

Old Testament Reading:
Genesis 32:22-30

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."

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and 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. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God

may be competent, equipped for every good work.

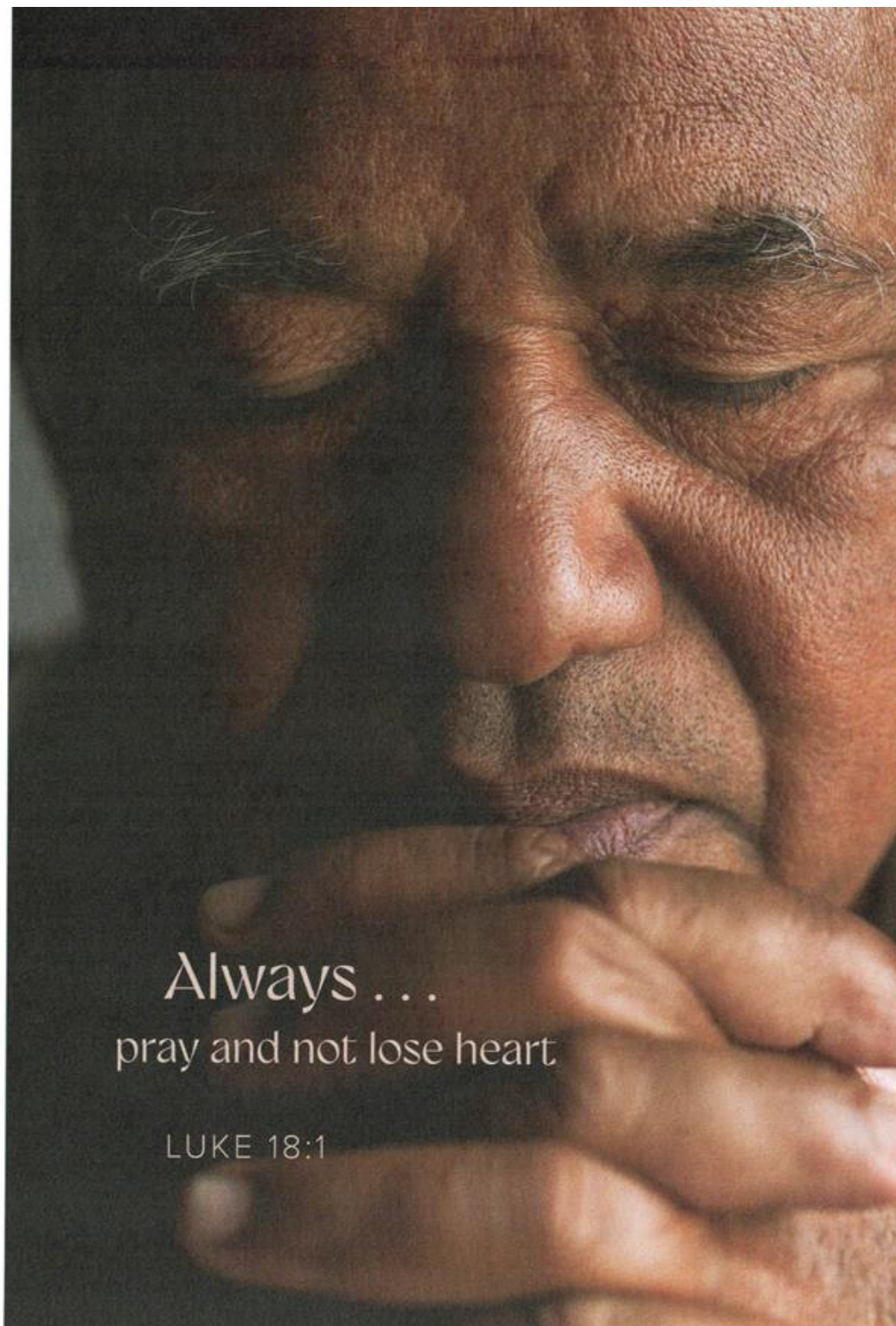
⁴¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Holy Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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. 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?'"



About the Cover: If an unrighteous judge will answer the persistent pleas of a widow, we should pray continuously to the God who has chosen us and loves us in Christ. He gave Himself up for us! What a treasure we have in prayer for all times, whether good or bad. In times of uncertainty, we hold fast to the certain promises of God in Christ Jesus, trusting that God will deliver what we need. In Christ, all our prayers are heard.



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He will command his angels con- | cerning you *

to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul, *

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

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If you or members of your family would like to be included in this list or if you feel that it's time to be removed from this list, please e-mail, phone or speak to Pastor. We encourage members and/or their families to call when sick or in need of pastoral care. The elders and Pastor is also dependent on the eyes and ears of the congregation to notice member absences.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

"Left alone," Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, "until the breaking of the day" (Gen. 32:24). Though "Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him" (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us "always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of "a judge who neither feared God nor respected man" and of a widow "who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary'" (Luke 18:2-3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to "give her justice" (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving "justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they "have learned and have firmly believed" (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of "the sacred writings" (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to "preach the word" at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

INTROIT

Remember your congregation, which you have pur- | chased of old, *
which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!

Remember this, O LORD, how the en- | emy scoffs, *
and a foolish people re- | viles your name.

Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the | wild beasts; *
do not forget the life of your poor for- | ever.

Let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame; *
let the poor and needy | praise your name.

Have regard for the | covenant; *
arise, O God, de- | fend your cause.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!

COLLECT

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. **Amen.**

READINGS

Genesis 32:22-30

Psalms 121 (antiphon: v. 1-2)

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

THE GRADUAL:

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to guard you in | all your ways.

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VERSE

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.**

Hymns

Hymn of the Day – 734

Other Hymns – 686 (OT), 924 (OT), 523 (E), 545 (E), 583 (E), 773 (G), 797, 819

BIBLE STUDY – on Sundays @ 10 a.m. The fire Side Room is the place of meeting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is held @ 11 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Parents desirous of bringing their children for Sunday School may speak to Sunday School Superintendent Jessica Joseph or the Pastor.

VERSE ON THE BULLETIN

Always pray and not lose heart (Luke 18:1)

ABOUT THE COVER

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