

Walking Together in the Word

Devotions on the Weekly Scripture Readings for November 2025

The purpose of the Chapel Devotion Project is to encourage individuals and families to make prayer and devotional time in God's Word a regular part of their daily lives. We believe many good things will come from your intentional study and reflection of God's Word:

- Your relationship with God and with others will grow and be strengthened.
- Study of the Scripture and hymns for the upcoming weekend will enhance your worship.
- You will come to the Lord daily in prayer, bringing your praise, thanks, and requests to Him.

How to Use These Devotions

Each week contains five pages of devotional material. How you choose to use the material is up to you. You could study one reading or one page a day. You might read several portions every other day. You may use the short order of worship provided below. Use the material in the way that best fits you and your family.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

DEVOTION and REFLECTION

PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

or

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Leader: The almighty and merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.
All: Amen.

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October 27–November 1, 2025

This devotional material is based on Bible readings for Sunday, November 2.

All Saints' Day

The Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Devotion on the Gospel

There is great spiritual truth to the adage: “Tis more blessed to give than to receive.” We experience this when we have warm feelings about giving of our time, energy, and wealth to help other people. Giving of Christmas gifts illustrate this truth.

But there is even more spiritual truth for the opposite: “Tis more blessed to receive than to give.” We experience this when we have the warmth of God’s love enveloping us, washing over us, and enriching us with his vast amount of spiritual gifts freely bestowed on us.

The beatitudes illustrate this truth. We beggars before God are inundated with his generosity! Look at our gifts: Membership in His kingdom, heavenly comfort, earthly blessings, fulfilled life, divine mercy, declared to be Children of God! It doesn’t get any better than that, does it?

The beatitudes are a call to live righteous lives, yes. But the call is based on all the promises of the Savior that His Father will be blessing us far beyond human comprehension. Not because we first show attitudes of “poor spirit, repentance, humility, mercy, peace-making efforts, etc.”

Rather we are called to righteous living precisely because God has chosen to give us the kingdom.

Have no fear, little flock, have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen to give you the Kingdom,
Have no fear little flock.

How blessed we are!

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

Jesus begins His sermon on the mount by promising blessings to those who believe in Him. Find and underline the nine blessings in this text.

The blessings that God promises His children do not depend on how good we are—they are gifts from our heavenly Father. How does this give you comfort and peace?

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

Who is the Lamb at the center of the throne? See John 1:29-34.

*Verse to Remember:
1 John 3:1*

The Old Testament Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

The Great Multitude in White Robes

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" 14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;

'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

SEE WHAT GREAT LOVE THE FATHER HAS
LAVISHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE
CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD!

The Psalm: Psalm 149

Praise the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

3 Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.

5 Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds.

6 May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,

7 to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

8 to bind their kings with fetters,
their nobles with shackles of iron,

9 to carry out the sentence written against them—
this is the glory of all his faithful people.

Praise the Lord.

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

Psalm 149 is one of five hallelujah psalms. Hallelujah means "praise the Lord." How do you praise the Lord?

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

*One day we will join
the believers who
have gone before us
to be with Jesus.
With whom can you
share the comforting
words of this hymn?*

The Hymn : Sing with All the Saints in Glory *LSB 671*

Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding
All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it;
There on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders,
Saints shall stand before the throne!

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SING WITH
all THE
SAINTS IN
glory

Faith + Life Connections

Our God loves to give us blessings! Read again the blessings that Jesus promises those who believe in Him. Pick one and talk about it. How do the promises and blessings God gives us encourage and motivate us to love God and serve others? Name other blessings and thank God for them in prayer.

Matthew 5:1-12

Have you thought about who will be in heaven? People from every nation, tribe, and language will be there, praising God together! Look online for pictures of people from around the world. Then draw a picture of heaven.

Revelation 7:9-17

“See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!” This is a beautiful, comforting message from the Bible. Write it on a sticky note and memorize it.

1 John 3:1-3

Verse to Remember

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1



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Prayer for the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You. Amen.

Walking Together in the Word

November 3–November 8, 2025

This devotional material is based on Bible readings for Sunday, November 9.

