

FIRST READING. Genesis 32:22-31

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.

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

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 favourable or unfavourable; 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.

GOSPEL. Luke 18:1-8

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?’



Persistence

Sunday, October 16, 2022

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

We strongly recommend that everyone wears a mask.

Today we are pleased to welcome both Rev. Adam Snook from the Synod Office and our partners in shared ministry from First Lutheran Evangelical Lutheran Church. Rev. Snook’s focus is on shared ministry, and we hope his insights will be inspiring to all of us gathered this morning. We invite everyone to join us for lunch after the Chapel Cross Dedication.

Camp Edgewood Chapel Cross Dedication

Please join us outside by the south wall immediately following the service for the Camp Edgewood Chapel Cross Dedication.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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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.

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Psalm 121 - Tune: 840 Now Thank We All Our God (nun danket alle gott)
The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

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

My help comes from the Lord, Who made the earth and heaven.

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

He watches day and night; His promise sure is given:

The Lord will guard you; he is by your side to protect you.

No pow'r of night or day Can vex your spirit sore.

The Lord will preserve you from all evil; he will keep you safe.

The Lord will guide your ways Both now and evermore.

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Dates to Remember

- Oct 21 11:00 a.m. - Funeral service for Marg Funk at Cudney Funeral Home
- Oct 22 10:30 a.m. - Baptism for Vincent Denis Huntingdon; all are welcome!
- Oct 23 Church Council meeting after the service
- Oct 30 Reformation Sunday
- Nov 5 2:00 pm - Niagara Ministry Area Leadership Team presents a Table Talk with Bishop Michael Pryse and Rev. Jennifer Hoover (Eastern Synod Ministry Director) to consider “What Does the Church of Tomorrow Look Like?”; hosted by First Lutheran, 688 Elm St in Port C.
- Nov 6 Daylight Savings Time ends, turn clocks back 1 hour
- Nov 6 All Saints’ Day

All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission. OAM Donation focus for October: Cereal

On Saturday, October 22 Vincent Denis Huntingdon, son of Véronic Gagné-Huntingdon and Kyle Huntingdon, is being baptized into the family of God. Sponsors are Valérie Gagné, Shelley Wilkinson, and Kaitlin Huntingdon. "Welcome, Vincent!" Everyone is welcome to witness the baptism and show support to the family.

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SENDING

Blessing Sending Song .660 Lift High the Cross Dismissal: Go in peace, with Christ beside you. Thanks be to God.

Please join us outside by the south wall for the dedication of the Camp Edgewood Chapel Cross. Lunch to follow in the Hall.