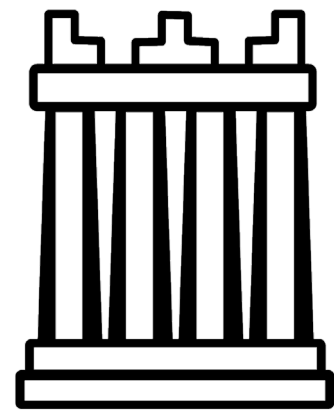


Pentecost 26

November 17, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 28 (Year B)

The Christian Church is no stranger to trials and suffering. Still, we are shocked and grieved each time we turn on the news and hear of faithful disciples who are being martyred around the world. Jesus taught his disciples that this trouble was coming, that his followers would be hated because of him. He also promised to be with us always; he is our refuge and strength, our hope and eternity. Hold fast!



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3 **A Time of Trouble for Israel**
In this passage of apocalyptic literature, Daniel prophesied an impending calamity for God’s people. The great prince, Michael the Archangel, will come to Israel’s defense. All those whose names are written in “the book” shall be saved.

Psalm 16 **I Take Refuge in You**
Though trials and tribulations will come, the psalmist acknowledged that it is the Lord in whom he takes refuge and strength. With the Lord on his side, he will not fall victim to his enemy. Trust in the Lord, for he holds you in safety and security.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-25 **Hold Fast the Confession of Our Hope**
Every priest rises daily to offer sacrifices in the temple, explained the author of Hebrews. Now we have Christ, our great High Priest, who offered himself for us so that we no longer have to offer sacrifices for the forgiveness of sin. Through him we have full access to God; the law of the Lord is written on our hearts and minds.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 13:1-13 **Signs of the End of the Age**
Jesus responded to his disciples’ awe about the stones with which the temple was constructed. He explained that there would be signs of the end, including the rocks they so admired being turned to rubble on the ground. He warned them that many would come and try to lead them astray, but they must hold fast to the word they have received. Suffering will come, but they must continue their work of sharing the Gospel message, and Holy Spirit will be with them through these trials.

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise in Ordinary Time.
- Use the Apostles’ Creed in Ordinary Time.
- Suffering is bound to come when disciples are following Jesus. The beauty of the Church of Christ is that we have each other to help carry the burdens of our suffering. When we lose sight of what God is doing among us, we have one another to redirect us back to the cross of Jesus. When the load becomes too heavy for one person to carry, we have brothers and sisters in faith who are there to take over for us. This is the community that many yearn for but don’t know how to find.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
The Church’s One Foundation	369	---	644	654	88	88
If You But Trust in God to Guide You	453	---	750	769	222	22
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	230	---	655	517	71	71
Stay With Us	---	743	879	348	---	---
Christ is Made the Sure Foundation	367	747	909	645	26	26
Precious Lord, Take My Hand	---	731	739	773	206	206
My Life Flows on in Endless Song	---	781	---	763	253	253
Onward, Christian Soldiers	509	---	662	---	228	228
Give Me Jesus	---	777	---	770	214	214
Every Time I Feel the Spirit	---	---	---	---	---	web

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:
Living Hope (CCLI# 7106807)
My Heart is Filled (CCLI# 4108704)
Refuge (CCLI# 3452925)
Mighty to Save (CCLI# 4591782)
You Are My King (Amazing Love) (CCLI# 2456623)

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