

October 18 - October 19, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Genesis

The same night Jacob 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 the man 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 wrestled 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, yet my life is preserved."

The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

(pause)

Reader:	Word of God, word of Life.
Congregation:	Praise to you, O Christ.

Second Reading

A Reading from Second Timothy

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it.

Proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching.

For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, 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, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Luke

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

Jesus 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 accuser.'

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 those who cry to the Lord day and night?

Will God delay long in helping them?

I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them.

And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Congregation: Thanks be to God.