Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

November 23rd – 28th, 2026

Mon Matthew 24:15-28 Jesus' talking about the destruction of Jerusalem's temple (v2ff), which took place in 70 A.D., also reminds us of Christ's return to judge the living and the dead at the end of the world.

Tues 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 The apostle assures believers that the faithful who are in the grave at the time of Christ's return will certainly not miss out on the glories of their Savior's second coming.

Wed Isaiah 49:12-17 The Lord comforts His people (v13) with the promise that He will never forget them, but will show mercy to His afflicted ones, and gather them from the four corners of the earth (v12, v17).

Thurs Psalm 18:20-24 The Messiah alone can claim His own righteousness before God, but as He has become "the Lord our righteousness" (Jer.23:6), both David and all believers can expect grace upon grace.

Fri Psalm 18:30-36 The Lord equips His servant for triumph. And the servant recognizes that the Lord is the source of his strength and protection, his pure word and way, his shield of salvation (vv35-36).

Sat Psalm 116:1-6 Even in time of gravest peril, even standing before the Lord's judgment throne, He has heard our cry for mercy, He has saved our life! Truly our God is compassionate and gracious in Christ.

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25th Sunday after Trinity
November 22nd, 2026
Liturgy: TLH p. 5
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✢ Opening Prayer ✢

Hymn: WS #798 *"God, We Praise You"*

Ⓟ In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Ⓒ ♬ ***Amen.***

Ⓟ Pastor
Confession of Our Sins Ⓒ **Congregation**

We acknowledge that we are sinful and daily need God's forgiveness.

Ⓟ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Ⓟ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Ⓒ ♬ ***Who made heaven and earth.***
Ⓟ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
Ⓒ ♬ ***And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.***
Ⓟ Almighty God our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ⓒ **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Ⓟ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord unto us all.
Ⓒ ♬ ***Amen.***

The Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

The blessing given by God for His people.

Ⓟ The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
Ⓒ ♬ ***Amen, amen, a – men.***

Hymn: TLH #341 *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

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Nomination Committee will be meeting in the library after church (this includes the Elders and the Chairman). Thanks!

Thanksgiving Worship will be held this Thursday at 9:30 am.

Church Decorating will be done after next Sunday's service.

Advent VBS – St. John's will host Advent VBS again for preschool through grade 8 on December 1, 8, and 15 from 3:20-5:00 pm. Please be sure to register your children using the church website. We are looking for volunteers to help, sign up sheets are in the back of church. We could use help with snacks, teaching a class, assisting with crafts, supervising games, and teaching the group a few songs.

CLC Call News – Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has ***accepted*** the call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD

Ushers	11/22	Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	11/29	Kendall B, Larry B, Caleb E.
	12/6	Phil S, Nathan V, Daniel R.
Cleaning		This Week – Fogelman, Ahrens, Sullivan (wk. 3)
		Up Next – The Voits

be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 "I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. 16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." 17 `And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. 18 "Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture-- and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? 19 "And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet." 20 `Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. 21 "Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, 22 "therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them-- My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Rejoice! For *Christ's* "Might Makes Right"

The Offertory

C ♫ ***Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.***

✢ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✢

Hymn: TLH #219 *"The Head that Once was Crowned"*

✢ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✢

The Introit *2 Pet. 3:13; Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8, 12*

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

C **O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!**

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

C **And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.**

P Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

C **Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.**

The Gloria Patri *TLH #237:1*

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

C ♫ ***All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!***

The Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C ♫ ***And with thy spirit.***

The Collect Prayer of the Day

P Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C ♫ ***Amen.***

Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations,

and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45 Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. 28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

Confession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

C I BELIEVE…

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #222 *"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious"*

Ezekiel 34:11-24

`For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 "As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 "I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall