

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 2023

Worship Focus

A Story of Insane Rejection



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Order of Service for TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service

The Service: Setting Two

✕ Gathering ✕

OPENING HYMN

902 – Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word



1 Spread a - broad, O might - y Word, tell - ing
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will made the
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, who for -
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to



of a gra - cious Lord whose all - pow'r - ful
world, up - holds it still, how his on - ly
ev - er does re - move by his ho - ly
guide us on to heav'n, strong and ho - ly,



gos - pel call fills his heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
Son he gave all from sin and death to save.
sac - ri - fice all the guilt that on us lies.
just and true, work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain
all throughout the world remain,
but the reapers still are few;
great the work they have to do.
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all
see your light and heed your call.

Stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

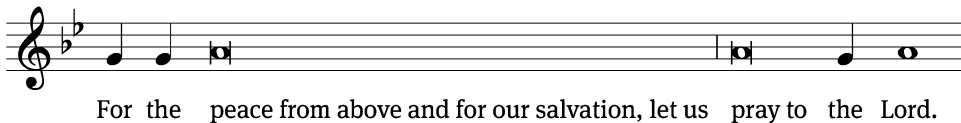
with his innocent suffering and death.

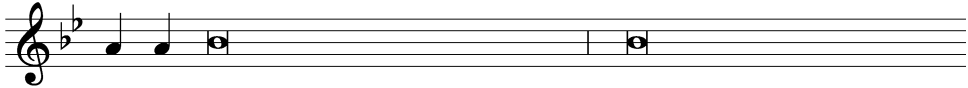
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)





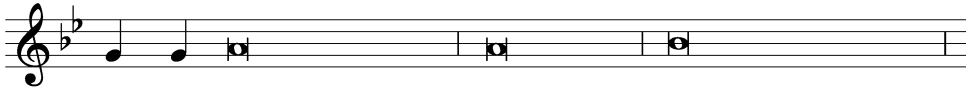
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.



SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

Be Seated

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

*The prophet Isaiah describes the heavenly banquet, where death and tears will be no more.
How does one get in? Through faith in God and his salvation.*

ISAIAH 25:6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare

a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Sung by the worship team

Better is One Day

- 1 *How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
For my soul longs and even faints for you.
For here my heart is satisfied, within your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of your wings.*

Refrain

*Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,
better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.
Better is one day in your courts, better is one day in your house,
better is one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.*

- 2 *One thing I ask and I would seek: to see your beauty,
to find you in the place your glory dwells.*

Refrain

Bridge

*My heart and flesh cry out for you, the living God;
your Spirit's water to my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me;
I will draw near to you, I will draw near to you.*

Refrain

SECOND READING

Romans 1:16-17

We are saved through faith alone. May we never reject this gospel truth.

ROMANS 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

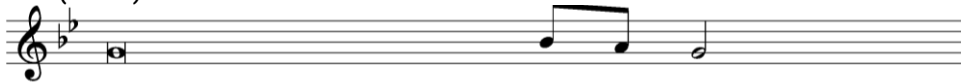
After a brief introduction, the congregation sings:

Refrain (congregation)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone (cantor)



On this mountain the LORD Almighty will pre - pare



a feast of rich food for all peo - ples.

Refrain

Refrain (congregation)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a story of those who insanely rejected a king's gracious invitation.

MATTHEW 22:1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The choir will sing the first three verses. The congregation is invited to join in the last verse.

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

**And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.**

The King of love is mine forever.

✠ Sermon ✠

Matthew 22:1-14

You Made the Guest List!

Sermon notes:

Stand

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

Lord Almighty, our King and our God, you are our sun and shield. Give your people strength until we appear before you. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty; **Listen to us, God of Jacob.**

Reveal your righteousness to all in the gospel of Christ, that many may be saved by your power and dwell in your house forever. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty; **Listen to us, God of Jacob.**

Send messengers near and far to share the invitation to your heavenly feast. Bless their testimony and open hearts to your Word. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty; **Listen to us, God of Jacob.**

When you renew all things you will wipe away tears from all faces. Lift the spirits of those who are troubled [*especially...*], provide them with caring friends, earthly medicine and your heavenly peace. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty; **Listen to us, God of Jacob.**

Bless your servants who reach out across cultures with the gospel of Jesus. Let your love conquer all prejudice and drive away all fears of differences. Bring people of all languages and races into your body, the Church. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty; **Listen to us, God of Jacob.**

You alone can give food for the soul, medicine for the sick and deliverance for your people. Hear our prayers for all who are in pain or in need, [*especially...*] that we all may rejoice and be glad in your salvation. Hear our prayer, Lord God Almighty; **Listen to us, God of Jacob.**

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayer

Lord Almighty, help us obediently follow the call of your Word, steadfastly believe in Christ, follow him in true innocence, show our faith with good works and enjoy your goodwill and blessing forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠ The Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

Stand

The Lord be with you.

