

Across

- 2 _____ was an important servant of Moses.
- 5 The Lord told _____ to appoint Joshua as the new leader.
- 7 The destruction of _____ occurred in 70 AD.
- 8 We know the truth because it always points us to _____.
- 10 Joshua's armies attained _____ through God's power.

Down

- 1 Joshua was commander of the _____ armies.
- 3 We are baptized into "the _____ of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- 4 Jesus warns us about false christs and false _____.
- 6 If we are _____ then we can trust that Jesus will take us to heaven to be with Him someday.
- 9 Joshua encouraged the Israelites to _____ God.

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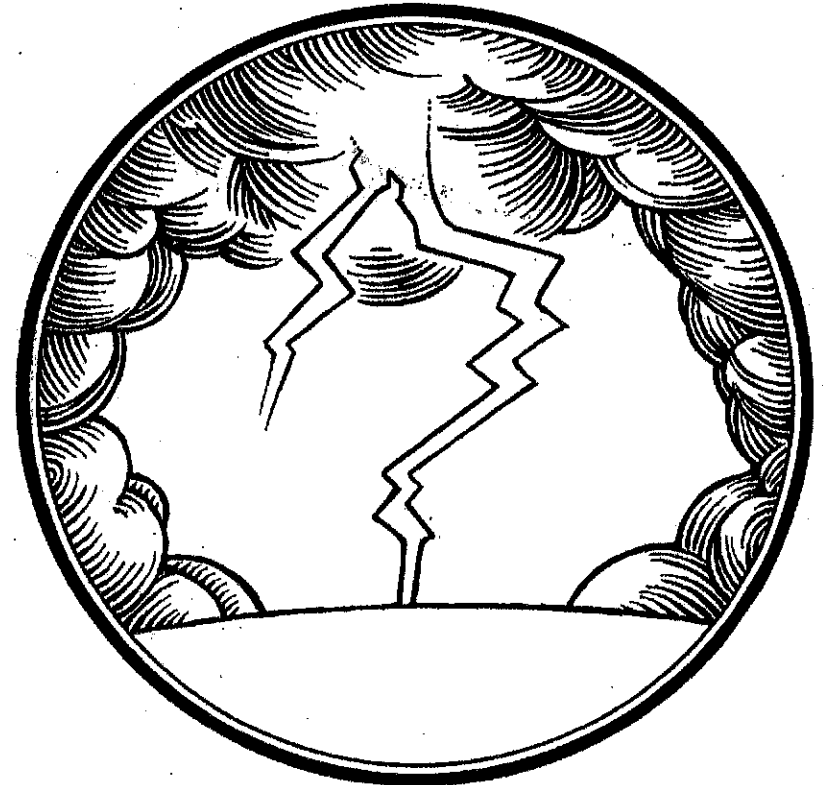
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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Twenty-Fifth Week after Trinity is green.



What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the words, "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This is called the Invocation and begins the service. These words were spoken over you when you were baptized. When we hear them during the service they help us remember that we were united with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in our baptism.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:15-28

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

15 [Jesus answered the disciples], "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, 18 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. 19 And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! 20 Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. 22 And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. 24 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand. 26 So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. 27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) This reading includes some warnings for us now, but also warnings about the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD. We know when Jerusalem was destroyed but do we know when Christ will come back to judge us on the last day at the end of the world?
- 2) Christ tells us to be aware of false christs and false prophets. Where do we find the truth and learn about Jesus? Is it in His Word? Who tells us the truth about Jesus and explains to us what the Bible says?
- 3) We can test whether something is true or not because the truth will always point to Christ. Can you think of

things people say are "religious" but don't really point us to Christ?

- 4) When Christ comes on the last day He will take all Christians to heaven to be with Him. Do we need to be afraid of the last day? If we are baptized then do we know that we are one of the Christians who will be saved?

People of the Bible: Joshua

Joshua was an important assistant of Moses, whom we learned about the week of Epiphany II. He was a great leader and a trusted servant of Moses during the time the Israelites wandered in the wilderness. The Lord instructed Moses to appoint Joshua as new leader of the Israelites when Moses was old, and the Lord granted Joshua the wisdom he needed to lead. Joshua was commander of the Israelite armies and led them into battle many times attaining victory through God's power. He conquered many other lands and granted the land to God's people, the Israelites. Joshua died when he was 110 years old. Joshua encouraged the Israelites to trust God and God rewarded him for his faith and courage.

Hymn – "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.
- 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.