

**FIRST READING. Genesis 32:22-31**

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 he 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 striven 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, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**SECOND READING. 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 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 doctrine, but having itching ears, 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, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

**GOSPEL. Luke 18:1-8**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He 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 opponent.' 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 his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

# Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



**October 16, 2016**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

October 16, 2016  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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In our readings today we hear about the power of persistence when we relate to God. When we pray, does God hear our prayers? How does God respond to our prayers? Today we return to God in honest, repentant prayer and ask for God to come and change our hearts.

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

***Be Bold, Be Strong***  
Sunday school students

**Announcements**

**\*Opening Hymn**

***O God beyond All Praising***

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**\*Apostolic Greeting**

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**\*Kyrie**

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**\*Hymn of Praise**

***Glory to God***

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**\*Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray. . . .

C Amen

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Milestone Blessing**

**Anthem** (8:30)

***This Little Light of Mine***  
Children's Choir  
Joyce Perez, piano

arr. Neil Johnson

**Anthem** (11:00)

***My Song in the Night***  
Adult Choir

arr. Paul Christianson

**First Reading**

Genesis 32:22-31

*Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."*

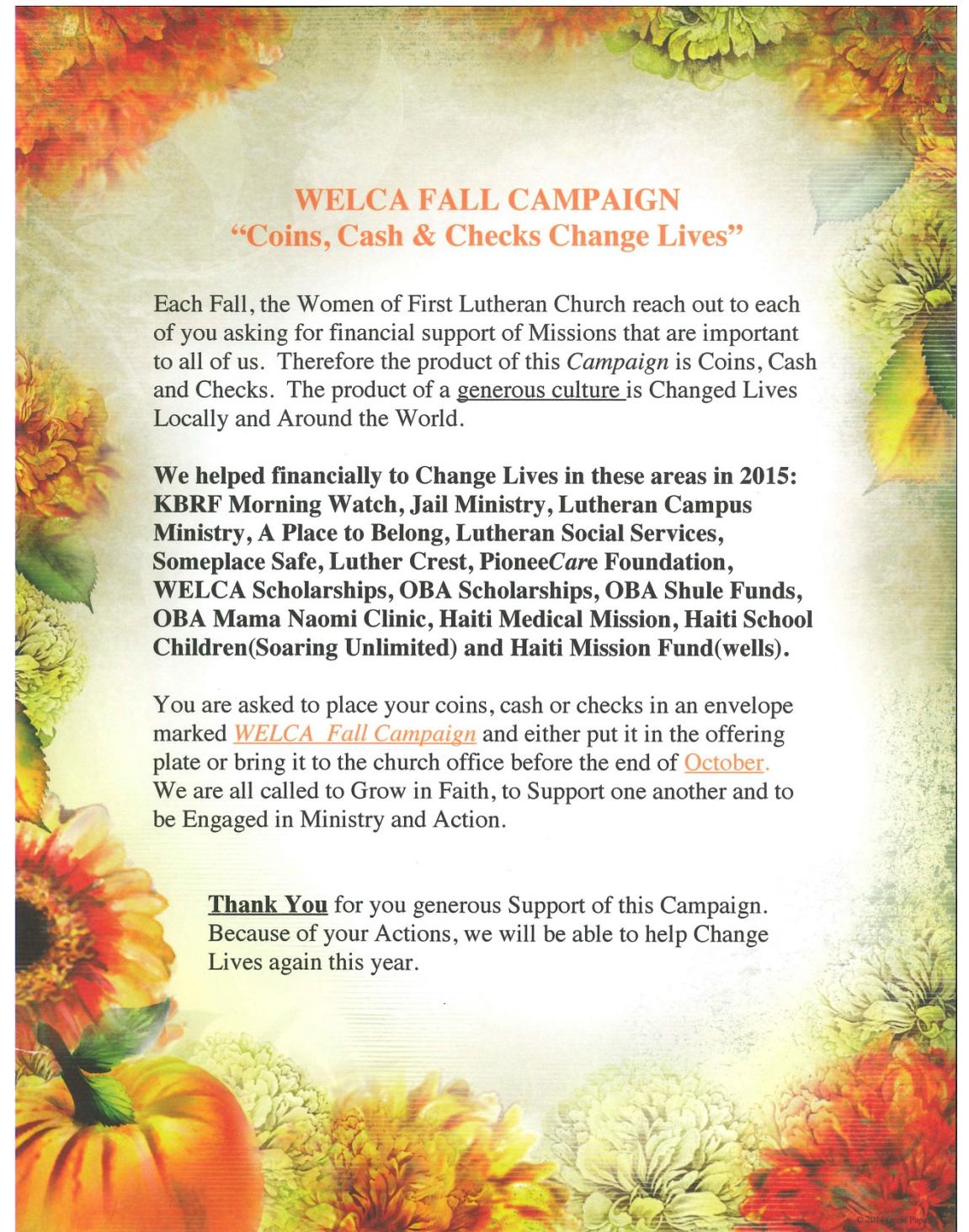
(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**Second Reading**

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

*Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.*

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)



