"THE BLUE SHEET" <u>Journey in the Word 2025</u> 71st Edition: Sept 8 – Nov. 30 Fall – First Sunday in Advent

Welcome to the 71st edition of "The Blue Sheet Readings." What an incredible journey through the many editions/years of these special readings. Let's continue to be in the Word as we give space for the Word (and the WORD) to be in us.

As has been our practice, this edition follows the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) **Year C** for Sunday readings. Once again, how special it is to join millions of believers around the world as we spend time in God's Word together on our Sunday gatherings. And as we enter into the First Sunday in Advent (Nov 30), we'll then move into **Year A** (Revised Common Lectionary)

During this fall season, our focus will be on the Gospel of Matthew. Some of the readings will be short and some will be lengthy. Take time to read and reflect upon what is happening as Matthew focuses on the life of Jesus. There are many great resources to help you on your journey – please take advantage and time to journey through these readings as opposed to merely reading through these readings. One great resource is a commentary put out by the Foundry Publishing Company (Beacon Hill Press) – New Beacon Bible Commentary – Matthew: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition

As always, please share your discoveries with others, for as you know, the Scriptures are written to be heard, read, and lived within community. Enjoy spending time in the Word this season and we pray that the Word will spend time in you! Maybe you would be able to begin journaling – in your own style...a good spiritual discipline to follow as well. Thx – pk!

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One more encouragement, download the Lectio 365 app connected with 24-7prayer.com The fall can be a great time to develop a new spiritual formational practice.

SEPTEMBER

Sept 8 – Matthew 1:1-17 Sept 9 – Matthew 1:18-25 Sept 10 – Matthew 2:1-23 Sept 11 – Matthew 3:1-17 Sept 12 – Matthew 4:1-11 Sept 13 – Matthew 4:12-17 Sept 14 – Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10 Sept 15 – Matthew 4:18-22 Sept 16 – Matthew 4:23-5:16 Sept 17 – Matthew 5:17-42 Sept 18 – Matthew 5:43-6:15 Sept 19 - Matthew 6:16-34 Sept 20 – Matthew 7:1-14 Sept 21 – Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13 Sept 22 – Matthew 7:15-29 Sept 23 - Matthew 8:1-4 Sept 24 – Matthew 8:5-13 Sept 25 – Matthew 8:14-17 Sept 26 – Matthew 8:18-34 Sept 27 - Matthew 9:1-8 Sept 28 - Jer. 32:1-3a,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31 Sept 29 – Matthew 9:9-13 Sept 30 – Matthew 9:14-26 **OCTOBER** Oct 1 - Matthew 9:27-34 Oct 2 - Matthew 9:35-38 Oct 3 – Matthew 10:1-42 Oct 4 - Matthew 11:1-30 Oct 5 - Lamentations 3:19-26; Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10 Oct 6 - Matthew 12:1-14 Oct 7 – Matthew 12:15-21 Oct 8 – Matthew 12:22-13:1 Oct 9 – Matthew 13:2-52 Oct 10 - Matthew 13:53-58 Oct 11 - Matthew 14:1-21 Oct 12 - Jeremiah 29:1,4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19 Oct 13 – Matthew 14:22-33 Oct 14 - Matthew 14:34-15:20 Oct 15 – Matthew 15:21-28

Oct 16 - Matthew 15:29-39

Oct 17 – Matthew 16:1-12

Oct 18 - Matthew 16:13-28

Oct 19 – Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

Oct 20 - Matthew 17:1-23

Oct 21 - Matthew 17:24-18:35

Oct 22 – Matthew 19:1-15

Oct 23 – Matthew 19:16-20:16

Oct 24 – Matthew 20:17-28

Oct 25 - Matthew 20:29-34

Oct 26 – Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65;

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Oct 27 - Matthew 21:1-17

Oct 28 - Matthew 21:18-46

Oct 29 – Matthew 22:1-14

Oct 30 - Matthew 22:15-46

Oct 31 – Matthew 23:1-24:2

ALL SAINTS DAY

Nov 1 – Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149;

Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Nov 2 – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Ps 119:137-144;

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Nov 3 - Matthew 24:3-35

Nov 4 – Matthew 24:16-51

Nov 5 - Matthew 25:1-13

Nov 6 - Matthew 25:14-30

Nov 7 - Matthew 25:31-46

Nov 8 – Matthew 26:1-5

Nov 9 – Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5,17-21;

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Nov 10 - Matthew 26:6-16

Nov 11 - Matthew 26:17-30

Nov 12 - Matthew 26:31-35

Nov 13 - Matthew 26:36-56

Nov 14 - Matthew 26:57-68

Nov 15 - Matthew 26:69-75

Nov 16 - Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 98;

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Nov 17 – Matthew 27:1-10

Nov 18 - Matthew 27:11-44

Nov 19 - Matthew 27:45-66

Nov 20 – Matthew 28:1-10

Nov 21 – Matthew 28:11-15

Nov 22 – Matthew 28:16-20

Nov 23 – Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79;

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Nov 24 – Psalm 145

Nov 25 - Psalm 146

Nov 26 - Psalm 121

THANKSGIVING DAY

Nov 27 - Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100;

Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

Nov 28 - Psalm 111

Nov 29 – Psalm 103

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Nov 30 - Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;

Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Some Suggestions

~ Find a quiet place

~ Try to find a consistent time

~ Pick up a journal or composition notebook as

a companion to your readings

~ Write down one verse (or more than one) that stands out to you from each reading with the date of that reading

~ Share at least one verse with at least one person during the week

~ If you miss a day, don't go back, start with the current date

~ Enjoy the journey

~ Whatever you do, don't give up!

~ For a great challenge, read these passages from a different translation than the one you normally read from.

R.A.C.K. PRINCIPLE

Stay in the Word - Read

Stand on the Word - <u>Apply - journal/notes</u>
Share from the Word - <u>Confirm - others</u>
Strength through the Word - <u>Know God in</u>
a deeper way