **18** You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against
any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am
the Lord.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13
"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them; **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and
slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7** Then all those bridesmaids got
up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise replied,
'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to
the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to
buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him
into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. **11** Later the other
bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' **13** Keep awake therefore,
for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God
All: Thanks be to God!

Worship Notes