

*Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way*

November 13, 2016

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19



When I am Afraid. Object: None is needed.

Is anyone here afraid of snakes? How about the dark -- is anyone afraid of the dark? Are any of you ever afraid during a thunderstorm? Well, the fact is, we are all afraid of something.

One day Jesus was with his disciples in the temple. The disciples were commenting on how beautiful the temple was when Jesus began to tell them about some things that were going to happen. He told them that the temple would one day be destroyed and that there would be wars, earthquakes, and people starving. He also told them that they were going to be hated and persecuted and even thrown into prison. Those are scary things, aren't they? It would be understandable for the disciples to be afraid, but Jesus told them not to be afraid. He promised that he would be with them and that not a hair on their heads would be harmed if they put their trust in him.

Jesus has also promised to help us when we are afraid. Everyone is afraid of something, and fear can be a good thing, but we should not let our fears keep us from enjoying the life that Jesus wants us to have. After all, he has promised to help us when we are afraid.

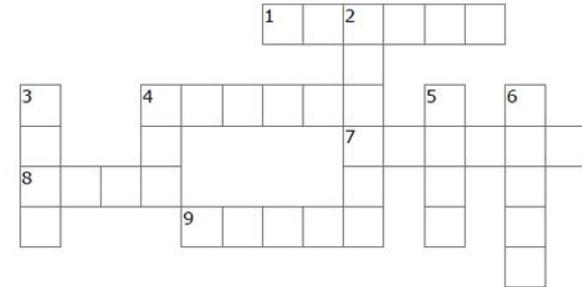
Dear Jesus, we put our faith and trust in your promise to be with us when we are afraid. Amen.

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PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia (Luke 21:28)

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government
4. To make good decisions based on knowledge and experience
7. A building where people are kept as a punishment
8. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
9. A piece of rock used in construction of the temple

DOWN

2. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
3. The period between birth and death
4. Fighting between two or more countries
5. Something that is given without compensation
6. To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen

LIFE	STONE	TEMPLE	GIFT	WORRY
WISDOM	FEAR	PRISON	NATION	WAR

NO FEAR TREE: Have the child trace their opened hand and part of their arm and make fingerprints in greens, oranges, browns and yellows as the "leaves" of a tree. The child can write NO FEAR in some of their little fingerprint "leaves", or other words of the story such as BE NOT AFRAID, JESUS WILL HELP ME, etc. This NO FEAR TREE paper could be glued onto a brown or orange piece of construction to make a pretty Fall poster.

GIVE THANKS POSTER: Give the child pictures or stickers to glue onto an orange piece of construction paper, with the title GIVE THANKS FOR NO FEAR BECAUSE JESUS IS HERE.



GOD IS WITH ME WHEN I AM AFRAID.

