



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16–22

TIME AFTER PENTECOST — LECTIONARY 29

Year C, Complementary Series

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

²²“At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵When 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.

²⁶Then the man said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.”

²⁷So the man said to Jacob, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.”

²⁸Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.”

²⁹Then Jacob asked the man, “Please tell me your name.” But the man said, “Why is it that you ask my name?”

And there the man blessed Jacob.

³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.”

³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, word of life. or The word of the Lord.

PSALMODY: Psalm 121

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

A reading from Second Timothy.

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed,
knowing from whom you learned it

¹⁵and how from childhood you have known sacred writings
that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient,
equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,
who is to judge the living and the dead,
and in view of Christ's appearing and his dominion,

I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message;
be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable;
convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching.

³For 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

⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering,
do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’

⁴For a while the judge refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says.

⁷And will not God grant justice to God’s chosen ones who cry out day and night?

Will God delay long in helping them?

⁸I tell you, God will quickly grant justice to them.

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

The gospel of the Lord.