

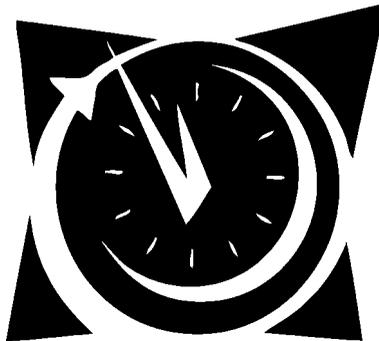
# THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 2016

## Worship Focus

**THE BELIEVER GROWS IN CHRISTIAN CHARACTER...**

**Christians are persistent in prayer.**



**NEVER STOP  
PRAYING.**

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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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### OPENING HYMN

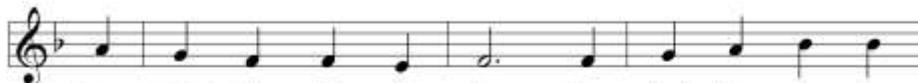
585 - While Yet the Morn Is Breaking



1 While yet the morn is break - ing, I thank my  
2 O Is - rael's Guard - ian, hear me; Watch o - ver  
3 O gra - cious Lord, di - rect us, Your doc - trine  
4 Oh, grant us peace and glad - ness, Give us our



God once more, Be - neath whose care a - wak - ing,  
me this day, In all I do be near me.  
pure de - fend, From her - e - sies pro - tect us,  
dai - ly bread, Shield us from grief and sad - ness,



I find the night is o'er. I thank him that he  
For oth - ers, too, I pray; To you I would com -  
And for your Word con - tend, That we may praise you  
On us your bless - ings shed. Grant that our whole be -



calls me To life and health a - new; I know, what -  
mend them, Our church, our youth, our land. Di - rect them  
ev - er, O God, with one ac - cord And say: The  
hav - ior In truth and right - eous - ness May praise you,



e'er be - falls me, His care will still be true.  
and de - fend them When dan - gers are at hand.  
Lord our Sav - ior Be ev - er - more a - dored!  
Lord, our Sav - ior, Whose ho - ly name we bless.

Text: Johannes Mühlmann, 1573-1613, abr.; II. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-2, alt.; composite, st. 3-4.  
Tune: GEDULD, DIE SOLLN WIR HABEN (76 76 D) *Christliche Haus und Tisch Musica*, Wittenberg, 1605, alt.

## INVOCATION

**Minister** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



**Congregation** A - - men.

**M** Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

## LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

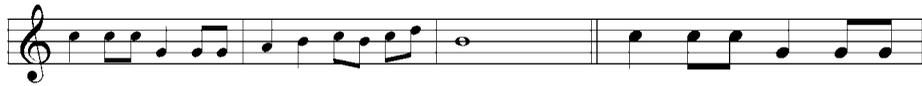
## ABSOLUTION

**M** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - - men.

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



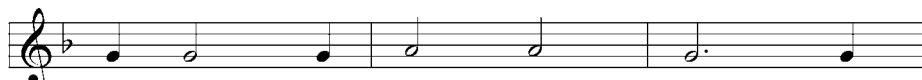
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



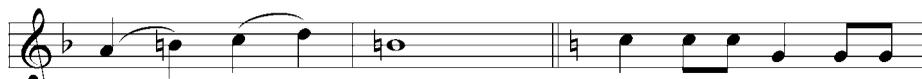
world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And al - so with you.

**M** Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** A - men.

## THE WORD

### **FIRST LESSON** Genesis 32:22-30

As Jacob wrestled with God all night on the banks of the Jabbok, so Christ invites us to wrestle with God in prayer.

GENESIS 32:22 That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

<sup>27</sup> The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

<sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

<sup>29</sup> Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."



# PSALM

# Psalm 121

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*Refrain*

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.  
Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

*Psalm tone*

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\*  
Where does my help | come from?

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.\*  
Where does my help | come from?

My help comes | from the LORD,\*  
the maker of heav | en and earth.

He will not let your | foot slip,\*  
he who watches over you will not | slumber;

indeed, he who watches over | Israel\*  
will neither slum | ber nor sleep.

*Refrain*

The LORD watches | over you,\*  
the LORD is your shade at | your right hand.

The LORD will keep you | from all harm,\*  
he will watch o | ver your life;

the LORD will watch over your coming and | going\*  
both now and for | evermore.

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.

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

In the midst of a world whose “spirituality” changes with shifting culture, Paul urges God’s people to be persistent in our testimony to God’s truth.

<sup>2</sup>TIMOTHY 3:14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

C Alleluia. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia. (Ephesians 2:10a)



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8a

Learn a lesson in prayerful persistence: How much more than corrupt earthly rulers will our heavenly Father work justice and bring deliverance to those determined in prayer!

