# Sunday, November 8, 2026 Scripture Readings

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that
you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died
and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen
asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who
are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For
the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an
archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to
meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one
another with these words.

## Matthew 25:1-13

**25** “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at
midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7 Then all those
virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not
be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while
they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him
to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also,
saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12 But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’
13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.