

Genesis 32:22-30 (ESV)

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

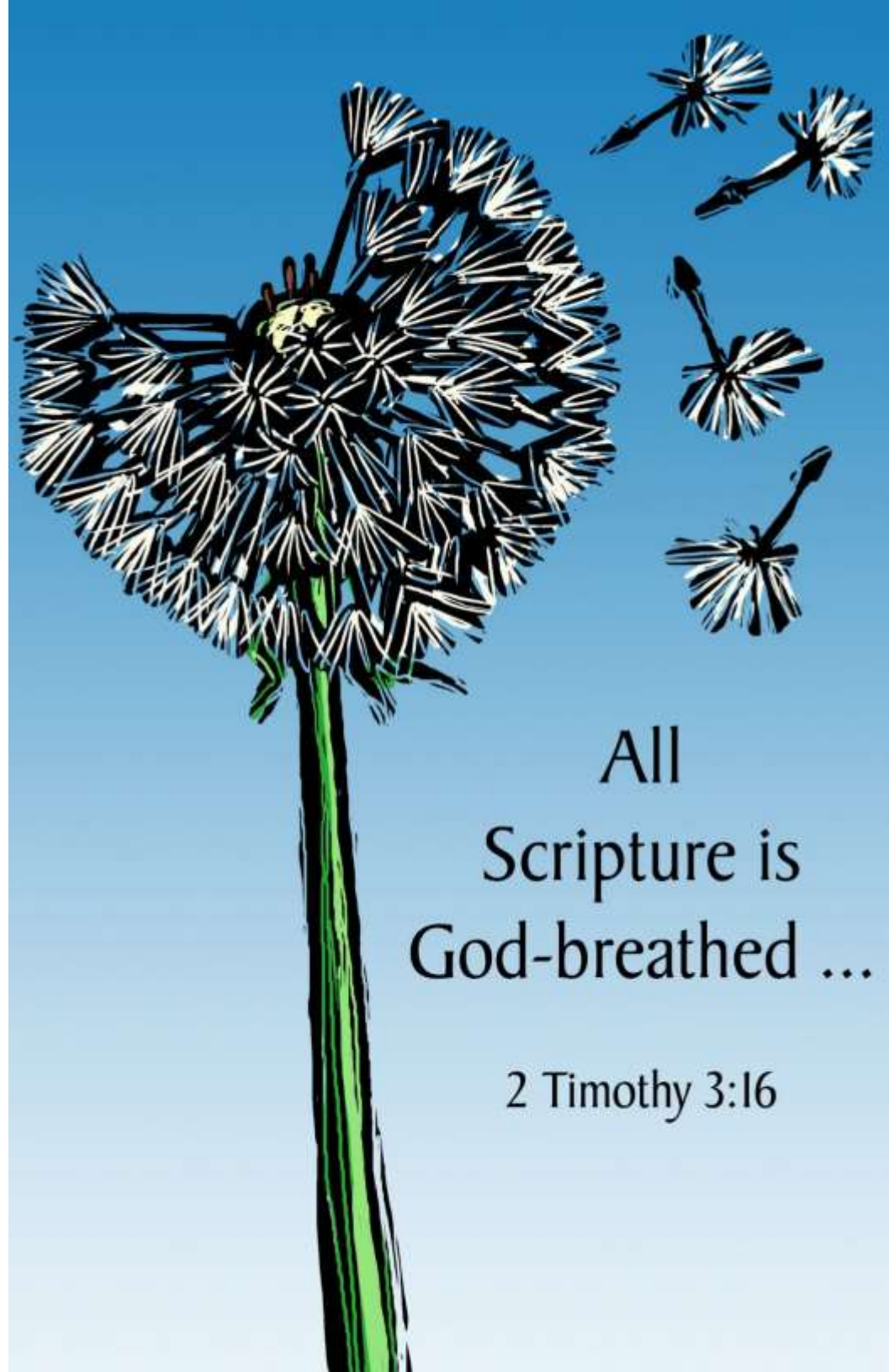
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (ESV)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of

God may be complete, equipped for every good work. ⁴ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Luke 18:1-8 (ESV)

¹⁸ And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



All
Scripture is
God-breathed ...

2 Timothy 3:16

October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

As We Gather ~ Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer. “Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day” (Gen. 32:24). Though “Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’” (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice” (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving “justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night” (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they “have learned and have firmly believed” (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of “the sacred writings” (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to “preach the word” at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

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Pastor	Larry Warsinski
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elders	Paul Bohn and Dick Bluemer
A/V	Dave Hutfilz
Ushers	Jerry Neuenfeldt and Mike Hingston

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 56 *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,316 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$1,768; Capital Projects \$30; In memory of Harvey Neuenfeldt \$130.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: October 19- Dwight Clapp, Chris Peacock, Jim Schultz (his 82nd), Delaney Seeburger; October 20- Jane Tessin; October 21- Dominic Werry; October 22- Candace Baccary, Adam Coty; October 23- Craig Hilbrandt, Diane Schultz (her 81st); October 24- Cramer Laurenz, Bonnie Neuenfeldt (her 85th); October 25- Ken Knoerr (his 82nd).

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.” 1 John 4:2

Voters’ Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26 following the service to approve 2026 budget and review quarterly reports. Agendas are in your bulletin box. All confirmed members age 18 and over are encouraged to attend.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month ~ Pray often and caringly for Pastor Warsinski, church leaders and their families. The role is challenging, so support them spiritually and ask God to reveal his love and grace to these special servants. We are appreciative of Pastor Warsinski serving as our Intentional Interim Pastor.

The families of Duane Tessin are having a Memorial Service for Duane on Saturday, October 25, 2025 at 11:00 am at the Midland Memorial Garden Cemetery Chapel, 565 N. Meridian Rd., Midland. A luncheon will be held at 1 pm at Zion Lutheran Church fellowship hall for those who would like to share in the celebration of Duane’s life.



“It is easy enough to do good once or twice, but to keep on doing good without getting disgusted with the ingratitude of those whom we have benefited, that is not so easy.”

Martin Luther

(Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians)