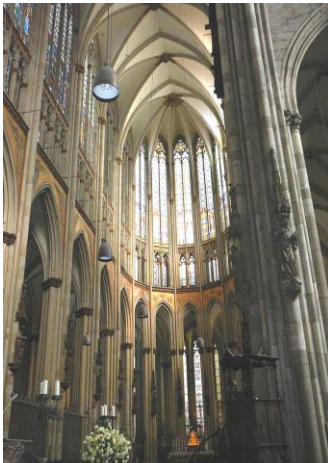


Tour of Churches: Cologne Cathedral is located in Cologne, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.
Archbishop Rainald von Dassel brought the relics of the Three Wise Men to Cologne in 1164.
The building plan for the Gothic Cathedral was modeled after cathedrals in Paris, Strasbourg and Amiens. The cornerstone was laid on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary on August 15, 1248.
Construction was stopped in 1473, leaving a huge crane in the skyline for 400 years. Construction resumed in 1842 and was finally completed in August of 1880, 632 years after construction had originally begun. It is 516 feet in height and 474 feet in length, which makes it the tallest twin-spired church in the world. It was the tallest building in the world until the Washington Monument was completed, which is 555.5' tall.
The cathedral suffered fourteen hits by aerial bombs during the war but, it miraculously remained standing. Some believe the twin spires are said to have been used as an easily recognizable navigational landmark by Allied aircraft raiding deeper into Germany in the later years of the war, which may be a reason that the cathedral was not destroyed. Repairs from the war were completed in 1956. It is Germany's most visited landmark, attracting an average of 20,000 people every day. In 1996 it was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List of culturally important sites.



Interior of the Medieval east end, showing the extreme height.



The “swallow’s nest” organ
Was built into the gallery in 1998 to celebrate the cathedral’s 750 years.

Readings for the week: (May 18 - May 23)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Acts: 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15,22-18:1
Ps 149:1b-2,3-4,5-6a,9b	Ps 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8	Ps 148:1-2,11-12,13,14
John 15:26-16:4a	John 16:5-11	John 16:12-15
Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Acts 18:1-8	Acts 18:9-18	Acts 18:23-28
Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4	Ps 47:2-3,4-5,6-7	Ps 47:2-3,8-9,10
John 16:16-20	John 16:20-23	John 16:23b-28