First Reading (October 18, 2026)

Philippians 3:7-14 (ESV)

If you are comfortable, please say: "Good morning, I'm [NAME], and our first reading today is from Philippians." If you prefer, say: "Our first reading today is from Philippians."

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith- that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading (October 18, 2026)

Matthew 16:24-27 (ESV)

Please stand as you are able to honor Jesus and the Gospel.
The Gospel According to Matthew

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

READER: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated. We invite all kids to come up for the kids' message. Parents and caregivers, you are welcome to come up with your child as well.