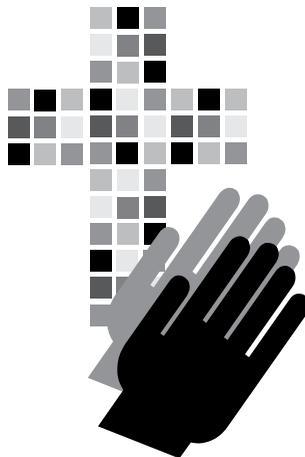
LUKE 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. <sup>2</sup> He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. <sup>3</sup> And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

<sup>4</sup> “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care about men, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually wear me out with her coming!’ ”

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.”

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:*



## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried,**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

448 - In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust



1 In you, O Lord, I put my trust—  
 2 Oh, lis - ten, Lord, most gra - cious - ly,  
 3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock,  
 4 With you, O Lord, I cast my lot;  
 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty



Leave me not help - less in the dust;  
 And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea;  
 My for - tress that with - stands each shock,  
 O faith - ful God, for - sake me not,  
 To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it be,



Let me not be con - found - ed.  
 Make haste for my pro - tec - tion,  
 My help, my life, my tow - er,  
 To you my soul com - mend - ing.  
 Our God for - ev - er glo - rious,



My faith, O Lord, Must in your Word  
 For woes and fear Sur - round me here.  
 My bat - tle sword, Al - might - y Lord—  
 Lord, be my stay, And lead the way  
 In whose rich grace We run our race



Be al - ways firm - ly ground - ed.  
 Help me in my af - flic - tion.  
 What can re - sist your pow - er?  
 Now and when life is end - ing.  
 Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

Text: Adam Reusner, 1496-c. 1575, abv.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-4, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 5, alt.

Tune: IN DICH HAB ICH GEHOFFET (887 447) *David's Himmlische Harpffen*, Nürnberg, 1581, alt.

## SERMON

Luke 18:1-8a

### **Be a Prayer-Pest**

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

### MUSICAL OFFERTORY

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. So let us lift our prayers to Him who invites us to pray and never lose heart.

*Brief silence*

Merciful Father, teach us to pray with persistence because You love us, always provide for us and promise to give justice to Your elect who cry out to You day and night. Grant us faith that wrestles with You but trusts that You remain in control. Do not let us go until You have blessed us with forgiveness, guidance and eternal life with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, You granted Jacob a new name. Thank You for bestowing on each of us a new name in Baptism. Preserve us in faith, and grant to each of us a love for learning Your Word and a yearning to receive Your forgiveness. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to remain in what we have learned and received from You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, provide our society with judges and leaders who both fear You and respect people. Lead them to godly decisions and make them honorable in word and deed. Defend those who serve in our military. Keep them safe and provide them with courage. Bless this land and enable us to live as good citizens. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, because You neither slumber nor sleep, deliver us from evil. Especially we beg You to keep the lives of those who are faced with sickness, injuries and troubles [*including \_\_\_\_\_*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, grant contrite hearts to all who come to receive Christ's body and blood. Nourish us with His life, and strengthen us by this Holy Meal to pray, believe and serve. Preserve us in faith as You preserved Your people who now rest with You [*including Your servants \_\_\_\_\_*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

**M** The Lord be with you.



**M** Lift up your hearts.



**M** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**M** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - men." The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

740 – Draw Near

*Refrain*  
Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y  
of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!  
*To verses*  
Drink the blood for you out-poured!

The musical score is written on three staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (D major), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord. Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured!" The final note of the piece is a whole note on the G line of the staff.

*Turn the page  
for the verses*



1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,  
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,  
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere  
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out-poured.  
Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With  
He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him -  
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives  
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In



souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
self the of - f'ring and him - self the Priest.  
all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
this great feast of love be with us now.

*This paraphrase of an ancient Communion hymn is set in responsorial fashion.*

Text: *Sancti, venite, Christi corpus sumite*, 7th century hymn; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
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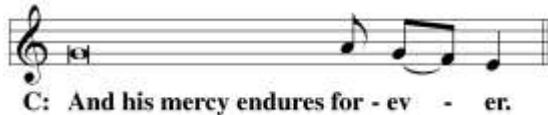
## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

### PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## BENEDICTION

*Cherub Choir*

## Go Now in Peace

*by Natalie Sleeth*

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the love of God surround you everywhere,  
Everywhere, you may go.*

## CLOSING HYMN

411 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

*Cherub choir sings vs. 1; congregation joins in singing vs. 2,3*



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a  
griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—  
load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—  
Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -  
for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -  
faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his  
cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.