Proper 27

The Gospel: Luke 20:27–40

The Resurrection and Marriage

27 Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. 28 “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. 30 The second 31 and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. 32 Finally, the woman died too. 33 Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?”

34 Jesus replied, “The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, 36 and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God’s children, since they are children of the resurrection. 37 But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord ‘the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ 38 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.” 39 Some of the teachers of the law responded, “Well said, teacher!” 40 And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Devotion on the Gospel

Not all the statements of Jesus receive the immediate response of disciples, “Great news, Jesus!” His teaching that in the resurrected life “there will be no marriage” isn’t happily welcomed by devoted married people who never want their marriage to end. What did Jesus mean? We live with curiosity and know that we’ll find out in the resurrection. It’s easier to welcome his words, “They can no longer die, for they are like the angels.” This, plus all the other clear promises about the joys of heaven, cause us to long for heaven. We rejoice that we are “children of the resurrection.”

As St. Paul wrote, “Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)

St. John stated it this way: “Now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him.” (1 John 3:2).

Marriages and family relationships, as we know them, won’t be the same in heaven. They will be even better! God is going to make that possible. We will be “children of the resurrection!” Praise God!

Some of the teachers of the law responded to Jesus: “Well said, teacher!” May we always join them in their appreciation for the Teacher’s teachings.

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

The Sadducees didn't believe in the resurrection from the dead. Jesus showed them how wrong they were.

Do you know someone who doesn't believe in life after death? Pray that they would come to know the truth through the Gospel.

We may not know exactly what heaven will be like, but God's Word describes it as a place of eternal joy and peace. See Revelation 21:1-4.

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

God told Moses "I Am who I Am." "I Am" was the name by which God would be known and remembered throughout generations. When Jesus came, He revealed His true nature in His many "I Am" statements, recorded in the Gospel of John. Look up John 8:58.

*Verse to Remember
Exodus 3:14*

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses and the Burning Bush

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

4 When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

5 "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 6 Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."

11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

12 And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."

13 Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'

15 God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

2 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, 2 not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. 3 Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. 4 He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. 5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? 6 And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. 7 For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. 13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. 16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

The Psalm: Psalm 148

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.
2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
3 Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
4 Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.
5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created,
6 and he established them for ever and ever— he issued a decree that will never pass away.
7 Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,
9 you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,
10 wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
11 kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,
12 young men and women, old men and children.
13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens. 14 And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the Lord.

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

There will be people who come with false teachings, even those who proclaim themselves to be God. How do we stand firm in the truth?

All creation sings the praise of God, the Creator! How will you sing His praise? Singing "Earth and All Stars," hymn 817 in Lutheran Service Book, is a great way to join with all creation in song.

Notes,
Thoughts,
Questions

This hymn uses beautiful imagery and language to describe the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Choose one verse and read or sing it several times.

The Hymn: Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense *LSB 741*

Jesus Christ, my sure defense
And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope here given,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.

Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is;
Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?

No, too closely I am bound
By my hope to Christ forever;
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.

I am flesh and must return
To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.

Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.

Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.

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JESUS
CHRIST
MY
SURE
DEFENSE

Faith + Life Connections

Jesus told His disciples, "My Father's house has many rooms . . . I am going there to prepare a place for you." This promise is for you too! Look online to find the music and words to the song "Big House." Sing along, thanking God that because of Jesus, you have the promise of eternal life.

