

NOVEMBER 22, 2015
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST/
REIGN OF CHRIST

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Jesus is the King of kings.

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	John 8:31-47	The truth will set you free
Friday	2 John 1:1-9	Walking in the truth
Saturday	Psalms 47	Sing praises to our King
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 his God and 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)

Mealtime Prayer:

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

A Blessing to Give:

May Jesus, your King, bless you with his love. May he 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 serve and acknowledge him as King?

DEVOTIONS

November 22 is the last Sunday of the 2014-15 church year. In your household devotion time this week, talk together about your experience 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 and your involvement with it over the next year.

SERVICE

As this church year ends, plan to say thank you to those in your congregation who have served you over the past year – pastors, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and so on. Give them a small gift, note or card in appreciation for their contributions.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Advent begins next Sunday. Begin to plan for your home observance of Advent. One great household Advent tradition is the *Advent wreath*. Set up four purple or blue candles with a white candle in the center. One candle is lit during the first week of Advent, another during the second week and so on. On Christmas Day, the white candle is lit in celebration of the birth of Christ.