

Weekly Readings for Proper 25
Year A, October 25, 2026

Collect of the Day

Lord of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, a gentle strength of body and unseen depths of soul, that we might love you wholly and our neighbor as ourself; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace.
Amen.

The First Reading— Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s creation.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (*read responsively by whole verse*)

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge * from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, ***
 from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say, * "Go back, O child of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past ***
 and like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep us away like a dream; * we fade away suddenly like the grass.
6 **In the morning it is green and flourishes; * in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.
14 **Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; ***
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 **Show your servants your works * and your splendor to their children.**
17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
 prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Second Reading— 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading—Matthew 22:22-46

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Announcements (if you have an announcement to share, please contact Rev. Sarah by Wednesday.)

Service Leaders for 10/25/26

Reader- Nick Bradley

Prayers of the People- Deb Francis

Usher- Dave Courey

Coffee Hour- Bittner Family

- **Upcoming Important Dates:**
 - Sept. thru Oct.- Season of Creation
 - Nov. 1- All Saints
 - Nov. 1, 8, 15- End of Life care and planning workshops
 - Nov. 29- First Sunday in Advent, Wreath-making
- **A Storysharing Follow-Up Reminder:** Please take a few moments following the service today to share on the giant post-its some of your hopes for Trinity. This comes as the next way to participate in our season of discernment, and input is incredibly valuable!
- **End of Life Care Workshops:** On the first three Sundays in November, we will offer three workshops to do with end-of-life care. This has been a widely requested offering from the congregation, as it allows us to begin the conversation of how to care for those who die, either the death of loved ones, expected or unexpected, and how to prepare for our own deaths in a way that supports and cares for our loved ones. These optional offerings will happen following our service, during fellowship time, and will last around an hour. The schedule is as follows:
 - **Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Sunday)-** The Church's presence in end-of-life care (funerals and memorials, pastoral care and visits, last rites, etc.)
 - **Sunday, November 8-** Ginny Hemmer, social worker, will join us to speak on some of the logistics of planning end of life care. She will use the Five Wishes framework and cover a variety of end-of-life care topics.
 - **Sunday, November 15-** For our final session, we will explore the topic of grief for individuals, caretakers, and family going through the death of a loved one.

Rev. Sarah's time: Please reach out for pastoral needs or time with me by email at sarahdienschlitt@gmail.com. Open office hours: 10-4 Tuesdays-Thursdays. I observe sabbath on Mondays, and don't typically answer emails on Saturdays and Mondays. If the situation is an emergency, please call or text at 218-341-0900.