

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.
Our Daily Ministers are The People of St. Mark's
Rev. Carrie Hoff, Pastor

WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

November 22, 2026
Christ the King
Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *" Crown Him Lord of All "* St. Mark's Handbell Choir

**** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☩ All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,

we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

**** PROCESSIONAL HYMN** **No.** 855

" Crown Him with Many Crowns "

**** GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

** **KYRIE**


In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us
pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

** CANTICLE OF PRAISE



**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I
will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and
thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and
bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and
the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing
land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the
shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost,
and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but
the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. 20 Therefore, thus says the Lord
GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed
with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered
them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge
between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall
feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my
servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

PSALM: Psalm 950:1-7a

We will read the Psalm responsively, starting with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: **We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.** *(Ps. 95:7)*

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
3 For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours. R
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
7a For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. **R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you
come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is
the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the
saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to
the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from
the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority
and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the
age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things
for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

** **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



** **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with
him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and
he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and
he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at
his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you
gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave
me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the
righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or
thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and
welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in
prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to
one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the
eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I
was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they
also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or
sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just
as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away
into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Carrie Hoff

** **HYMN OF THE DAY** No. 634

" All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! "

** **APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please be seated)*

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM ***"*** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ***"***

** **OFFERTORY HYMN** No. 689

" *Praise and Thanksgiving* ***" v.1***

** **OFFERING PRAYER**
Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

** **GREAT THANKSGIVING**
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

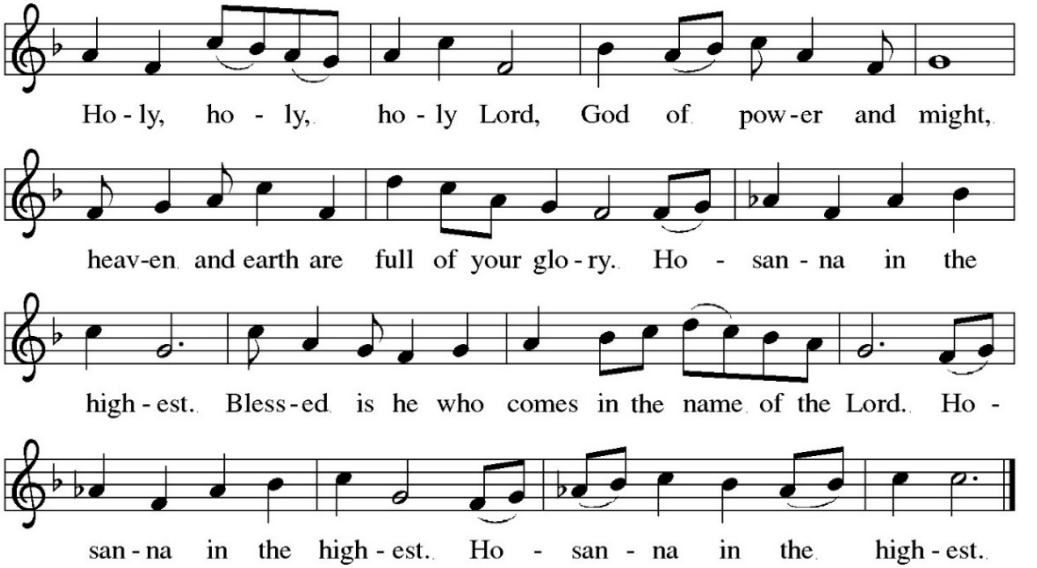
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**** PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



**** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

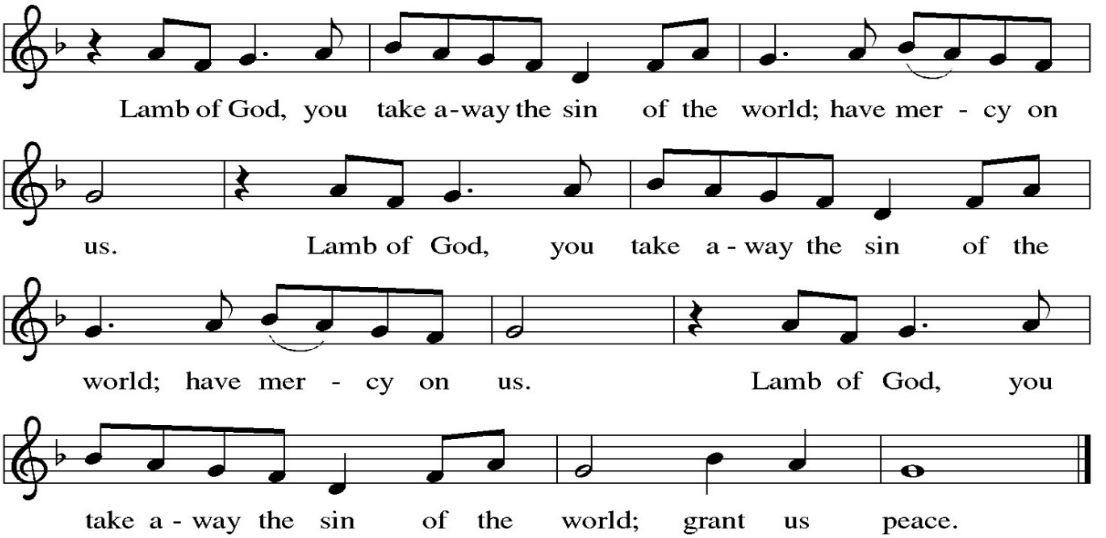
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**** LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

