

NOVEMBER 16, 2025
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking† faith home

Jesus promises to protect us in tough times.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 21:5-19	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Monday	Malachi 4:1-2a	The day of judgment
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Warning against idleness
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 31:1-8	Joshua is appointed the leader
Thursday	Psalms 27	Trusting God
Friday	John 14:23-31	The Holy Spirit is promised
Saturday	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And he [Jesus] said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them." Luke 21:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of the past, present, and future, help us to endure difficulties knowing that you promise to protect us now and always through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for the fruit of the earth that feeds us and for your love that protects us we give you our thanks and praise through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you peace.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*If You But Trust in
God to Guide You*



WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When was a time you were afraid? Explain.
- How can faith in Jesus get you through tough times?

DEVOTIONS



Read: Luke 21:5-19.

This reading in Luke uses apocalyptic language, meaning it has a focus on the end times and worldwide struggles. Jesus tells his followers not to guess when the end times will come. Disasters and tragedies have happened and continue to happen around the world. When such times come and people experience major crises in their lives, it is good to know that *"not a hair of your head will perish"* (v. 18). For those who witness to their faith during times of crisis, it is also helpful to know that Jesus will provide the words and the wisdom. While we may anticipate difficult times, we are not to be led astray and worship that which is not eternal, even a beautiful temple like the one in Jerusalem. We are not to speculate about when the end will come or to follow false saviors. Life can be scary and difficult. We need to hold on to Jesus and his promise to hold on to us to the end.

Discuss: What are some disasters or tragedies happening in today's world? How can faith in Jesus help us endure such times?

Pray: **Almighty God, when wars, earthquakes, and other scary things happen, help us to lean on you alone and trust your eternal care through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you support those who are facing a natural disaster?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalms 98 calls on all the earth to make a joyful noise. Take a walk outside and look at God's creation around you. When you return home, draw a picture or write a list of things you saw. Then make up your own tune to use as you sing these words: ***O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.***

