

Pentecost 19

October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24 (Year C)

How often do we lament injustices that we see in the world? It is always disturbing when the innocent are victims of evil and the wicked go unpunished. The lessons today point to our God, who is a just judge; he looks out for his people, blesses them, teaches them, and finds in their favor because of his great love for them. Life might not always be fair, but with God, love is gifted to us even when we don't deserve it.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-30**Jacob Wrestled with God**

After Jacob left the home of his uncle/father-in-law Laban, he camped by the River Jabbok with his wives, children, servants and possessions. He sent his people ahead and was left alone. That night a "man" wrestled with him until the dawn. Jacob never gave up, even when the man hurt his hip. Jacob insisted on a blessing; what he received was more than that — he was given a new name, Israel.

Psalm 121**The Lord Will Keep You**

The psalmist proclaimed the good news that the Lord will keep his people from all evil and protect their lives. He will watch over their going out and their coming in.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**Scripture Makes One Wise**

Paul instructed Timothy to continue in what he had been taught from the sacred scriptures, that they would make him wise for salvation through faith. He goes on, asserting that all scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:1-8**The Parable of the Unjust Judge**

It is truly an oxymoron to have an "unjust judge." By the very definition, a judge is meant to be bound by the law and committed to promoting justice. Yet, in this parable that Jesus told, it took a widow bothering the judge constantly to get him to find in her favor — and this not because he wanted to favor the side of justice, but because she wore him down with her incessant asking. How much more does the God of Righteousness offer justice and mercy to those whom he loves?

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles' Creed.
- * Many in our day have serious doubts about the origin of the holy scriptures. It would be beneficial for believers to gain a grasp of the transmission of the Bible through a cursory study. Paul told Timothy, in no uncertain terms, that "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." To equip Christians with a working knowledge of the "science" behind the text would be powerful indeed.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	499	---	686	807	227	227
Word of God, Come Down on Earth	---	716	545	510	---	---
O Word of God Incarnate	231	---	523	514	---	web
Day by Day	---	746	---	790	210	210
Jesus, Priceless Treasure	458	---	743	775	39	39
If You Will (But) Trust in God to Guide You	453	---	750	769	222	222
Jesus, Still Lead On	341	---	---	624	237	237
O God, Our Help in Ages Past	320	---	733	632	225	225
Lord of All Hopefulness	469	---	738	765	200	200
Lord Jesus, Think on Me	309	---	610	599	178	178

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV = With One Voice, ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB = The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC = The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

Go Make Disciples
(CCLI# 659058)
I Love to Tell the Story
(CCLI# 5253500)
Until the Whole World Hears
(CCLI# 5642513)
Sent Forth By God's Blessing
(CCLI# 231270)
Ancient Words
(CCLI# 2986399)

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