**** COMMUNION SONG**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the wine and bread at our Lord's table. Grape Juice is in pre-poured glasses and gluten-free wafers are available on the tables as you come forward.

COMMUNION HYMNS No. 471

" Let Us Break Bread Together "

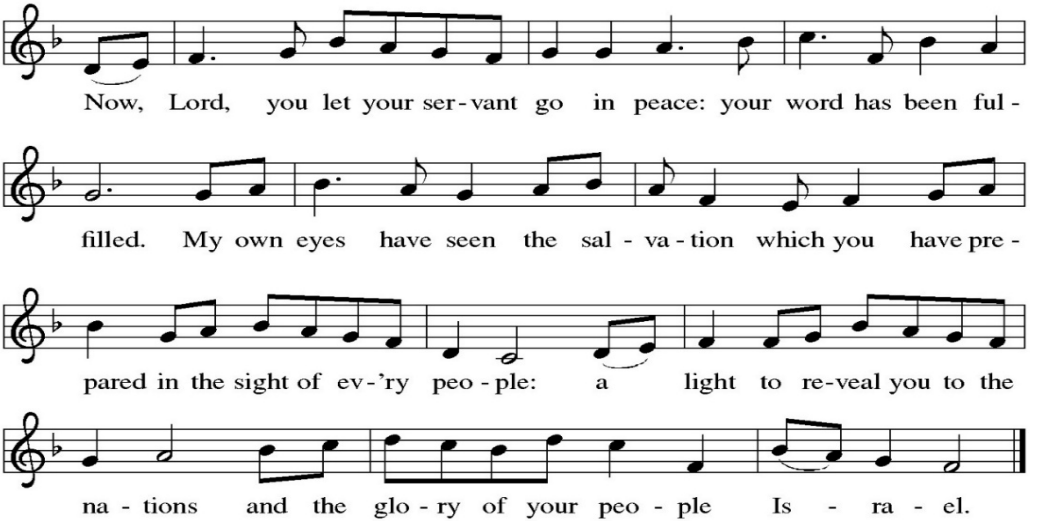
No. 679

" For the Fruit of All Creation "

** **TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

** **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



** **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever. **Amen.**

** **BLESSING**

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

** **RECESSIONAL HYMN** No. 264

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

** **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God. We WILL!

POSTLUDE *"Now Thank We All Our God"* by van DenmanThompson

St. Mark's Mission Statement

"United in Christ, Sharing his Good News,
we invite all people to grow in God's love."

Church Calendar November 22, 2026 – November 29, 2026

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Today	-	**Christ the King**
	-	Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion
	-	Deck The Hall & Pizza
Tuesday	-	**No** Yoga
Wednesday	-	**No** Bells Choir or Chancel Choir
Next Sunday	-	Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Serving Today

Acolyte:	Riley Feathers
Lector:	Peggy Jamison
Organist:	Sean Beachy
Co-Directors of Music:	Sean & Debi Beachy
Recorder:	Kathy Johnson
Communion Clean-up:	Sherry Beach & Phyllis Rinker
Flower Delivery:	Judy Bertsch
Safe Keeper:	Jana Brown
Ushers:	Terry Savage, Capt.
	Carol Savage, Paul LeDuc, Donna Swift

Pastor Carrie can be reached by email at pastorcarrie@stmarksoakland.com or phone 443-974-1738 for any pastoral needs or concerns.



Today's altar flowers are lovingly given by Bill Nemith
in memory of his beloved wife, Nancy.



