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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.

Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Holy Communion — At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost November 12, 2017

Introduction

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship – Through the week of stress and demands, we come to you this day, O Lord. Awaken us again to your comforting and loving presence in our lives. Help us to be open to the many ways in which you have called to us and sustained us. Make us ready to be of service to you. Amen. - Nancy C. Townley, on the **Worship Connection** page of the **Ministry Matters** website.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringing Of The Bell

Welcome And Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us into an

everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who

enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If only we had been more aware how often we meet the Lord in life!

Let us ask him to forgive us. — silence for reflection - Lord Jesus, you seem absent when we struggle with suffering, but you are there with your

strength: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Jesus Christ, often we forget you in the cares of everyday life, but

you are there with us: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we neglect to care for you in our sick and neglected

brothers and sisters, but you want us to serve you in them: Lord,

have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Forgive us all our sins, Lord, and make us look for your presence.

Walk with us and lead us to the feast of everlasting life.

People: Amen. ~ from <u>Liturgies Alive</u>, <u>Models of Celebration</u>.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you,

Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

People: Amen.

(We share the peace of the Lord with one another)

Entrance Hymn – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

(LBW 250, please remain standing)

 Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer. Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

 Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!

- Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown; let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone, so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
- 4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine; howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy word still o'er me shine as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.
- Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed; may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed. Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Psalm Of The Day - Psalm 70 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

People: Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let

those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be

disgraced.

Pastor: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because

of their shame.

People: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who

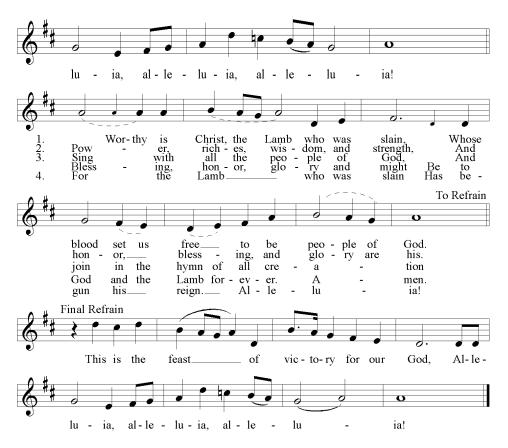
love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"

Pastor: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You

are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Hymn Of Praise - This is the feast ..." (Please remain standing)





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Prayer Of The Day (Please Stand)

Lay Minister: Sisters and brothers in Christ, beloved children of God: grace, mercy, and

peace be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Lay Minister: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the

words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the

needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

The First Reading - Amos 5:18-24 (Please be seated)

In the days of Amos people thought that the day of the Lord would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The Lord demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (Please remain seated)

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so 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 died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Verse (Please stand)



The Holy Gospel – Matthew 25:1-13 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is written in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew.

People:



Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When 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, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." – *The Gospel of our Lord*

People:



Hymn Of The Day – In Christ Alone (BH #506, please be seated)





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Message

A Day Of Darkness Amos 5:18-24

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all

people according to their needs. — Brief personal prayer - We pray for the Church, the gathering of God's forgiven people, that we may support and encourage one another as we await the day of the Lord's return.

People: In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our nation, our state, our local community, and our

neighborhoods. May justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream in our courts and in all centers of government, that all may lead lives that are peaceful and peaceable.

People: In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those who serve among us as leaders in the Church,

that they may find support and joy in their service. We pray that many young men and women would be led into vocations of service in the

Church, encouraged by our prayers and our gifts.

People: In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those with special need for our petitions in these times,

including the sick and hospitalized, the shut-ins, those facing challenges in employment or in other parts of their lives, that their needs may be met according to God's gracious plan. This day we

remember all those in need of our prayers.

People: In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray, O Lord, that we may use all of the good gifts You have

given us with thanksgiving, caring for our own bodies, using the talents we have been given, and seeking to be the neighbors and

friends You have designed us to be.

People: In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

Pastor: This day we remember all those in need of our prayers.

People: In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We thank You, Lord, for the witness left to us by Your saints, those

we have known personally in our lives and those from times past

whose witness continues to inspire and inform us. May Your Holy Spirit lead us each day to be those people who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You as we await the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

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People: In mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting

in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Offerings are received. Please be seated)

Prayer (Please be seated)

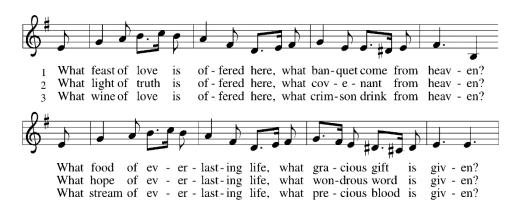
Lay Minister: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need.