Luke 20:27-40

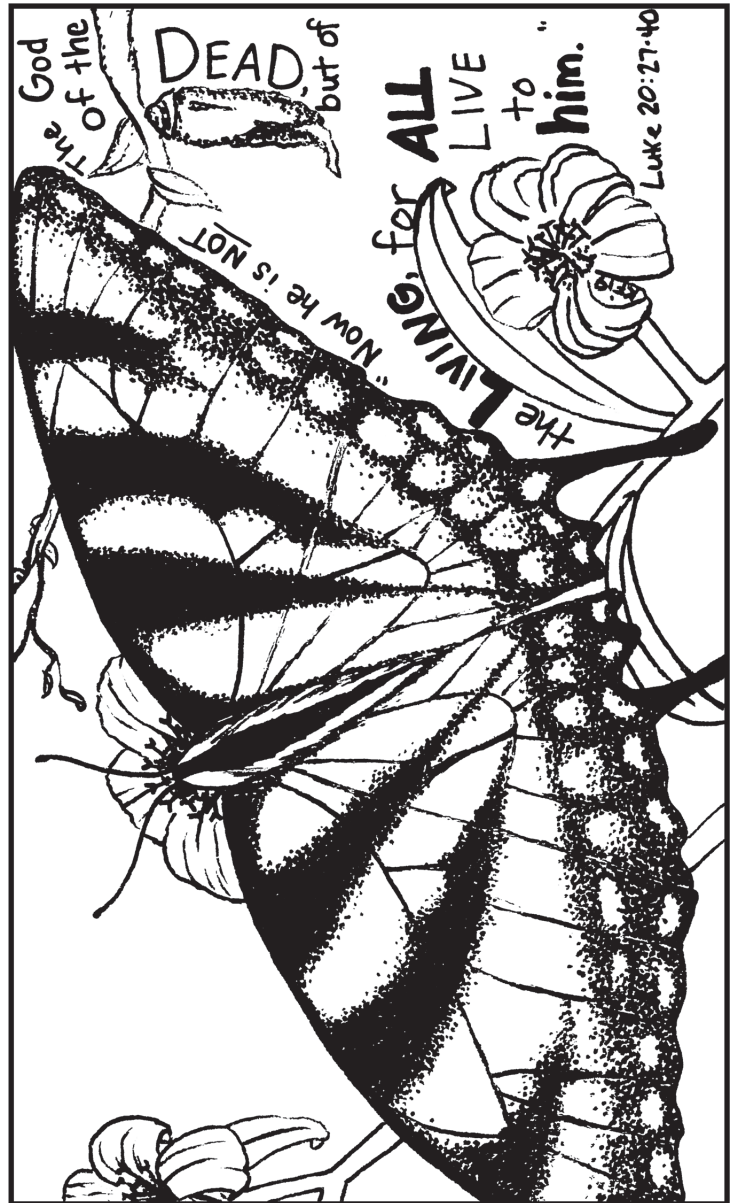
The God who appeared to Moses over 3400 years ago promising to be with Him is the same God who promises to be with us today. Can you name some Old Testament and New Testament people who are now living with God in heaven?

Exodus 3:1-15

Since God created all things, it makes sense that all creation should praise Him! How does the moon and the snow and the sea creatures show God's greatness? How do you praise God?

Psalms 148

Verse to Remember
God said to Moses, "I am who I am."
Exodus 3:14



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Prayer for the Week

Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Walking Together in the Word

November 10–November 15, 2025

This devotional material is based on Bible readings for Sunday, November 16.

Proper 28

The Gospel: Luke 21:5–28

The Destruction of the Temple and Signs of the End Times

5 Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 6 “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

7 “Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

8 He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them.

9 When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

10 Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

12 “But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.

13 And so you will bear testimony to me. 14 But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. 15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17 Everyone will hate you because of me. 18 But not a hair of your head will perish.

19 Stand firm, and you will win life.

20 “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. 21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. 22 For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. 23 How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. 24 They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

25 “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

Jesus foretells the impending destruction of the temple and of Jerusalem. What opportunity would the disciples have when they are persecuted?

To what other, greater cataclysmic event does Jesus point?

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

"Nothing lasts forever" we are told. How do Christians understand that saying differently?

This prophecy of Malachi was written around 400 years after Elijah the prophet lived. So who was the "Elijah" who would come before the day of the Lord? See Luke 1:13-17.

Devotion on the Gospel

Nothing lasts forever. Even the most permanent things in this world melt away. Of the Seven Wonders of the World, six are no longer with us. The Great Wall of China will someday cease to be a wall. The leaning tower of Pisa will eventually fall over and become rubble. Nothing lasts forever.

Even our very lives. We know we will all die. Our corrupted bodies won't last. Sin takes its toll and the grave waits for us all. Nothing lasts forever.

And there is hardship, trouble, grief, pain as we live in this fallen world, but all those things are temporary too! None of the troubles of this world will last forever. (Even death is defeated!)

