

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2022**

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns  
To Study and Share with those You Love.

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**As repentant  
sinners pray  
to the Lord,  
the  
righteous  
judge,  
BY FAITH.  
2 Tim. 6**

Hymn of Invocation. **Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star** 872

+ **The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.** +

**INTROIT PSALM 56**

When I | am afraid,\* I put my | trust in you. **In God, whose | word I praise,\* in the LORD,  
whose | word I praise,** in God I trust; I shall not | be afraid.\* What can man | do to me?  
**I must perform my vows to you, | O God,\* I will render thank offerings | to you.** For you  
have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from | falling,\* that I may walk before God in  
the | light of life. **Glory 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.**

When I | am afraid,\* I put my | trust in you.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and  
always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the  
abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid;  
and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits  
and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**PSALM 5**

Give ear to my words, O LORD; consider my groaning. **Give attention to the sound  
of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.** O LORD, in the morning you  
hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. **For you are  
not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.** The boastful  
shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. **You destroy those who  
speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.** But I, through the  
abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your  
holy temple in the fear of you. **Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of  
my enemies; make your way straight before me.** For there is no truth in their  
mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with  
their tongue. **Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own  
counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for  
they have rebelled against you.** But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them  
ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your  
name may exult in you. **For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover him with  
favor as with a shield. Glory to the Father and to the + Son and to the Holy  
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, Amen.**

But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy.

**SELECTED READINGS 23 OCTOBER 2022**

Genesis 4:1–15

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–17

***In Humble Repentance, Faith Lives by Grace and Mercy and Is Exalted by God in Christ***

- Jesus tells a parable “to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous”. In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went “down to his house justified, rather than the other”. So do little children, “even infants,” come to Jesus with their need, and they “receive the kingdom of God” through faith,. For “the one who humbles himself will be exalted,” but “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled.” (Luke 18)
- That is why “the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard.” (Gen. 4:4–5).
- St. Paul’s life, “poured out as a drink offering,” was another sacrifice like Abel’s. The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that “the message might be fully proclaimed. It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we “have loved his appearing” and as repentant sinners pray to “the Lord, the righteous judge” by faith. (2 Tim. 6:8).

**CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: NICENE CREED**

Hymn of the Day. ***When in the Hour of Deepest Need*** 615

**Sermon Notes**

***The Lord will deliver and preserve me!*** 2 Timothy 4:16-18

+Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost + 23 October 2022

*At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory unto the ages of ages, Amen.*

Even though friends forsake us, for the sake of His Word, God will never abandon us but strengthen us, rescue us from the evil one, and bring us safely home at last.

1. Those following God find themselves forsaken by friends
  1. The Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs
  2. Jesus Himself and the cost of discipleship
2. For the sake of His Word, God will not forsake us
  1. So that the message might be fully proclaimed
  2. God stands by us and strengthens us in the Holy Spirit
3. God will rescue us from the evil one and bring us safely home
  1. The enemy prowls about like a lion, seeking whom he may devour
  2. He who began a good work in us will bring it to completion

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST. 23 OCT. 2022**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty Father, we come to You at the gracious invitation of Your Son. May we receive Your gifts as little children, that no rebuke of our sinful flesh, the world or the devil would deter us from turning to You in repentance. Grant us humility to pray, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to Your Church here and in every place. Defend our pastors from arrogance and pride, and strengthen them in the faithful preaching of Your Word, that both Your holy Law and Your precious Gospel would be proclaimed and Your children be united in saving faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As Your Son welcomed infants, give us a deep care for the children entrusted to us, that we would defend their lives even before birth. Instill in parents a desire and commitment to bring their little children to Jesus. Use our Lutheran school, Sunday school, Bible classes and youth catechesis to preserve them in the faith. Teach each of us in humility to receive the kingdom of God like a little child. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You do not delight in wickedness or let the boastful stand before You. Give the leaders of the nations wisdom to govern in accordance with Your will. Keep them mindful of the stewardship that they hold on behalf of others, that they may fulfill their duties with diligence and humility. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of mercy, we praise You that You deliver our souls from death and our feet from falling. Care for those who are near death. Preserve them from despair, and give them a confident hope in the resurrection promises of our risen Lord. Come to the aid of everyone in need *[including \_\_\_\_\_]*. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who come to the holy altar this day would receive the very body and blood of Jesus in repentance and faith to their abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, if we trust in ourselves for righteousness, we are lost and dead in our sins. Yet You mercifully draw us to Yourself in repentance and hear the cries of those who trust in Your Son. Grant us humility, that we may not exalt ourselves or treat our brothers and sisters with contempt. Rescue us from every evil, and bring us into Your kingdom as Your beloved children. To You alone be all glory, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn. ***Now Thank We All Our God*** 895