



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
PENTECOST 22—YEAR C**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 121

**A: Keep me, keep me
as the apple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me
in the shadow of your wings.**

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

G: Where does my help come from?

L: My help comes from the LORD,

G: the maker of heaven and earth.

L: He will not let your foot slip,

G: he who watches over you will not slumber;

L: indeed, he who watches over Israel

G: will neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The LORD watches over you,

**G: the LORD is your shade at your right
hand.**

L: The LORD will keep you from all harm,

G: he will watch over your life;

L: the LORD will watch over your coming and going

G: both now and forevermore.

**A: Keep me, keep me
as the apple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me
in the shadow of your wings.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: 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.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**A: For we are God's workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus to do good works.
(Ephesians 2:10a)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: The believer prays persistently.

As you study this week, seek to find the *connecting theme* in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 18:1-8A

The persistent widow was determined: she would receive justice, even from a *corrupt* judge. Her determination kept her begging for justice day after day. In the end she received her due even from a judge with no fear of God and no respect for his fellow man. Learn a lesson in prayerful persistence: How much more will our heavenly Father work justice and bring deliverance to those determined in prayer!

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 32:22-30

His old name meant “heel-grabber,” but he was about to get a new name, “Israel, the one who wrestles with God.” Jacob found himself faced by a large force of men with his brother Esau. Uncertain of what the future held, Jacob turned to the Lord in prayer. Thankful for the blessings showered on him by the God of the Covenant, he calls on the name of the Lord for protection. As Jacob wrestled with God on the banks of the Jabbok, so Christ invites us to wrestle with God in prayer. Let us be determined to hold our heavenly Father to his promises. This is our privilege and duty won by him who struggled and has overcome the gates of hell itself.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14–4:5

In this lesson from the continuing series of readings from the epistles to Timothy, the inspired Word of the Lord testifies to the truth, changes hearts, and equips believers for lives of faithful service. As the world around us panders to whatever it wants to hear, it rejects the absolute truth of sin and grace. Yet, steeped in the Word, we are determined to proclaim the Word of the Lord to the benefit of God's holy people.

My takeaways:

SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON: 1 JOHN 5:13-15

We can pray persistently because we have confidence in our salvation and confidence that our God hears us. There is no uncertainty here. We know that whatever we ask according to the Father's will is as good as in our possession.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?