Weekly Scripture Readings and Prayers for November 22-28, 2026

11/22/26 OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

11 “For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search
for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks
out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been
scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them
from all places where they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from
the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will
bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited
places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture,
and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing
land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on
rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I
myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will
make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the
lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the
injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the
strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

20 “Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I
myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep.
21 Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all
the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them
abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a
prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And 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 am the LORD; I have spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

11/22/26 EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28]When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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11/22/26 Holy Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

[31]Jesus said: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

[32]Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will
separate people one from another as a shepherd separates
the sheep from the goats. [33]And he will place the sheep on
his right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to
those on his right, ‘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 drink, I was a stranger
and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you clothed me, I
was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came
to me.’ [37]Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord,
when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and
give you drink? [38]And when did we see you a stranger and
welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39]And when did we
see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ [40]And the King will
answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the
least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

[41]“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me,
you cursed, 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 no drink, [43]I was a stranger and you
did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me.’ [44]Then they also will
answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not
minister to you?’ [45]Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I
say to you, 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.”

Scripture Readings for November 29, 2026, The First Sunday in Advent: **Isaiah 64:1–9, 20–24; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24-37.** You will benefit from reading them ahead of time. Help Pastor prepare his sermons by sharing your questions or insights with him.

Prayer Requests

✢ **For Church members:** Joan, Tremayne, Mickey, Don W, Jean M, Millie M – and their families and caregivers

✢ **For others who ask for prayer:** Steve, Norman, Karen, Ron, Rick, Dean, Phil's cousin Don, Ann, Melody, Shannon and her daughters Bella, Winnie, and Hazel; Erik, Jan's cousins Brad, Julie, Bonnie (all 3 siblings with cancer) and for their sister Laurie & husband Jim (car accident); Helen, Janelle, Evelin

✢ Jim's neighbor John - home hospice from abdominal cancer

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