TODAY'S LESSONS: THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 24

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Almighty and everlasting 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts: and I will be their God. and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 119:97-104

- 97 Oh, how I love your law! * all the day long it is in my mind.
- 98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, * and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, * for your decrees are my study.
- 100 I am wiser than the elders, * because I observe your commandments.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, * that I may keep your word.
- 102 I do not shrink from your judgments, * because you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste! * they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain understanding; * therefore I hate every lying way.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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.

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples 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?"

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of the Altar Guild.

Sunday Worship Leaders

Today Hannah Wolf Cross Lector Pat Snyder LEM Monica McLeod 2nd Chalice Volunteer Needed Vestry Stephanie Mulkern Prayer Room Andy Angel Team 2 Ushers B. Hall/M. Breil **LEV Next Week** Daniel Angel Cross Lector Selia Danes LEM Barbara Hall 2nd Chalice Volunteer Needed Vestry Barbara Hall Prayer Room Chris Burkhalter Ushers Team 3

The Calendar

Sunday, October 20

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel 9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

10am Holy Eucharist, Church

10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room
11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
11:20am Adult Forum, Fellowship Hall

12:30pm Vestry Meeting, Lounge

Monday, October 21

Tuesday, October 22

Wednesday, October 23

6:30pm CHI Healing, Lounge

Thursday, October 24

4pm Town Hall Meeting,

Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 25

Saturday, October 26

Sunday, October 27

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel9am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

10am Holy Eucharist, Church

10:05am Children's Worship, Prayer Room
11:15am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
11:20am Pumpkin Carving, Fellowship Hall
11:20am Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Spiritual Offerings

Centering Prayer, Room 19 Tuesday 6:15pm

Yoga, Room 213 Tuesday 7:15pm

AA meets Monday, 8pm, Lounge Wednesday, 8pm, Room 213 Thursday, 11:30am, Room 213 Thursday, 6:30pm, Resource Room Saturday, Noon, Room 213

Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall Tuesday nights, 7pm

Bridge, Lounge Wednesday 1pm

Listening Group, Resource Room 1st & 3rd Monday 7pm

Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall Sunday 2pm Wednesday 7pm

Sonneman Voice & Piano, Choir Room Tuesday and Thursday 3pm-9pm Saturday 10am-4pm

Stretching, Fellowship Hall 2nd & 4th Saturday 10:30am



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THE COMMUNICATOR: PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan (Spirit of Hope [Detroit]); for the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic (Church of Reconciliation [Azuza] and St. Mary, Full of Grace [Mao]; for Bishop Gibbs as he prepares to retire in December; for Bonnie A. Perry, Bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

The Sick and Suffering: For Lori (Phillips), Dennis (Kirchoff), Kaitlyn, Joan (McNally), Debra (Kovak), Gene (Gullett), Stan (Aldridge), Danny (Johnson), Peggy (Peters), Carol (Silven), Jean (Gilbert) and the Gilbert Family, Nancy (Allwardt) and the Allwardt Family, Susan (Gianfriddo), Marcus, Mary (Hawthorne), Richard (Sanchez), Clarence (Branham), Betty (Kirton), Samuel (Kirton), Chuck (Jezewski), Lenny (Provencher), Mark & Dorothy (Jones) and Brandy.

Armed Forces: For all those serving in harm's way.

Concerns in the World: For those who are suffering from natural disasters and extreme weather conditions.

Departed:

To place someone on the prayer list or request a pastoral visit please contact the church office.

Special Events and Announcements: Women's Night Out

Women's Night Out on October 25th to watch Wayne State University's women's volleyball team play Ferris State. The game starts at 7 p.m. Meet at the church parking lot at 6:15 p.m. to car pool. RSVP to Diana Brehob or the church office (313) 565-8450 or office@christchurchdearborn.org so Diana will know who to expect. No advance tickets need to be purchased, tickets are \$7. (Men are invited, too.)

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are given in thanksgiving for or in memory of loved ones. To honor your loved one on a special date, notify the church office, a donation of \$20-35 is recommended, please give as you are able.

Sharing Our Story.....Strengthening Our Community

The purpose of this project is to strengthen ties with our senior parishioners; to listen to their stories; enjoy their wisdom and wealth of experiences.

The way that you can be involved is to volunteer as a STORY-GATHERER. One member of the Renaissance team will pair with a volunteer Gatherer; they interview a senior parishioner, then write a summary of the stories they hear. The Team will gather the stories for a forum presentation on December 15. Some stories will also be shared in future Couriers.

Story-Gatherers will attend a pre-interview meeting, early evening on Wednesday October 23, to go over guidelines and receive question prompts. Interviews can then be arranged at a mutually convenient time, late October/November. If you are interested please let Terri or Jeanne Martens know, or call the Church Office.

Pumpkin Carving

An invitation for all of us to gather during coffee hour after the 10am service on October 27 for a pumpkin carving party. Whether you like to carve your pumpkin or paint it, draw on it with markers, or decorate it with sequins and other material, join us for some fun. All materials will be provided, but feel free to bring any crafty items you may want to share (or use up with the group). Some pumpkins will be provided – but you can also bring your own.



What do you have that you have not received? (1Corinthians 4:7)

When we make our special offering this morning for Christ Church, how do you think God will feel? Will God respond with "That was wonderful. You really shouldn't have done it. Your generosity pleases me. Thank you for your generous gift." We believe God does day. Please be generous.

-Weekly Thought from the Stewardship Commission