Nothing lasts forever...except you and me. For all the terrors and destruction that Scripture describes in this text, we don't have to be afraid of that final day. "Not a hair of your head will perish." Jesus says. "Stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near,"

Nothing lasts forever...except God's Word. It's a sure word of hope in the midst of all that is falling down around us. It's a sure word of promise that gets us through dark days. It's a sure word that builds a faith that sees that even though our earthly life will end, our eternal life is secure. Even though our body may be destroyed, we will rise at the end and receive perfected and glorified bodies. We will live with our Lord and His people...forever.

The Old Testament Reading: Malachi 4:1-6

Judgment and Covenant Renewal

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. 2 But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. 3 Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty.

4 "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

5 "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

THE DAY IS COMING

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Warning Against Idleness

6 In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. 13 And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

The Psalm: Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a new song,

for he has done marvelous things;

his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

2 The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

3 He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;

5 make music to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,

6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.

8 Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;

9 let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

*What are we
Christians to do as
we wait for the Day
of the Lord?*

*Verse to Remember
Psalm 98:1*

*What marvelous
things has the Lord
done for you?*

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

*How often do we
find ourselves
fearful or
dismayed?*

*Our God says to us,
"Do not fear, for I
am with you; do not
be dismayed, for I
am your God. I will
strengthen you and
help you; I will
uphold you with my
righteous right
hand." Isaiah 41:10*

The Hymn: How Firm a Foundation *LSB 728*

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

"Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

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Fear
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Reading about Jesus' second coming and the judgment of the world may sound scary at first, but those who believe in Jesus have nothing to fear. In fact, thinking about Jesus' second coming should fill us with hope and joy! We will live with Jesus forever! Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

Luke 21:5-28

We know that Jesus is coming to take us to heaven to be with Him forever. So does that mean we can just sit around and do nothing as we wait? No way! "Never tire of doing what is good" Paul reminds us. Plan together how you can show God's love to someone this week.

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

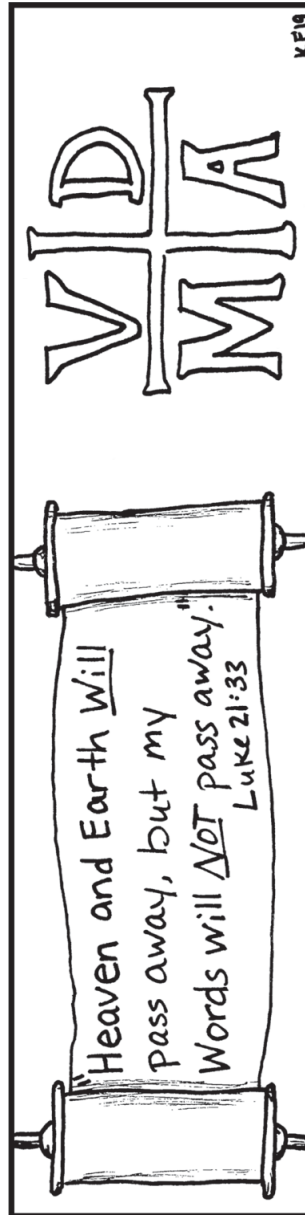
What does it sound like when the sea roars, or a river claps its hands, or the hills sing? It's not quiet! Bring out whatever musical instruments you have, or use your hands and voice, and join creation in praising the Lord!

Psalms 98

Verse to Remember

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

Psalms 98:1



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Prayer for the Week

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Walking Together in the Word

November 17 –November 22, 2025

This devotional material is based on Bible readings for Sunday, November 23.

Proper 29

The Gospel: Luke 23:27–43

27 A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. 28 Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ 30 Then “they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”” 31 For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?” 32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” 36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.” 38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. 39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Devotion on the Gospel

This is an interesting story to talk about on a week when we celebrate Christ the King Sunday, don’t you think? I might expect a reading like this during the season of Lent. But on Christ the King Sunday? Why would we talk about Jesus hanging on the cross when we’re celebrating Him as King of kings and Lord of lords? Why would we take a look at the Savior dying when we’re praising His rule over sin, death, and the grave?

