11/8/26 OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

11/8/26 EPISTLE 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers,
about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve
as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe
that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen
asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the
coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have
fallen asleep. 16For the Lord himself will descend from
heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.
And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are
alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them
in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will
always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one
another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

11/8/26 Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

1Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten
virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the
bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were
wise. 3For when the foolish took their lamps, they took
no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all

became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ [9]But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12]But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Scripture Readings for <u>November 15, 2026</u>:
Zephaniah 1:7–16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30. You will benefit from reading them ahead of time. Help Pastor prepare his sermons by sharing your questions or insights with him.

<u>Prayer Requests</u>

✢ **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 3 children, Erik, Jan’s

cousins Brad, Julie, Bonnie (cancer), for Helen in her struggle with addiction and peace for her family; Janelle, Evelin

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

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