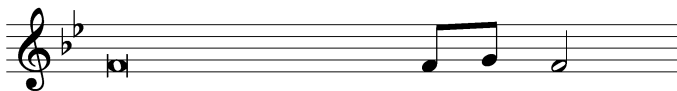
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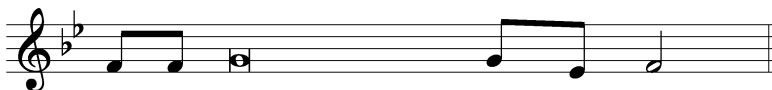
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Santus*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



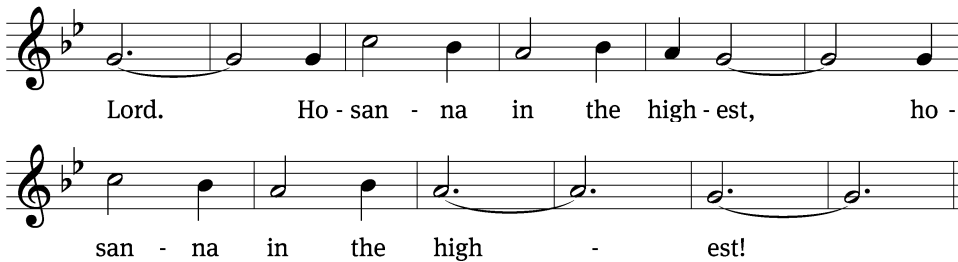
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Be seated

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD *(Agnus Dei)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

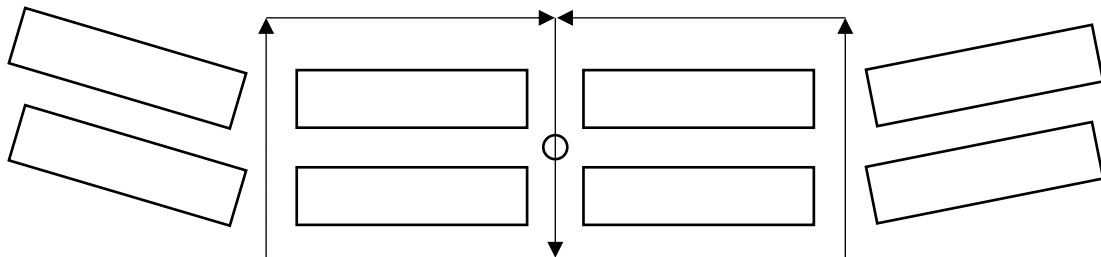
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score is written on six staves in a single system. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first two staves contain the first line of the text, the next two staves contain the second line, and the final two staves contain the third line. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Enter along the side aisles toward the altar area. Move toward the center (unless otherwise directed). After receiving the Supper, return to your seat down the middle aisle, depositing your cup in the receptacle.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

573 – Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,
this then shall be my only plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
for me and all your hands have made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

Stand

PRAYER

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; **his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

884 – Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see and taste your king-dom's
plea - sure, your blood my roy - al robe shall be, my
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your
throne, your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; with
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly
wrought, as your own bride I shall be brought, to
stand in joy be - side you.

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

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Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Scripture references: Ac 6:7; 2 Th 3:1; Lk 10:2
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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Music: Irish melody, St. Columbia; arr. Vicki Hancock Wright
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Hymn 573 – Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760, abr.; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703-1791, alt.
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
Scripture references: Isa 61:10; Php 3:8,9; 1 Jn 1:7; Rev 7:13, 14; Heb 12:24
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Hymn 884 – Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
Music: Kurt J. Eggert, 1923-1993
Scripture references: Isa 61:10; Jn 17:24; 2 Ti 4:8; Rev 19:6-9

Prayer of the Church

Response is from Psalm 84:8.

Petition “When you renew all things...” remembers World Mental Health Day, October 10.

Petition, “Bless your servants who reach out across cultures...” is in remembrance of St. Philip the Deacon, October 11.

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★ ★ ★ GODLY ★ ★ ★ GOVERNMENT

STAND ALONE SUNDAY
(October 22, 2023)

THEME FOR THE DAY:
Godly Government

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established” (Romans 13:1). Note the absolute language: no authority. None. Stated positively, every government and all government authority figures have power only because God gave it to them. Therefore, as citizens of the United States, we don’t support the government because those we voted for were elected or because we approve of the current tax policy or even because freedom of religion is enshrined in the First Amendment. We support our government simply because it was instituted by God. Jesus himself taught that we owe respect and obedience to our government, even when it doesn’t align with our political preferences.

Christians sometimes struggle with this. We see that government and rulers can be evil. Certainly, if government asks us to sin, “**we must obey God rather than human beings**” (Acts 5:29). But the existence of corrupt government and evil rulers does not negate what Scripture says to be true. “**There is no authority except that which God has established.**” Therefore, when we talk about “godly government” we are not saying that the only legitimate governments are those who do what is perfectly godly. We are confessing our belief that the King of kings is in perfect control of all the governments of this world, and that he works in all things—including tyrants and dictators—for the eternal good of his dear children.

THE TIME IN BETWEEN

SERMON SERIES (October 29, 2023 – November 26, 2023)

SERIES THEME: The Time In Between

In the great timeline of human history, there are only two ultimately significant points: the first time Christ came to our world to win salvation by his life, death, and resurrection; and the second time Christ will come to consummate his everlasting kingdom. We live in the time in between those two points. It is a time of tension. We know that peace and perfection are ours already because of what Jesus did the first time he came. Yet we do not enjoy a peaceful and perfect existence now already. We will not know such a life until Christ comes again. And so we wait and watch, living in the time in between. As the church year draws to a close, Scripture points us toward the end of time when Christ will come again. Until then Christ teaches us how to live in the time in between.

- Reformation (observed) – A Time for Steadfast Faith 10/18,29
- All Saints' Day (observed) – A Time to Focus on Future Glory 11/4,5
- Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – A Time for Watchfulness 11/11,12
- Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – A Time for Faithful Service 11/18,19
- Last Sunday of the Church Year – A Time to Yearn for the End 11/25,26