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October 16, 2022- THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 AM – Communion Service/ ELW Setting 10

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Prelude – “Word of God, Speak” - Arr. Carol Tornquis

Welcome - Announcements

Introduction to Worship

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ’s encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ’s table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

Confession and Forgiveness

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

(Silence for reflection)

God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn - ELW #514 - " O Word of God Incarnate"

Apostolic Greeting - ELW page 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie ELW Page 203

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray . . 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

L: The First Lesson is a reading from the 32nd chapter of Genesis.

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14- 4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

L: The Second reading is from the third and fourth chapters of 2nd Timothy.

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.

L: The Word of the Lord

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) ELW page 205

The Holy Gospel - Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: 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?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated after the gospel)

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW #767 - "Lord, Take My Hand & Lead Me"

The Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 and Intercessions:

P: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P: For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace (*especially*), that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Song - ELW 884

Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of 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 HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (page 206)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: WE LIFT THEM TO THE LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

Preface for Pentecost (spoken by Pastor)

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” (sung) ELW pg. 207

Eucharistic Prayer (said by Pastor)

The Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow ushers)

“Lamb of God” (sung) ELW pg. 208

Hymn during Distribution- ELW# 745 - “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright”

Communion Table Blessing (said by Pastor after all have communed)

Prayer after Communion (said by Pastor)

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song: ELW#742 - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Prayer - Gordon Young

Helping in Worship

Preacher	- Rev. James Heckman
Organist/Choir Director	- Carolyn Williams
Acolyte	- TBD
Altar Guild	- Barba Naska and Serena Ashmore
Lector	- Beth Snyder
Greeters	- TBD
Communion Usher	- TBD
Council Counting Team	- TBD
Technology	- Ken Anderson
Office Secretary	- Jessica Mette
Custodian	- Dianna Streletz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **TODAY**, Sunday, October 16th - 19th Sunday after Pentecost
 - **Next Sunday**, October 23rd - 20th Sunday after Pentecost
 - Pastor Jim's Office hours – Wednesday & Friday – 10 to 1:00 pm
 - The Adult Bible study meets on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 at the home of Don Seipt and Kathy Hlavaty.
 - Monday, October 17 – 7:00 pm – Live Nativity Committee Meeting
 - Thursday, October 20 – 12:30 pm – Care-a-Lot Board Meeting
 - Thursday, October 20 – 6:30 pm – Beer & Bible @ Becker's Corner
- This is open to all Palisades Conference Churches

- Monday, October 24 – 7:00 pm – Church Council Meeting
- Sunday, October 30 – REFORMATION SUNDAY – Wear something RED
 - Forum to follow Worship - “How do we as Lutherans express our faith in the politics of our world today?”
 - Deadline for names for All Saints’ Day list
- **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS-** OCTOBER 16th - Chris Roberts; OCTOBER 18th- Karen Bolesta; OCTOBER 19th - Joanne Antoni; OCTOBER 20th- Lee Ann Kressman; OCTOBER 21st - Ed Xander
- **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES-** OCTOBER 20th- Linda & David Sauter (41) ;OCTOBER 21st- Diane & Steve DeWalt (39)
- **OCTOBER BAPTISMS-** OCTOBER 23rd - David Deal
- Our Outreach envelopes for October have been designated for World Hunger.
- There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for Food Basket donations. You can either buy the supplies for the basket or Helen Dungan can shop for you.

Please lift up in prayer the following ...

For Healing of those in our Congregation: Michael Altemus; Joanne & David Antoni; Frank Erceg; Betty and George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Barbara Naska; Bethany Michl; Julia Michl; Donnie Pyne; and Joanne and Bobby Ziegenfuss.

For Healing of Friends and Family: Wanda Altemose; Lynn Bailey; Ron and Kathy Ballek; Michael Barats; Anthony Beck; Aiden Benoure; Jason Bigley; Kelly Bordelon; Emma Brown; Ollie Butler; Deb Carmichael; Stephanie Courtney; Jacob Currie; Rev. Dennis Durasoff; Nancy Edelen; Diane Ellington; Chris Fear; Fred Foerster; Gerry Foran; Debbie Gardner; Candie Gimbar; Bill Hunt; Lois James & family; Virginia Johnson; Lauren Keebler; Martine King; Jane Litzenberger; Chelsea Marley; Lenny Marin; Jim McAnally; Becky Naska; Sue Odor; Lucia Otero; Debra Patten; Lisa Pezzino; Jennifer Phelps; Connie Rugen; Linda Saunders; Lani Schlegel; Debbie Schultz; David Sebring; Alex Sempt; Donna Storm; Russ Trauger; Nancy Vetter; Linda Wilson, and Henry Wong.

For those who are Homebound: Cleo & Ken Eck; Norma Fox; Phyllis Lanshe; Jayne Miller; Silas Rodenbach; and Hal Taylor.

For the grieving: Mary Ellen Jonczyk; Jeffrey Tapler