

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Week of November 8, 2026

Collect for the week: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Amos 5:18-24
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 1:7-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Hymn for the week: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" LSB 334

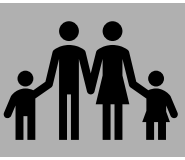
Notes on the Sermon: _____

Trinity Reads the Bible in 2026: (Psalms in parentheses may be read in the evening.)

November 8	Jeremiah 20:1-18	Matthew 24:29-51	Ps. 110 (66; 23)
November 9	Jeremiah 22:1-23	Matthew 25:1-13	Ps. 62 (73; 8)
November 10	Jeremiah 23:1-20	Matthew 25:14-30	Ps. 13 (36; 5)
November 11	Jeremiah 23:21-40	Matthew 25:31-46	Ps. 96 (132; 134)
November 12	Jeremiah 25:1-18	Matthew 26:1-19	Ps. 116 (26; 130)
November 13	Jeremiah 26:1-19	Matthew 26:20-35	Ps. 85 (25; 40)
November 14	Jeremiah 29:1-19	Matthew 26:36-56	Ps. 61 (138; 98)

NEXT Week's Readings

November 15	Jeremiah 30:1-24	Matthew 26:57-75	Ps. 103 (117; 139)
November 16	Jeremiah 31:1-17, 23-34	Matthew 27:1-10	Ps. 5 (84; 29)
November 17	Jeremiah 33:1-22	Matthew 27:11-32	Ps. 42 (102; 133)
November 18	Jeremiah 37:1-21	Matthew 27:33-56	Ps. 89:1-18 (1; 33)
November 19	Jeremiah 38:1-28	Matthew 27:57-66	Ps. 97 (16; 62)
November 20	Daniel 1:1-21	Matthew 28:1-20	Ps. 51 (142; 65)
November 21	Daniel 2:1-23	Revelation 18:1-24	Ps. 104 (118; 111)



for home devotions & personal meditation

From the Old Testament

Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. *Amos 5:23-24*

Applying God's Word to our lives: Does God not like to hear singing? Does God have something against harps? What verse 23 means is that God does not like empty and insincere worship. God wants to be worshiped from the heart, by faith. For this reason God sent His Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us. The true faith which the Spirit works in our hearts by the Gospel rejoices with thankfulness to receive God's mercy in Jesus Christ, and this faith shows itself in lives of justice and righteousness.

From the Epistle

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. *1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*

Applying God's Word to our lives: This passage goes on to talk about the Day when Jesus will return in glory to raise the dead and gather all believers to Himself for eternity. Immediately after we remembered our departed fellow Christians last weekend on All Saints' Day, today we hear this word of wonderful encouragement. Because of Jesus and what He has done for us and what He will yet do, we have hope!

From the Holy Gospel

Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. *Matthew 25:13*

Applying God's Word to our lives: Jesus has not told us when He will come again—only that He will come. Since we do not know the "when," we watch for Jesus' return, focusing on what we *do* know: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus died and rose again—all for us. Jesus is our righteousness. Jesus is the Shepherd of His sheep, whose voice we hear speaking to us in the Scriptures. Jesus knows and loves us.