

TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME: The darkness of life's experiences and challenges is overcome by Jesus who is the light of the world.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

P: Today we will read about a time when Jacob wrestled with God. We too wrestle with life's challenges and we even wrestle with God. We want to be strong, but through our wrestling we realize that we are weak. We indeed crumble under trials and temptations. During this time of silence, we reflect upon some of those moments that we have wrestled with God and have realized just how weak we are.

(Silence for personal reflection)

P: We confess our sins.

C: Lord, we confess our lack of faith. We see a glimpse of what we ought to be and we know we fall short of the goal. We desire faith that is solid and unchanging, yet we crumble under trials and temptations. We want to be strong, but we know our own weakness. Our sinful condition strips us of any spiritual gain that we humanly devise. Lord, forgive us. Accept us as we are, unworthy for the task, yet gifted for Your purposes. Give us Your gift of faith. Amen.

...HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: When God wrestled Jacob, He did not permanently harm him, but gave him a sign. Through Jacob's wrestling.....Jacob saw that God delivered him. Our God is a great God and knows our needs for all areas of our life. God knows our weakness, yet loves us enough to die on a cross and provide forgiveness of sin. God has given us the gift of faith, faith for the moment, faith for every trial, faith for every temptation, faith for every difficult situation. Praise God for this wonderful gift!

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Red Book" 16 [Blessed Assurance](#)

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, This is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-30

Jacob wrestles with God and receives assurance that the Lord will deliver him.

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When 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. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, 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 name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and 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. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I 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: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For 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, and will turn away from

listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

[The Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8](#)

God has an open ear to our requests. God promises to give justice to those who turn to Him.

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

[CHILDREN'S MESSAGE](#)

[SERMON SONG "Green Book" 451](#)

[The Lord's My Shepherd](#)

*The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.*

*My soul he doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake;
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.*

*Ye, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.*

*My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup over flows,*

*My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup over flows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.*

SERMON Wrestling with God, Deacon Oliver

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

C: We believe in God, the Creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love..... We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man..... He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life.....He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven.....and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.....We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us.....We believe in the church of God, the people of faith throughout the world.....We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen

OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG "Red Book" 199 Take My Life, and Let it Be

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy Love,
At the impulse of Thy Love,*

*Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King,
Always, only, for my King,*

*Take my will, and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne*

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(after each prayer)

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

Service of Holy Communion

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts!

C: We lift them to the Lord!

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and, sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day the promised Holy Spirit on His chosen disciples. For all this the whole earth rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

"Red Book" 47 Freely, Freely
*God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received:
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."*

*All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to.
He said, "Freely, freely you have received:
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live."*

"Red Book" 14 Bind us Together
*Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together*

*Bind us together with love.
There is only one God.
There is only one King.
There is only one body.
That is why I sing.
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together
Bind us together with love.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Green Book" 557 [Let All Things Now Living](#)

*Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.*

*His law he enforces, The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song lets us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC