



*Will not God
grant justice?*

LUKE 18:7

Hope Lutheran Church

October 19, 2025

Pastor

Jim Helgren

Organist

Ruth Neeman

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "O God of Mercy, God of Light" LBW # 425

Brief Order of Confession pg. 56

Greeting & Kyrie

Hymn of Praise "O Savior, Precious Savior" LBW # 514

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Lessons Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121 pg. 279

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Alleluia pg. 62

Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" FOG #115

Prayers of the Church

Nicene Creed	pg. 64
Prayers of the Church	
The Peace	
Offering/Offertory	pg. 66
Offertory Prayer	pg. 67
The Great Thanksgiving	pg. 68
The Lord's Prayer	
"Lamb of God"	pg. 72
Holy Communion	
Post Communion Canticle	pg. 72
The Prayer	pg. 74
Benediction and Dismissal	
Closing Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"	LBW # 221
In Our Prayers we remember Carol Speth, the Workbook Committee and Kjrstie and Sarah Carlson whose mother, Catherine Carlson passed away October 11th.	
Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. We invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion during the service today.	
<u>October 20-22nd</u>: Pastor at Fall Leadership Conference	
<u>Wednesday, October 22nd</u>: 4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ,	
6:00 p.m. Confirmation	
<u>Sunday, October 26th</u>: 10:00 a.m. Worship	
**Pastor Helgren's phone #'s (402-848-2391 Hope), (402-864-4201 Grace), (402-826-0613 Cell), or (402-864-2113 Home). For bulletin/newsletter items contact Sharon at 402 269-5096 or email at <u>carmansharon56@gmail.com</u>	

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. 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 he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "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 him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Psalm 121

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, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the 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 everyone

who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹⁸In 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: 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 doctrine, but having itching ears, 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, 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. 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 opponent.' ⁴For a while he 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 his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Next Sunday's Readings: Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 **OR 20th Sunday after Pentecost** Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 or Sirach 35:12-17; Psalm 84:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14.

Cover: Refugees arriving on the island of Lesbos, Greece, 2015. Photo copyright © 2024 Nick Hutton/Alamy Stock Photo. Used by permission. Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible with Apocrypha, copyright © 1989 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States. Revised Common Lectionary copyright © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts (CCT), admin. Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Please visit our website at www.augsburgfortress.org. Copyright © 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. May not be reproduced. Printed in U.S.A.