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AS WE GATHER

Persevering in Prayer

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & BIRTHDAY BLESSING 10/21 Lisa Williams

♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate
And God's rich blessings contemplate.
Praise for another year on earth.
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth. Amen.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "With the Lord Begin Your Task" #869 v1-3

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *1 Thessalonians 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.**

HYMN “With the Lord Begin Your Task” #869 v4

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 34:17; 1John 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.**

☩ WORD ☩

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy on us.

People: **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.

People: **Lord, have mercy on us and grant us Your peace.
Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *pew hymnal 204*

♪To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing;
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-be-gotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior; You take our sins a-way.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in Pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever; Be worshipped and adored.
You with the Holy Spirit; A-lone are Lord Most High;
In God the Father's glory; "A-men"! our glad re-ply.**

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 be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-30

(Jacob wrestles with God)

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When 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. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

⁴ 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: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE Luke 13:29

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

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

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

18 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man."³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says."⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?⁸ I 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.

THE NICENE CREED *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

Please be seated.

HYMN "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #770

SERMON "Don't Let Go" Rev. Paul Hoemann

OFFERING and OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Hymn #779*

HYMN "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" #779 v1-2

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. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" #779 v3

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. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN “Come, My Soul, with Every Care” #779 v4

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. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN “Come, My Soul, with Every Care” #779 v5

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 Liz, Myron, Betty, Karla, Dan and Ian. 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. Hear our prayer and grant us peace.

HYMN “Come, My Soul, with Every Care” #779 v6

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

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

pew hymnal #208

♪ **Ho-ly; ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name
Sing hosanna in the highest sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and have sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. As you hear our persistent prayers, You respond and give blessing not out of necessity or obligation but out of grace and mercy. As we gather at Your altar, we do so in humble prayer, asking You to grant us the blessings of forgiveness, renewal, and strength with Your Word and Spirit as we faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

AGNUS DEI *pew hymnal #210*

♪ O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand as you are able.

NUNC DIMITTIS *pew hymnal #211*

**♪ O Lord, now let Your servant, depart in heav'nly peace.
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace;
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill;
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

People: **and His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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.**

HYMN "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven" #877

POSTLUDE

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THE MESSENGER

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WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Rev. Paul Hoemann
Dan Henggeler, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Myron Kimber, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 33 Total, 15 guests

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, October 26th is **"Worn In"** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Are you feeling worn down or worn out? Through faith, God conforms us to the pattern of Christ. (Numbers 20:13) Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.