PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-30

²²The same night he 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."

PSALM: Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14---4:5

and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and 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, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.4In 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

18Then 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." ⁶And 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?"

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday: October 19th Sunday: October 26th 18th Sunday after Pentecost 20th Sunday after Pentecost 9:15-Adult SS/ Youth SS **Reformation Sunday** 9:30-Coffee Fellowship 9:15-Adult SS/ Youth SS 10:30-Worship w/Communion 9:30-Coffee Fellowship SS Sing 10:30-Worship w/Communion 11:30-PotLuck 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group 6:00-Bethany Prayer Group Monday: October 20th 7:00-Hand Bell Rehearsal Tuesday: October 21st

Prayer Concerns: Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Todd & Elizabeth Woods, Myles Pedersen, Myra Reese, Desiree Welty, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & Missionaries

Lector: Kelly Gordon

October 19th – Jim & Denise Hodgell Ushers:

October 26th -Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

Acolytes: Bethany Youth

8:30-Prayer Group

7:00-Confirmation

9:30-Tuesday Coffee @ BLC Wednesday: October 22nd

Weekly Budget Needs:

Faith Promise \$2817.00 Worship 39

Sunday School \$12.00 Adult SS 3 Youth SS 12

Birthday: October 19-Hannah Herrara; 20-Elaine Anderson, Ryan Hudson

*Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.

Altar Flowers:

An asterisk (*) indicates when to stand (for those who *are able)*

ORDER OF THE SERVICE PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS *CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS P.56 *HYMN Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me LBW 333 *GREETING P.57 P.57 *KYRIE *HYMN OF PRAISE P.60 *PRAYER OF THE DAY (bulletin-in unison) FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-30 (bulletin -responsively) **PSALM: Psalm 121 SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5** *ALLELUIA VERSE P.62 *THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8 *GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63 CHILDREN'S SERMON SS Sing **SERMON** Pastor David Klappenbach HYMN My Faith Looks Up to Thee LBW 479 NICENE CREED P.64 *PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH Leader: "...Lord, in your mercy." Response: "hear our prayer." *THE PEACE OFFERING / *OFFERTORY P.66 P.67 *OFFERTORY PRAYER *THE GREAT THANKSGIVING P.68 *WORDS OF INSTITUTION P.69 *THE LORD'S PRAYER P.71 P.72 *LAMB OF GOD DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION P.72 **BLESSING** P.72 *POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE P.76 *BENEDICTION

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*DISMISSAL

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you. Please come again!

Welcome to our Communion Sunday Service.

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We are happy to have vou sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the Communion/Visitor card in front of you. Please come again!