



**ALWAYS
PRAY AND
DO NOT
GIVE UP**

LUKE 18:1-8

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Aurora, MN

Time after Pentecost

October 16, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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HYMN “Whatever God Ordains Is Right”

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GREETING

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HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord God, heavenly king...”

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called

Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

R: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121 (please read responsively)

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-5:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for

correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus remained in Corinth; Trophimus I left ill in Miletus. Do your best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers and sisters. The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

R: The word of the Lord. C: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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C: *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go...*

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GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

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C: *Glory to you O Lord.*

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he

said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Hear us, O God. **C: *Your mercy is great.***

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make us these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen

THE SACRAMENT

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE MEAL (the congregation may come forward)

LAMB OF GOD

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THANK THE LORD

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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BENEDICTION

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SENDING HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father" LBW # 474

DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE

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~Continuing Prayer Concerns ~

Joy Norman, Donna Sweeney (sister in-law of John & Sherrie Orazem) Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Tom & Judy Lehtinen

Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Maren Lundquist

Ushers ~ Unknown

Musician~ Beth Getman

Contributions

2022 Total budget \$ 84,000

Contributions needed weekly per 2022 budget \$ 1,600.00

Given Sunday October 9, 2022 \$ 550

~Calendar ~

Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
	6:30	All Boards
	7:15	Council Meeting

Wednesday	****	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
	9:30	Quilting
Next Sunday	10:30	Worship
		Sunday School
	11:30	Coffee an

Next Sunday, October 23, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Janet Salo

Ushers ~ Unknown

Music ~ Beth Getman

~Announcements~

LEFSE Fundraiser is back again with our original recipe, starting on November 1. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex. Your generous helping hands are always appreciated during this fundraiser.

SAVE THE DATE: The Ladies Christmas Dinner/Silent Auction is back and will be on DECEMBER 12 at our church. Looking forward to a great attendance and silent auction items!

Wanted ~ Donated white sheets for the mission project of making bandages for Global Ministries. If you have any questions, please call Jan Moore at 229-3466.

Prayer Concerns ~ Everyone, if you need or know someone who needs/wants prayers, please call the church office, Pastor Greg, Deb Maki or call the prayer chain as printed in the weekly bulletins and monthly Eyeopener.

Prayer Chain ~ When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential.

Lorraine Ekman 229-3328

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Linda Loeffler 229-0130

Kate Undeland 780-2436

Debbie Maki 290-1471

Jan Kaster 750-4600

Confirmation Sunday is October 30th. Those being confirmed are: Nick Butzke, Ethan Douglas, Emily Forrett & Miikah Honkola.

Missing ~ Our free standing white board tripod easel is missing and needs to be returned. Please return it to the church ASAP. Thank you. Deb Maki