

Is not my word like ...  
a hammer  
that breaks the  
rock in pieces?

JEREMIAH 23:29, ESV



The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 14, 2022

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**Birthdays this week:**

Aug 20 – Gloria Creek

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Aug 16 – Ken Brandt

Aug 17 – Zachary Greenwood

Aug 18 – Paxton Meierhoff

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Aug 16 – Shannon and Tara Birkholz

Aug 17 – Kevin and Linda Aguiar

Aug 20 – Jacob and Natasha Meierhoff

***TIME OF SILENCE** -- We appreciate the sounds of friends greeting each other and the words of welcome that are exchanged. They are evidence of the love and care we have for one another. However, when the chimes sound, we ask that our conversations be brought to a close and our attention turned to some quiet meditation in preparation for the worship service.*

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**Divine Service - Setting Three**  
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**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Confession and Absolution**

**Opening Hymn: 667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses**



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;  
 2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;  
 3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;  
 4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.  
 They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.  
 Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.  
 He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so  
 Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and  
 We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were  
 He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"  
 gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.  
 mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."  
 dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

- 5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
 On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
 Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
 With grace precede us.
- 6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
 Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
 Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
 You fail us never!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 55:1, 12–14, 16; antiphon: v. 22*

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;\*  
 he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.  
 Give ear to my prayer, | O God,\*  
 and hide not yourself from my plea for | mercy!  
 For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could | bear it;\*  
 it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could | hide from him.  
 But it is you, a man, my | equal,\*  
 my companion, my fa- | miliar friend.  
 We used to take sweet counsel to- | gether;\*  
 within God’s house we walked | in the throng.  
 But I | call to God,\*  
 and the LORD will | save me.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sus- | tain you;\*  
 he will never permit the righteous to | be moved.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory be to God on high:



**C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



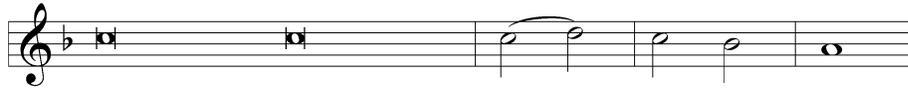
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



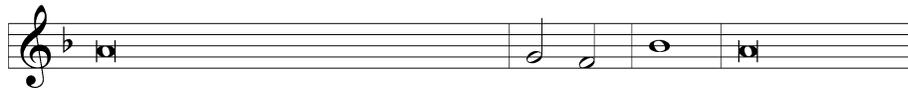
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

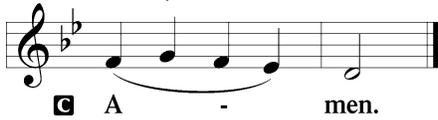


**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His

way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:16–29*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

<sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

<sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

<sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

<sup>21</sup>“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

<sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,\*  
for those who fear him lack nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,\*  
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

## Epistle

*Hebrews 11:17–12:3*

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each

of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. <sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>32</sup>And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup>And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*



## Verse of the Day

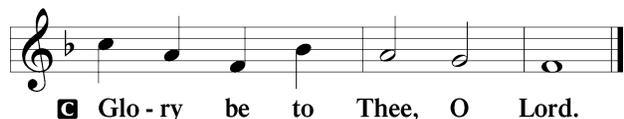
*Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b*

Alleluia. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD? What has straw in common with wheat? Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 12:49–56*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against

daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### Apostles' Creed

**G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

### Hymn of the Day: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your  
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that  
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.  
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Sermon based on Jeremiah 23:16-29

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## Offertory

LSB 192



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 Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

## Offering

Stand

### Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the spirit of Jeremiah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, that in days of division our hearts would be strengthened to confess in word and deed the glory of God's name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the power of the Holy Spirit to overshadow the servants of God, that they may build up the Church of God on the eternal foundation of His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents, that they may bring up their children to resist temptation and endure all for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and all those in authority, that our Lord God Almighty would behold them in His mercy and replenish them by His grace; that all who receive the sword would bear it according to His Word, always inclining to His will and walking in His way; and that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, especially **Connie, Deloris, Richard, Ed, Erich, Michael, Mark, Becky, Steve, Ben, Pam, Jody, Ron, the Van Oman family, Marylan**, and those we name in our hearts, that God would grant healing to their bodies, strength to the weak, endurance to bear up under trial, patience to await His deliverance and peace at the last, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those who celebrate birthdays, especially **Gloria**, and those who celebrate baptismal birthdays among us, especially **Ken, Zachary and Paxton**, and fill us all with a repentant faith that knows we have been buried with Christ through Baptism into His death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For another year of married life together for **Shannon and Tara, Kevin and Linda, and Jacob and Natasha**. Open their hearts always to receive more of Your love that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For strength and protection to those who are deployed in the armed forces of our country, especially **Eric**. Support them in times of war, and in times of peace keep them from all evil, giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For hearts that prize our Baptism and the communion of the saints above all other relations in this world, even as we pray and strive for the salvation of those we know and love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that we who share with them the feast of heaven would also follow their way through death to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, most merciful Father, in these our humble requests, which we offer unto You in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### 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.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## Closing Hymn: 716 I Walk in Danger All the Way



