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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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5:30PM & 8:00AM

AS WE GATHER

It is easy to lose heart when we do not get what we want. This is true in life and is even true when we bring our wants and desires before the Lord in prayer. In today's Holy Gospel, Jesus speaks a parable to His disciples, who have begun to lose heart in their difficult journey of following Him. Through the example of the persistent widow and unrighteous judge, we also are encouraged to not lose heart as we continue to follow Jesus in faith and as we bring to the Lord in prayer all our desires, laments, injustices, and more, trusting in His perfect will through it all.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "Thy Word Is a Lamp" sts. 1-2

Refrain Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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- 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*
- 2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. *Refrain*

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Please stand**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Thess. 5:16–18; Philippians 4:6; 1 John 5:14; Jeremiah 29:12; Hebrews 4:16; Psalm 145:18*

Pastor: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

People: **Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

Pastor: This is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.

People: **Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you.**

Pastor: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

People: **The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 34:17; 1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: As the Psalmist writes, “When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.” Our Lord hears our cries and invites us to speak to Him in our words and thoughts—to speak to Him in prayer.

People: **We confess that we have failed to bring all things to You in persistent and persevering prayer, instead seeking our own devices and other means for the guidance, direction, and answers we seek.**

Pastor: Our Lord also invites us to bring to Him our faults and failings, our sins of what has been done and left undone, against Him and against our neighbors. We are reminded, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Unlike Jacob, we have been quick to give up and to discount the blessings held in store for us by Your grace.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: As Paul writes, we confess we have not always endured sound teaching; rather, our itching ears have been opened to things that suit our own passions and desires.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: As in Jesus' parable, we seek out our own justice and even retribution for times we are wronged, impatient in our waiting and unrighteous in our trust in the perfect justice assured at Your time.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit

INTROIT *Psalm 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a*

Pastor: Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!

People: **Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles Your name.**

Pastor: Do not deliver the soul of Your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of Your poor forever.

People: **Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame; let the poor and needy praise Your name.**

Pastor: Have regard for the covenant; arise, O God, defend Your cause.

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,
which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” LSB 940, sts. 1-5△**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Genesis 32:22–30* (Jacob wrestles with God.)

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had.

²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

²⁷And he said to him, “What is your

name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalms 91:11; 103:1*

Pastor: He will command His angels concerning you

People: **to guard you in all your ways.**

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: **and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 3:14–4:5* (Continuing in and preaching the Word)

Lector: But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God

People: **and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.**

Lector: I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

People: **preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.**

Lector: For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching,

People: **but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.**

Lector: As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

VERSE *Luke 18:8*

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia!

People: **I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?**

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 18:1–8* (The parable of the persistent widow)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city

there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.

(continued...)

³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the

unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Please sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN "Amazing Grace" LSB 744, sts. 1-5

SERMON "GETTING GOD WRONG" (Text: Acts 7:39-50) The Rev. Peter Gueldner
Please stand

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please sit

TITHES AND OFFERING (8:00 ONLY – "Oh Sing to the Lord" – Trinity Handbells)

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

Ever-hearing Lord, You invite us to cast our anxiety on You because You care for us. We pray that in the midst of trials and temptations, we remain firm in faith and continue to place ourselves where Your Spirit strengthens, nourishes, and sustains the faith You give.

People: **Hear our prayer and grant us peace.**

Pastor: Ever-providing Lord, we thank You for Your creation and for providing all we need for this body and life. You give to us, Your people, all our abilities and vocations; help us to use our gifts to Your glory. Be with all whose work is dangerous and protect those who serve and protect others in our world, nation, and communities. Help us recognize You as the giver of all good things in our faithful response as Your stewards.

People: **Hear our prayer and grant us peace.**

Pastor: Ever-guiding Lord, You place us where we are to be lights in a dark world and proclaim Your Word in truth and love. Empower us in our witnessing among family, friends, and strangers that they too may know the relationship You desire with all people through the Savior You have given. Grant Your Spirit to open ears and soften hearts that Your Gospel may be received and furthered throughout the world until You come again.

People: **Hear our prayer and grant us peace.**

Pastor: Ever-present Lord, grant Your comfort and peace to those who face afflictions and who seek relief. We lift up to You those who persevere and have asked for persistent prayer, [*especially . . .*]. For those who mourn, grant Your presence that hope may be had even among tears of grief and sadness. Point all who grieve to the cross and the empty tomb and the assurance of eternal life. For the days You grant us, instill in us the persistence of prayer and perseverance of faith until at last we are called to You in everlasting glory.

People: **Hear our prayer and grant us peace.**

Pastor: As we persevere in prayer and pray persistently to the Lord who hears, we also pray the prayer taught to His disciples and to us. In our persistent petitions, we know the Lord answers His people according to His will as we pray, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." What does this mean?

People: **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

Pastor: Let us pray as our Savior taught us....

People: **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.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Please sit

CLOSING HYMN **“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”** *LSB 722, sts. 1-3*

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * ***

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