

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ OCTOBER 16, 2022

The Parable of the Persistent Widow



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"Being Transformed By God's Grace To Love And Serve."

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

"O Word of God Incarnate"

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Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

"Glory to God"

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Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Genesis 32:22 - 31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When 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. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, 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 place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 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

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1}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: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For 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, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Bob Farrington

please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Luke 18:1 - 8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please stand in body or spirit
Hymn of the Day

"Day by Day"

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Apostle's Creed

**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 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 of Intercession

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(see next page)

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Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first system of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second system corresponds to the second line. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final whole note in the Treble staff of the second system.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide our daily bread. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all who are in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer
Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.
Red wine or white grape juice is available.

please be seated

Communion Hymns

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

#742

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

#769

please stand in body or spirit

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....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. **Amen.**

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"Jesus, Still Lead On"
(see next page)

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

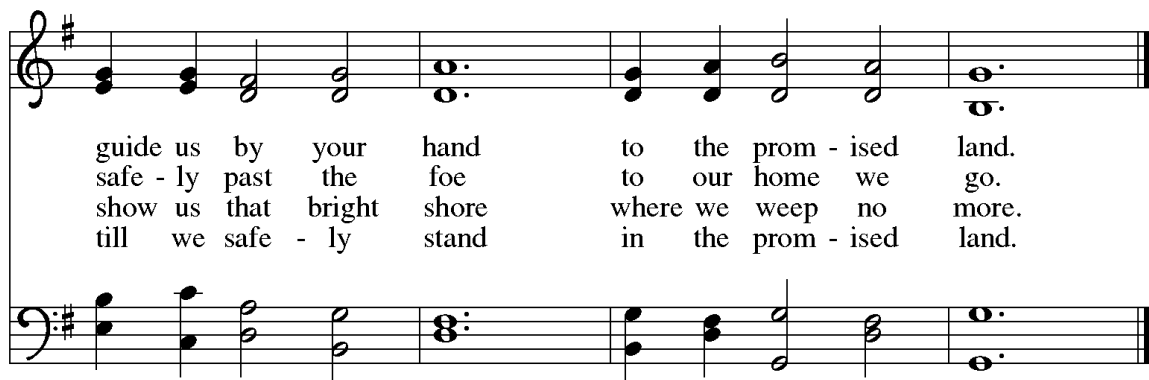
Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

“Prayer
is the place
where
burdens
change
shoulders.”

"SHOWING AND SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE"



Welcome: Welcome to worship! Our gracious, all-forgiving God receives you with open arms. May his love strengthen you today.

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns" Theila Luetjen, Aurita Craighead and Kyle Luetjen.

Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Annie Bright, Family member of the Kreisels and Browns, Clyde & Phyllis Ulm (friends of Lois Barr), Jeremiah Crider, Lyle Browning, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Dorothy Schroder (friend of Debbie Vaughan), Esther Schlesselman, Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*. Irene Viebrock: *Homebound*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



ALL THOSE WHO SERVE



With Sympathy: We also pray for those families who have lost loved ones; family and friends of Duane Whitefield (grandfather of Cory Rice) and Joann Brauer.

Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month: Give Pastor Stephen a call, card, or personally tell him how much we appreciate his ministry and witness among us and into the community.

First Communion: The two sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion) are foundational to our worship life as Lutheran Christians. Traditionally at St. Paul's we offer First Communion instruction to youth who are in the fourth grade, but we also want this to be a decision made by the families whether the youth are older or younger. For those youth who wish to take their First Communion this year, they and their families are invited to join Pastor Stephen for a time of instruction following worship **today** or Sunday, **November 6th**. We will gather that day for lunch, conversation, learning, and bread baking. Then they will receive their First Communion in worship on Sunday, November 13th. Please speak with Pastor Stephen if you have any questions or plan on attending.



Congregational Meeting: **Today** and Sunday, October 23rd we will have a temple talk about the daycare opportunity. Then there will be a special voters meeting directly after worship on Sunday, **October 30th**. The discussion will be about opening a daycare in the United Lutheran Church building. Please plan to attend!

"One Stitch At A Time": The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **October 17th** at 9:00am in the church basement.



LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **October 18th** and Wednesday, **October 19th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.

Planning: The Worship & Music committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 19th** at 4:30pm.



Meeting: The Evangelism committee will meet on Wednesday, **October 19th** at 7:30pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **October 20th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Ambrose: Pastor Stephen will be offering communion at Ambrose Park on Thursday, **October 20th**, at 3:00pm in their small dining room. All are welcome.

Ushers: There is a need for ushers for 2023. If you are interested please contact Greg Bredehoeft or Kelly Viebrock.



Personal Care Kits: We will host an in-gathering of Personal Care Kit items over the next four weeks concluding on Sunday, **October 23rd**. Following the last Sunday of the in-gathering, the committee will be assembling the care kits, as they will be boxed and delivered to Our Savior's Lutheran (Jefferson City) on Saturday, October 29. There is a display table in the Gathering Space with more information and also where you may "drop-off" your donated items. For questions, see Janice.

** 2-3 bars of soap to equal 8-9 oz.



** 1 Sturdy Comb



**1 Bath Towel, dark color
(light weight, between 20" x 40" or 52" x 27")



** 1 Toothbrush
(adult size in original package)



** 1 Nail Clipper
(metal, attached file is optional)





Reformation: On Saturday/Sunday, **October 29th/30th** we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! Though we give thanks for the events of the sixteenth-century Reformation that brought renewal to the church of that time, we pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for that day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

BE SURE & WEAR YOUR RED

Confirmation: On Sunday, **October 30th** we will share in the joy of the Rite of Confirmation for three of our members. They are Garrett Elliott, Ethan Goosen and Shelby Nash.



All Saints Worship: As part of our worship on All Saints (**November 5th/6th**) we will read the names of those saints of St. Paul's who have died during the past year. At another point in the service we will read a longer list of the saints who have played a role in our lives.

If you would like the name of that saint (family member, friend, mentor, etc.) read during this service, please give those names to the church office by October 17th.

~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Socktober: The Retired Senior and Volunteer Program (RSVP) from our local Care Connections / Senior Center is collecting new socks for men and women through **October 28th**. Socks will be added to gift bags and delivered to homebound older adults with their meals this holiday season. There is a box at the back of the church for the donated socks. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Link.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, October 16:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
	AW	First Holy Communion Class
Monday, October 17:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, October 18:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, October 19:	8:00am	LBPS
	4:30pm	Worship & Music
	7:30pm	Evangelism
Thursday, October 20:	8:00am	BCHD
	3:00pm	Ambrose
Saturday, October 22:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, October 23:	8:45am	Confirmation
	9:00am	Sunday School / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

October	Pastor Appreciation Month
October 16	First Communion Class
October 30	Confirmation Service
November 6	First Communion Class
November 13	First Holy Communion
November 23	Thanksgiving Worship Service

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
Altar Guild Susan Goosen & Debbie Vaughan
Ushers Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher
..... Melisa Balke, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Ryan Schlesselman



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 16, 2022

Assisting Minister Janice Gerken
Communion Assistant Luther League
Reader Bob Farrington
Children's Sermon Bob Farrington
Acolytes Freddie Goosen & Grant Kullman
Altar Flowers Theila Luetjen



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 23, 2022

Assisting Minister Lynn Schear
Communion Assistant Ruth Ann Kreisel & Norma Schlesselman
Reader Glenalee Dillon
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Lucas Eckhoff & Tristan Fox
Altar Flowers Connie Gerken