Prayer Requests

Illness: Emelee DeWitt, Helen Ferrell, Valerie Minor, Viola Bennett, Josh Wilhelm, Tom Bittinger, Dorothee Bittinger, Joyce Chaney, Bill & Diana Bachtel, Abe, Fred Meyer, Tom Bingham, Jeff Gilbert, Dave, Ken Bachtel, Tim DeWitt, Carolyn Deems, Brother Denny, Nicholas, Joy, Carroll Bachtel, Connie Franklin, Butch Rinker, Brooklyn Schafer, Tim, John, Beck, Dustin, Hannah Sincell, Southern Garrett High marching band, Mike Z., Eric, Charles G., Archer, Dianna, Eric Anderson, Lynn Harden

Special Needs: Chase, Jeremy Lewis, George Tichinel, Nancy, Jessica, Dave & Michelle, Destiny, Sylvia, Mary-Jane, Cayce, Tom Bosley, Jake Blamble, Norma, Buddy Tasker, Mimi Demaree, Craig, Sue Fulmer, Davon DeBerry, Gary DeBerry, Andy, AJ, Artie Moore, Denise Haines, Gloria Lewis

Upcoming Events

Today	Christ the King with Holy Communion Deck the Hall & pizza after worship
Wednesday, December 9	Mid-week Advent Service @ 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 20	Youth-Led Worship Service Coffee Hour after worship
Thursday, December 22	Christmas Eve Special Music Prelude 7:30 p.m. Nativity of Our Lord Service 8:00 p.m.

A Few Schedule Reminders

- **No Yoga:** Tuesday, November 24th
- **No Handbells or Chancel Choir Practice:** Wednesday, November 25th

Wishing each of you a very **Happy Thanksgiving!** We hope you enjoy a wonderful holiday filled with blessings, gratitude, and time with family and friends.

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church

We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Here are a few things to help you feel comfortable in our space and more fully participate in worship. If you have questions at any time, our ushers will be happy to help.

Restrooms

- A first-floor restroom is available. Facing the pulpit, use the door to the left, enter the church office, and the restroom is located on the right.
- Restrooms and water fountains are also available downstairs. From the back of the sanctuary (narthex), take the steps downstairs, turn right into Fellowship Hall, restrooms are on the right and the water fountain is on the left.

Accessibility & Comfort

- Our bulletins contain the order of worship so you can easily follow along. You are invited to participate in the liturgy in areas indicated in bold and hymns can be found in the red hymnal.
- If standing during worship is uncomfortable, please feel free to remain seated.
- Hearing assistance devices and large-print bulletins are available—please ask an usher.

Visitors

- If you are visiting, we invite you to sign the guest registry located on the stand near the front doors or fill out a visitor envelope found in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate.
- If you or someone you know is in need of an extra prayer, please fill out a card in the pew back in front of you, and an usher will be by during the prelude to collect it.

Children

- Children's worship bags are available in the narthex. You are welcome to pick one up for your child(ren).

Electronics

- Please silence or turn off cell phones and electronic devices so that all may focus on worship.

Holy Communion

- If Holy Communion is celebrated today, please know that all are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice is available on the side tables and wine will be poured from the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Thank you for worshiping with us today—we are glad you are here.

GOD'S STORY OUR STORY™
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Family Take-home Devotions



November 22, 2026, Reign of Christ Sunday
Matthew 25:31-46

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.

Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Holy God, you long for your people to care for one another with the same compassion you show to them. Move our hearts in love wherever we encounter need and make us more like you with each day. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'" **(Matthew 25:34-35)**

Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus is beginning to sound a bit like a broken record with his repeatedly turning the social order upside down. What makes one great in the kingdom of God? Serving the least of these.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **What are some signs you observe in today's culture that indicate we are in need of Jesus' presence now more than ever? How would Jesus be received if was here today?**
- **In what ways have you betrayed Jesus? How could you make a change so that Jesus is first in your life?**
- **For the littles: Would you rather feed a hungry person or visit someone who's sick? Why? Jesus loves when we do either one, or both!**



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bring out the best in you. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Do one of the following this week: feed the hungry or thirsty, welcome a stranger, give clothing to those in need, visit someone who is sick or in prison. Notice how serving others affects you.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 28; Numbers 27:15-23; 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Tuesday, Psalm 28; Zechariah 11:4-17; Revelation 19:1-9

Wednesday, Psalm 28; Jeremiah 31:10-14; John 5:19-40

Thursday, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13

Friday, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 14:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

Saturday, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Micah 2:1-13; Matthew 24:15-31