Besides, when I think about Jesus as King, I usually think about Him rising from the dead, or ascending into heaven, or healing the sick, or making a meal for thousands of people from a few loaves of bread and a few pieces of fish, or reigning with the Father and Holy Spirit forever in heaven, or returning to earth on the Last Day. Doing great things! I normally don’t think of a king when I look at the cross.

But maybe I ought to. And maybe you should too. Because Jesus *is* a King. He’s just a different kind of King. He’s not an earthly king, but a heavenly King. He’s not a king victorious over armies, but a King victorious over sin and death and the power of the devil. He’s not a king with a throne, but a King with a cross. He’s the King of kings and Lord of lords. And He’s a King that gives the same promise to you that He gave to the criminal hanging next to Him: “You will be with me in paradise!”

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

What does this passage tell us about Jesus our King, and the kingdom of God?

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

Does it seem as though the evildoers prosper? What will happen on the day when the Lord acts (when He comes as Judge)?

Jesus began His ministry on earth by proclaiming, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel" Mark 1:15

What is the dominion of darkness? How has Jesus rescued us from it?

The Second Reading: Malachi 3:13-18

13 "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the Lord. "Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'"

14 "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the Lord Almighty? 15 But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.'"

16 Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

17 "On the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. 18 And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

The Epistle: Colossians 1:13-20

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. 19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

THE SON IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD

The Psalm: Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- 5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
- 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 8 Come and see what the Lord has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9 He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
- 10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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Verse to Remember:
Psalm 46:1

Notes, Thoughts, Questions

As you read the words of this hymn, can you trace our Savior's birth, life, death, and resurrection?

The Hymn: Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle *LSB 454*

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay;
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,
As a victim won the day.

Tell how, when at length the fullness
Of the appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
Left for us His Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience,
Shone as light amidst the gloom.

Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did His work, and met His death;
Like a lamb He humbly yielded
On the cross His dying breath.

Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thine equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For the weight that hung on thee!

Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To the eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.

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Good kings protect and take care of everyone in their kingdom, ruling wisely and justly. Jesus is the perfect King, the King of Kings, who gave His life so we could live forever in the kingdom of God. Make a paper crown and decorate it with crosses. Set it on your table to remind of the love of Christ, our King.

Luke 23:27-43

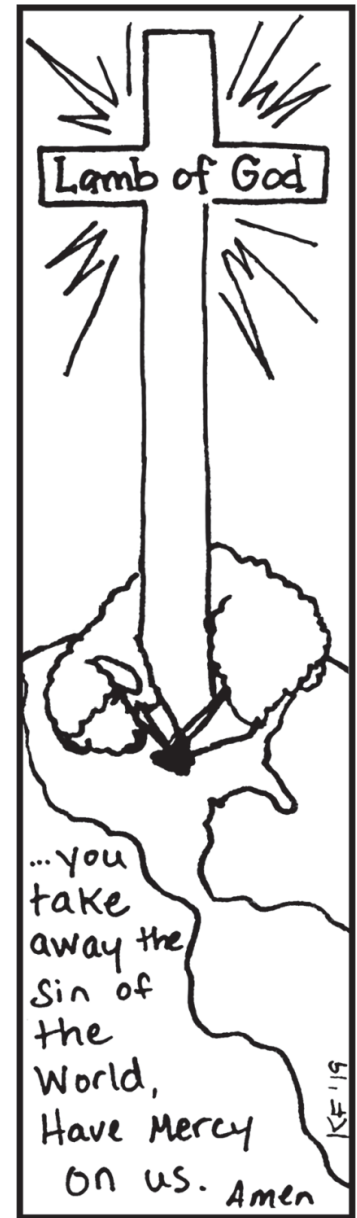
Jesus created all things in heaven and on earth. He is greater than all things, and before all things. Does this sound familiar? John began His Gospel in the same way: "In the beginning was the Word . . . all things were made through Him. Read John 1.

Colossians 1:13-20

When you are worried and afraid, reading and praying Psalm 46 will bring you comfort and hope. Read it slowly together now. What words and phrases are especially meaningful?

Psalm 46

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Psalm 46:1



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Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

