Sunday, November 17, 2024 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3

1 - At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise.

Daniel 10: 12-14 – Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, and I have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days.

1 - There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.

Daniel 9: 27 – For half of the week he shall make sacrifice and offering cease; and in their place shall be an abomination that desolates, until the decreed end is poured out upon the desolator.

Daniel 11: 31-32 – Forces sent by him shall occupy and profane the temple and fortress. They shall abolish the regular burnt offering and set up the abomination that makes desolate. He shall seduce with intrigue those who violate the covenant; but the people who are loyal to their God shall stand firm and take action.

Daniel 12: 11-12 – From the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that desolates is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred ninety days. Blessed are those who persevere and attain the thousand three hundred thirty-five days.

2 - Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Psalm 16 – A Miktam of David

1 - Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you.

4 - Those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

8-10 - I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. My heart, therefore is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

11 - You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Verses 8-11 are quoted by Peter on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2: 22-31) and are interpreted as telling of Jesus.

Hebrews 10:11-25

11 - Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins.

12-13 - But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet."

Psalm 110: 1 – The Lord says to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool."

14 - By a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

19-21 - Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God

22 - Let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 - Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

24 - And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.

25 - Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

1-2 - As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

3-4 - When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?"

Matthew 24: 3 – When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

5-8 - Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

9 – They will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me.

13 – You will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

14-16 – When you see the desolating sacrilege set up where it ought not to be (let the reader understand), then those in Judea must flee to the mountains; the one on the housetop must not go down or enter the house to take anything away; the one in the field must not turn back to get a coat.

18-19 – Pray that it may not be in winter. For in those days there will be suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now.

20 – And if the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would be saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he has cut short those days.

23 – Be alert; I have already told you everything.

26 – Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. He will send out the angels and gather his elect.