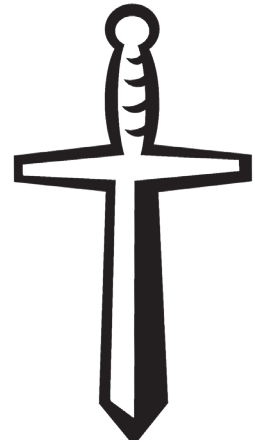


Pentecost 23

November 16, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 28 (Year C)

Jesus explained to all who would listen that the day was coming when the temple would simply be rubble on the ground. Many will come and try to lead them astray, but they are to hold fast to the Word they have come to know as Truth. There are many in our world who seek to lead us astray, but the message is the same now as it was then: Continue in your good work and hold fast to the love of Christ.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-6**Remember the Teachings of Moses**

A day is coming when the evil will be destroyed, but for those who follow Moses' teachings and revere the name of the Lord, there will be healing and new life. In that day, the Lord promises to send Elijah to turn hearts of parents and children toward one another in holiness and righteousness for the sake of Israel.

Psalm 98**The Lord is Righteous**

The Lord has made known his salvation to his people. He has remembered the house of Israel and will judge the world in righteousness. Sing his praises!

Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13**Do Not Be Idle**

As Paul closed his letter to the Thessalonians, he asked for their prayers and encouraged them not to be idle. All must contribute to the labors of the church and to earning their own living. Paul advised them to continue doing their good work in Christ's name and for his sake.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)**Do Not Be Led Astray**

Some who gathered near the temple marveled at its construction and beauty. To them Jesus said, "Someday there will not be one stone left." The people asked for more information on when that might be; instead of directly answering them, Jesus launched into a warning of future conflicts and persecutions. In that time the Son of Man will come in a cloud in all glory and power. He urged all who would listen to raise their heads and be aware, as redemption is drawing near.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles' Creed.
- * Today's scriptures point to the Truth of the good news in Jesus Christ that has its origin in the teachings of Moses. Jesus warned his followers not to be led astray by false prophets, even as they would suffer for the faith. What false prophets do we encounter in our world today? Do people realize that these messages they hear are false? Why or why not?
- * If your parish is considering a stewardship/giving program, check out the link to free stewardship resources at www.solapublishing.com.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
If You Will (But) Trust in God to Guide You	453	---	750	769	222	22
O God, Our Help in Ages Past	320	---	733	632	225	225
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies	265	---	873	553	164	164
When Peace Like a River	346	---	763	785	224	224
Abide with Me	272	---	878	629	62	62
How Firm a Foundation	507	---	728	796	191	191
We Praise You, O God	241	---	785	870	35	35
Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord	471	---	777	784	---	---
Come, You Thankful People, Come	407	---	892	693	261	261
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	198	---	621	490	80	80

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles
Days of Elijah (CCLI# 1537904)
Soon and Very Soon (CCLI#11249)
God, I Look to You (CCLI#5858163)
I Will Boast (CCLI#4662350)
Onward, Christian Soldiers (CCLI#47017)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.