TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 27

## ALWAYS

BE READY FOR JESUS' RETURN


## CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. How does it feel to be running late for an appointment or an event?
2. Share about an experience you have of being late.


BIBLE READINGS
Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.


Joshua 24:1-25
The covenant renewed

2nd reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Believers who have died
Gospel reading

## Mathew 25:1-13

Parable of wise and foolish

Jesus says that we don't know when he will return, so we need to be ready for him. What do you think it means to be ready?

## ACTION RESPONSE

Plan and prepare a family/household service activity. Think about the way each person in your family can contribute together. Some examples might be:

- Serve morning tea after church
- Plant flowers, pull weeds and mow the lawn as a surprise for a family who is in crisis.
- Attend a community working bee.
- Do another family member's daily chore.

For this meal and all God's gifts, let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Lord Jesus, we are waiting for you to come again. Take us to be with you forever. Amen.


SO ALWAYS BE READY, BECAUSE
YOU DON'TKNOW THE DAY OR THE HOUR THE SON OF MAN WILL COME.

