

NOVEMBER 22, 2015
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST/
THANKSGIVING

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Give thanks to Jesus the King.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 18:33-37	Jesus, the King of truth
Monday	Mark 15:1-15	Pilate questions Jesus
Tuesday	Mark 15:16-32	Jesus, the King of the Jews
Wednesday	John 14:1-6	Jesus is the truth
Thursday	Matthew 6:25-33	Do not worry
Friday	Joel 2:21-27	Be glad and rejoice
Saturday	Psalms 126	The Lord has done great things
Sunday	Luke 21:25-36	The coming of the Son of Man

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He has made us members of his royal family. He has made us priests who serve God the Father. Give him glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Revelation 1:6 (NIRV)

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, you are the King of truth. Help us to listen to you. Amen. (John 19:37)

Mealtimes Prayer:

Blessed be to God, our King, for health and food, for love and friends, for everything God's goodness sends. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, your King, bless you with love. May Jesus help you to know his forgiveness and give you power to serve him. Amen. (Revelation 1:5-6)

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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What would you do if you were a king or queen for a day?
- Jesus is a King. What sort of King is this poor and humble man? Where and how does he reign?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus is your King? In what ways do you show thanks to him for his loving care and protection?

DEVOTIONS

In your household devotional times this week, reflect together on the ways God has blessed you in the last day(s). Make a list of things that you are thankful to God for. See how many different items you can list by the end of the week. Say a prayer of thanks each time you gather, naming those things for which you are thankful.

SERVICE

Express gratitude for all the blessings in your life this Thanksgiving. Give thanks by helping those who are less fortunate than yourself. Many people, due to circumstances such as age, illness or homelessness, may not have the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with loved ones. You could extend your blessings to them by:

- Volunteering to serve dinner at a local shelter
- Visiting a local nursing home
- Inviting someone who lives alone or who is new to your community to join you for your Thanksgiving meal
- Visiting a local hospital with small gifts for patients on Thanksgiving Day

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

November 22 is the last Sunday of the 2014-15 church year. Arrange to visit your place of worship this week for a time of "walk and talk." Walk around the property together and, as you do, talk about your experiences of church life over the past year. What were some highlights? What were some challenges, disappointments or difficulties? In what ways did you learn or grow? Pray together for God's blessing upon your church, for those who are part of it, and for your involvement with it over the next year.



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