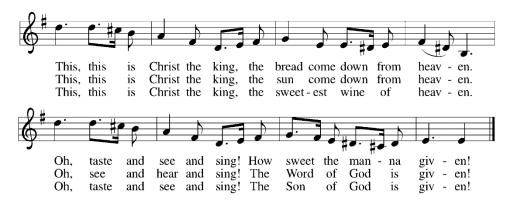
The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and

boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Hymn – What Feast of Love (ELW #487, please remain seated)





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Sacrament Of The Altar

Preface (Please stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

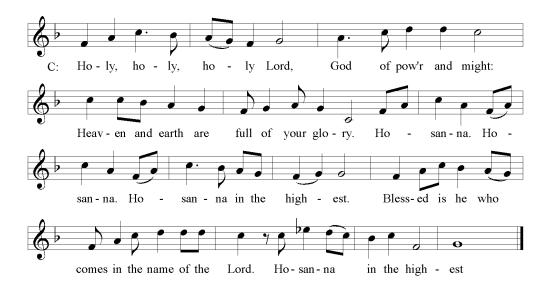
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in

all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we thank You that You have called us to prepare for and to await with joy the Last Day and return of our Savior Jesus Christ to earth in glory, when He shall judge the living and the dead and shall bring the fullness of Your eternal kingdom. With all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glory by joining in

the eternal anthem and singing:

Sanctus (From the Latin meaning "Holy". Please remain standing)



Prayer Of Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor:

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for all You have done for Your people in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We thank You for the gift of life and all we receive through it, and we bless You for the assurance of Your continuing merciful care when this life is ended. Accept our praise, O Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day may be filled with Your heavenly joy and peace. As we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, may we be sanctified in body, soul, and spirit and finally be granted a place with all Your saints. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

The Words Of Our Lord (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took

disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My № body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." ... In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My № blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ... As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body

and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your

kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

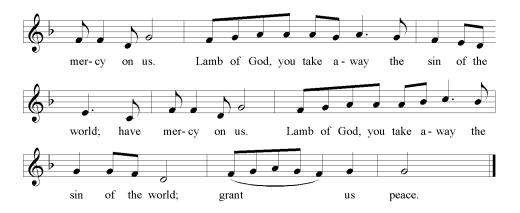
The Peace Of The Lord (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Lamb Of God (Please remain standing)





Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray carried by the acolyte or lay minister. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

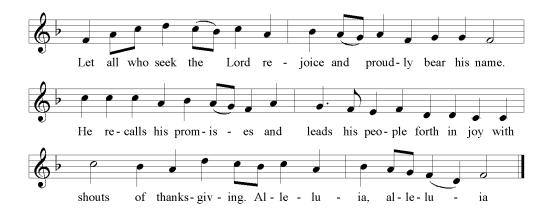
Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Post Communion Canticle (Please remain standing)





Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with

the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. We ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all

honor and glory, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: God the Father bless your lives and your deeds with His peace. God

the № Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, fill your hearts and your days with hope. God the Holy Spirit be with you to make your lives expressions

of God's gracious and abiding love, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal (Please Stand)

Lay Minister: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn - Lord Of All Hopefulness (LBW #469, please remain standing)

- Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy: be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3. Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace: be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Announcements (Please be seated)

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Ricky Adams
Organist: Janet Reese
Lay Minister: Cynthia Smith

Altar Guild: MaryAnn Griller and Vicki McGowan

Coffee Hour: Don and Beverly Erbel

Usher: Rick Kenney and Vicki McGowan Counter: Rick Kenney and Vicki McGowan

Lay Reader: Art Strassburger

Activities This Week:

Sunday – November 12	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – November 14	10:30 A.M. 9:30-12:30am 4:15-5:45 6:30	Brown Bag Stage Door (PH) Kids Music Class(LL) Women's Bible Class
Wednesday – November 15	10:30 a.m. 4:15-5:45 6pm 6:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Kids Music Class(LL) Stage Door (PH) Council
Saturday – November 18	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 11:00 – 1:00	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) SF Chinese Academy(N)
Sunday – November 12	9:30am	Service of the Word

Announcements For November 12, 2017

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers – Flower today are given to the glory of God by Cynthia Smith in memory of her mother's birthday.

Refreshments - will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

The Giving Tree - This year we are supporting our friends and neighbors at Fireside.

We are asking for:

- 32 ~ \$15 Walgreens Gift Cards
- 18 ~ \$15 Target Gift Cards

Monetary Donations

(Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, writing Fireside in the "For" section)

The last day to donate or bring gift cards: Sunday, December 10

As you know, we have been partnering with Fireside for many years. They are all so appreciative of what we do for each of them.

Giving these low income seniors and families a gift at Christmas truly brightens their holiday season. For many, this is all they will receive.

Thank you for your generosity.

Brown Bag – Brown Bag meets Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. in the Lounge.

Women's Bible Class – Women's Bible Class meets Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge

November Calendar – The November Calendar and server list is available today by the mailboxes.

Facebook - Like us on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Church Mill Valley or @peacelutheranmill

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is http://bulletin.plcmarin.org

Weekly Devotional Helps November 12 – November 18, 2017

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – November 13	Tuesday – November 14
Psalm 63	Psalm 63
Amos 8:7-14	Joel 1:1-14

1 Corinthians 14:20-25 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Wednesday – November 15 Thursday – November 16

Friday – November 17

Psalm 90:1-12 Ezekiel 7:1-9 Revelation 16:8-21

Saturday – November 18

Psalm 90:1-12 Amos 4:6-13 Matthew 12:43-45

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Luke 17:11-19

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