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -  
 3 And death pur - sues me all the way, No - where I rest se -  
 4 I walk with an - gels all the way, They shield me and be -



leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is  
 tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The  
 cure - ly; He comes by night, he comes by day, He  
 friend me; All Sa - tan's pow'r is held at bay When



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
 cross of God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty  
 takes his prey most sure - ly. A fail - ing breath, and I  
 heav'n - ly hosts at - tend me; They are my sure de - fense,



May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to  
 I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my  
 In death's strong grasp may lie To face e - ter - ni -  
 All fear and sor - row, hence! Un - harmed by foes, do



watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 ty to - day As death pur - sues me all the way.  
 what they may, I walk with an - gels all the way.

- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
 His guidance never fails me;  
 Within His wounds I find a stay  
 When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
 And by His footsteps led,  
 My path I safely tread.  
 No evil leads my soul astray;  
 I walk with Jesus all the way.
- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
 Await, my soul, the morrow,  
 When God's good healing shall allay  
 All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
 Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
 To heav'n I now press on.  
 For all the world I would not stay;  
 My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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**PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK.**

We pray for shut-ins, including **Connie Juden, Deloris Brown, Richard Schotthey, and Ed Ostlund**. We pray for those suffering from disease: **Rev. Erich Kaelberer** of Cody WY, **Michael Drummond**; **Rev. Mark Grunst** of Billings, **Becky Schlund**, and **Rev. Steve Schlund**. We pray for 9 year old **Ben Aagaard** who has kidney cancer and **Pam Schaaf**, daughter of Phyllis Schaaf, who has ovarian cancer for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. From the congregation of First Lutheran in Fort Benton, we pray for **Jody Decker, Ron Van Horn, the Van Oman family and Marylan Dallum** who fell in her home. We pray for **Eric Fletcher** from our congregation who is deployed.

**Chair exercise** continues each week on the regular schedule: **Monday 9 AM; Wednesday 9:30 AM and Friday 10:15 AM**. Feel free to come and join us!!

**Wednesday work nights** - The Board of Directors has started a work night each **Wednesday at 6 PM**.

Thank you to everyone who has come and helped during our work nights thus far this summer. If Wednesday is a day that doesn't work for you, please feel free to come at any other time during the week and do a chore that you notice needs to be done! Anything that you do is very much appreciated! Things that still need to be done are organizing the kitchen cupboards and drawers, wiping down the tables and chairs, and much more. Please plan to come and help for as long as your schedule will allow.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AND SERVE**  
**During the Week of August 14, 2022**

**TODAY**

- 10:00 AM** Divine Worship
- 11:30 AM** Bible study and Sunday School for all ages
- 3:00 PM** Worship Service at First Lutheran in Fort Benton

**MONDAY**

- 9:00 AM** Church office open 9 AM to 1 PM through Thursday
- 9:00 AM** Chair exercise at Peace
- 10:00 AM** Christ for the Deaf Worship Canceled
- 1:30 PM** Worship at Highgate

**TUESDAY**

- 1:00 PM** Ladies AA at Peace
- 5:00 PM** Wee Disciples fund raiser at Fuddruckers until 9 PM
- 7:00 PM** AA at Peace

**WEDNESDAY**

- 6:30 AM** Men's Bible study at Missouri River Diner
- 9:30 AM** Chair exercise at Peace
- 6:30 PM** Work day at church

**THURSDAY**

- 9:00 AM** Quilters meet at Peace
- 7:00 PM** AA at Peace

**FRIDAY**

- 9:00 AM** Church office closed
- 9:00 AM** TOPS meet at Peace
- 10:15 AM** Chair exercise at Peace