

September 6, 2026

First Reading

Psalms 119:33-40

A reading from the 119th Psalm.

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

A reading from the 13th Chapter of Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another,
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.
The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery;
you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,"
and any other commandment, are summed up in this word,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is,
how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep.
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;
the night is far gone; the day is near.
Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;
let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness,
not in illicit sex and licentiousness,
not in quarreling and jealousy.
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the flesh,
to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**