**This Week at First Lutheran:**

**Today:** 8:30 a.m. Worship/Sunday school sings/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Milestone Blessing  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Milestone Class in Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Curt Rotto  
11:00 a.m. Worship/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Milestone Blessing  
2-4 p.m. **WOW Event: Coffee & Chocolate**

**Monday:** 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days  
5:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
5:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Tuesday:** **MESSENGER DEADLINE**  
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

**Wednesday:** 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon  
10:00 a.m. AA  
**No Children's Choir rehearsal – MEA Break**  
**No FLY – MEA Break**  
**No Hosanna Handbells rehearsal**  
**No 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class – MEA Break**  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsal  
**No Senior FLY – MEA Break**

**Thurs.:** 9:30 a.m. Sr. Bible Study & Coffee  
11 – 1 p.m. **Someplace Safe Chili Fundraiser**

**Friday:** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday:** 7 p.m. Open Al-Anon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

**Next Sunday, October 23:** **MEA – No Sunday School**  
8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Curt Rotto

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

(Congregational response read after Gospel is announced: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)

**\*Gospel**

Luke 18:1-8

(Congregational response sung after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

**Sermon**

***Changed By God***

Pastor Jennifer

**Hymn of the Day**

***Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

**ELW 800**

**Children's Event**

Pastor Jennifer

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

**\*The PEACE is shared**

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

**C** And also with you.

**Offering**

**\*Offertory**

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 to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

**\*The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,  
C Lord, have mercy.

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

**\*Blessing**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Sending**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**\*Closing Hymn**

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

ELW 774

**Postlude**

\*denotes when to stand

**2<sup>nd</sup> Graders receiving their Milestone Blessing in worship today are:**  
John Abrahams, Riley Anderson, Olivia Bernstetter, Gabe Carlson, Mason Casper, Laila Charles, Tally Clark, Nolan Felstul, Noah Frank, Armon Jefferson, Zachary Johnson, Ty Jyrkas, Ean Knutson, Zane Kollman, Brody Krein, Jaden Kwapinski, Aiden Neubauer, Anja Rajaniemi, Henry Rose, Anna Sem, William Vaughn and Kaelyn Walls.

Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Elizabeth Abrahams
Organist:	Anne Taylor
Adult Choir Director:	Erik Vigesaa
Children's Choir Director:	Kelsee Macintosh-Ellig
Greeters:	8:30- Chad, Kelsey, Nolan & Dexter Felstul 11- Stan & Donna Quam
Ushers:	8:30- Bob & Mary Gaabo, Jack Pearson 11- Curt & Ann Rotto, Gordy & Sandy Kvern
Lectors:	8:30- Pam Western 11-Laurie Whitehead
Acolytes:	8:30- Callie Knudson 11-Karley Kugler
Cantor:	8:30- Reagan Cheshire 11- Mike Wicklund
PA Operator:	Margaret Ness-Ludwig

**Fellowship and Refreshments** this morning in the narthex between services by the families of Jack & Corbin Vogl and Randi Walls & Alexis Larson.

**Altar Flowers** are given by Dale & Laurie Whitehead.

**Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Carmon & Audrey Jackson in honor of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Visitors!** If you didn't get a "Welcome Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

**Large Print Edition** of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

**We welcome Pastor Curt Rotto** as our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study leader for the next few weeks. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee, fellowship, and learn about the topic *All Are Priests* with Pastor Curt **at 9:45 in the Kairos Room.**

**COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE:** WOW (women of the word) invites you to a delicious event this **Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 pm.** Our speakers will be Jenny Stumbo of Stumbeano's coffee and Kristin Mohagen of Terroir Chocolates. These local entrepreneurs will share their stories of "two of our favorite things"!! Join us for an afternoon of delightful decadence today!

**Our Good Samaritan Fund Needs Your Help** to help those with special financial needs. Please give what you can give and indicate it on your pew envelope or on the memo line of your check.

Hurricane Matthew, one of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes in years, has caused heavy rain, dangerous winds and landslides. The National Hurricane Center has reported Hurricane Matthew to be "extremely dangerous" with conditions favorable for it to maintain its strength. Where the hurricane has already hit the hardest in Haiti, Lutheran Disaster Response's trusted partner is providing pre-positioned relief material. Our response is spanning across several countries, especially Haiti and Cuba. Gifts designated for "Hurricane Matthew" will be used in full (100 percent) to assist those affected by this hurricane until the response is complete. **Check are payable to First Lutheran Church with "Hurricane Matthew" on the memo line.** Because of your generous offerings of prayer and financial support, the ELCA walks alongside disaster survivors. Thank you!

**Please check the Radio Broadcast sign-up sheet,** if you have signed up. All families that have paid are checked off on the left of their name. Radio Broadcast for each Sunday is \$100, payable to First Lutheran Church. Thank you to all who are supportive of the broadcasting of our Sunday service. Many of our shut-ins utilize the broadcast and we are thankful to continue it with your support.

**Someplace Safe** is hosting a Chili Lunch Fundraiser this Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 11AM-1PM in the Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran. Lunch includes: Chili with fixings, dessert & beverage. Take-out and delivery are available! There will be a Free Will Donation and the proceeds will benefit Someplace Safe. For more information please contact Kim at 218-739-2853 or kim.am@someplacesafe.info