

Friday digest

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- Sally Hubbell on [displacement and fear in Colorado Springs](#): "In the chaotic days that followed the wildfire evacuations, I sat down to prepare a sermon. I wasn't sure where it would be delivered."
- Kyle Childress [reviews Diana Butler Bass](#), whose "new book is warm and winsome. But it lacks the particularizing power of her earlier work's grounding in stories about specific communities and people." (subscription required)
- Debra Bendis on Lucas Cranach the Elder and [Steven Ozment's new book](#)
- Steve Thorngate on [memorizing the Ten Commandments](#)
- "[Psalm](#)," a poem by Dylan Bassett

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