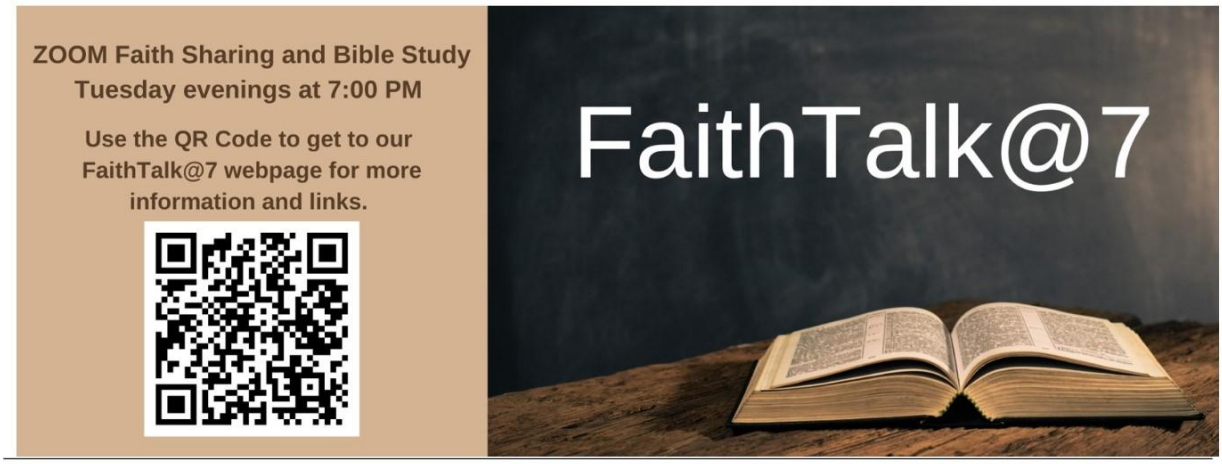
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Sunday, November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost – Revised Readings with Semicontinuous Text



The first two readings have been changed to the semicontinuous text offered in the lectionary, which will be used in worship this week.

Judges 4:1-7

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after
Ehud died. 2 So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of
Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was
Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried
out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron
and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.
4 At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging
Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah
and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up
to her for judgment. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of
Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the
God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor,
taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of
Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to
meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I
will give him into your hand.' "

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Psalm 123

1 To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.
2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,**
and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show | us your mercy.
3 Have mercy upon us, O | Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,
4 **too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,**
and of the derision | of the proud. R

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you
yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you,
brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall
asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those
who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at
night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on
the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are
doing.

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Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a
journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one
who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and
made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the
two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received
the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his
master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves
came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had
received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents,
saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have
made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good
and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I
will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward,
saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have
made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good
and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I
will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came
forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping
where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter,
25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked
and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow
and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have
invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would
have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent
from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all
those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have
will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the
outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
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