

## September 9, 2025

### Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

<sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

<sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.** <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.** <sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

<sup>15</sup>**My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

<sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>**I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.**

### Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Hebrews 11:33-39

<sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the

flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; <sup>38</sup> they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated – <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised

### Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.