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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 14, 2022

August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

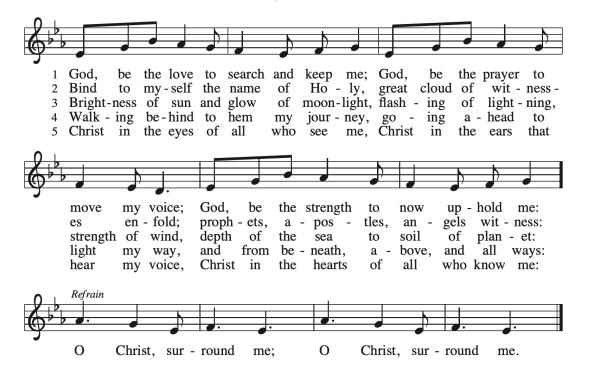
Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *God*, *Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* (all verses) God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me *O Christ*, *Surround Me*



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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying,

"I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 82

(Read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

¹God stands to charge the divine coun- | cil assembled, giving judgment in the midst | of the gods:

²"How long will you | judge unjustly, and show favor | to the wicked?

³Save the weak | and the orphan;

defend the hum- ble and needy;

⁴rescue the weak | and the poor;

deliver them from the power | of the wicked.

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander a- | bout in darkness; all the foundations of the | earth are shaken.

⁶Now I say to you, ¹ 'You are gods, and all of you children of ¹ the Most High;

⁷nevertheless, you shall | die like mortals, and fall like | any prince.' "

⁸Arise, O God, and | rule the earth, for you shall take all nations | for your own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

A reading from Hebrews.

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they 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."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

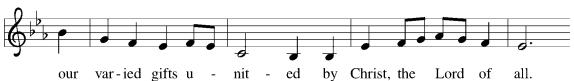
SERMON PASTOR BARB

HYMN OF THE DAY We All Are One in Mission (all verses)

We All Are One in Mission



- 1 We all are one in mis sion; we all are one in call,
- 2 We all are called for ser vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
- 3 Now let us be u nit ed, and let our song be heard.



Our min-is-tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same: Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



Α gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove touch the lives God's sur-pris-ing grace, to of oth ers with We all mis all are one in sion; we are one in



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love. so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace. our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please respond.)

P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERATORY









OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

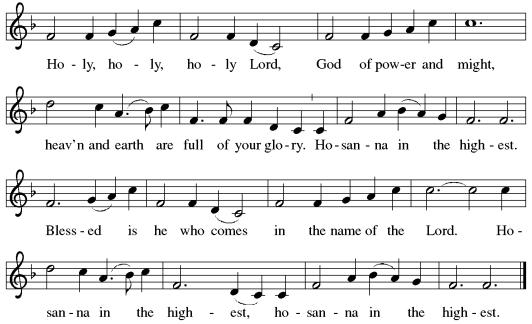
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

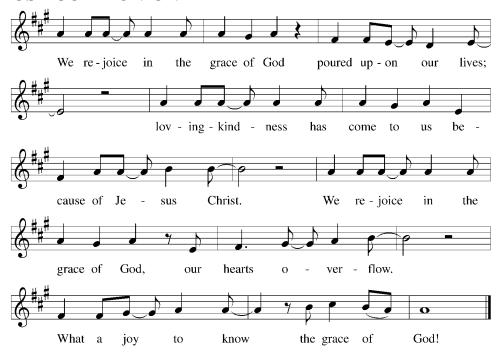
COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher, maintaining your distance. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Return to your seat. Please notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar. The Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,

through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,

both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

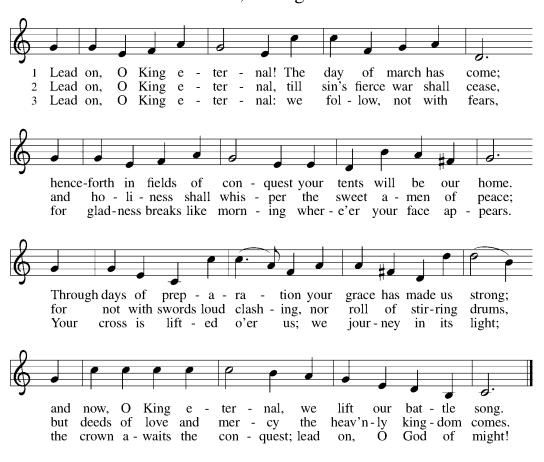
BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

Amen.

SENDING SONG Lead On, O King Eternal! (all verses) Lead On, O King Eternal!



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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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Bread Cubes	
Communion Assist	Lilly Chiado
Attendance last Sunday	43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God for the August Kuykendall family birthdays: Pap, Norm, son Mark, grandson Matthew, and great grand-children Jacob & Emersyn given by Norm & Nancy Kuykendall.

The rose bud vase this morning is placed to the Glory of God in honor of Kacy Michelle born 8/6/2022. Kacy is the daughter of Calvin & Kate Mentzer, and great-granddaughter of Joyce Skelly.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

For now, the offering plate will continue to be placed in the back of the church in front of the Baptismal Font. Thank you for your continuing support of the ministries of Solomon's as we join God in the work of sharing Christ's love.

Prayer requests for the following: Family and friends of Annamarie Schwartz, Jenny Barnes, Aurora Shultz and her parents David and Brittany, Ray Rotz, Dirk Gilbert, Matthew, Lexi and Brooke Bowen, Sarge and Barb Weaver, Patricia Furry, Rory Snyder, Barbara Weaver, Tina Smith, Nancy Marshall, Milissa Fogle, Marie Dovey, Beth Floyd, Jean Jackson, Annamarie Schwartz, David Johnson, Joe and Karen Wolfinger, Jennie Matthews, Kristen Hardman, Patricia Yetter, Ukrainian Nation, Peace for the World, Carol Locke, Aurora Shultz and her parents David & Brittany, Linda Wepking, Frances Kramer, Connie Bikle, Darrell Veilleux. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. Note: At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

Office Hours for Pastor Barb are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon or call for an appointment.

Ministry Opportunity: Waynesboro Community and Human Services provides food, clothing and rent assistance to the needy in Waynesboro and Greencastle. They are in need of volunteers to pick up donations at Walmart, Sheetz and Martins in Waynesboro and the Panera Bread in Hagerstown. The pick-ups are on different days and times. If you feel the Holy Spirit inviting you to help, call the center at 717-762-6941.

Choir Practice will begin Thursday, September 8 at 7:00PM.

Solomon's is invited to a Seminar exploring Sexism and Gender Bias: *Giving Life and Value to All: Moving Toward Gender Justice.* The seminar will be held at St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2695 Luther Drive both in person and by Zoom. Friday Evening, September 30, 2022, 6:30 - 9:00 pm and Saturday Morning, October 1, 2022, 9:00 am – Noon (Continental Breakfast 8:30). Registration Required by Sept. 20. To register or ask questions about seminar contact micah6.8chbg@gmail.com or call St. Luke Office at 717-261-1213 during office hours Tu, Wed, Th, 9 am - noon.

CONFIRMATION 101: Wednesday, Aug 17, 6 PM. Some in our family have asked for a class reviewing some of the basics. To participate fully in worship and grow our relationship with God, we need to know stuff. What does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian? Come for dessert and conversation with Pastor Barb.

Calling all keys! We are creating a list of all the people who currently hold a key for the Church or Fellowship Hall. Please notify the office either by phone (717-267-2266) or email (<u>kimberly@solomonslutheran.org</u>), if you hold any of these keys.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will begin Sunday, September 28 at 9AM in the Conference Room in the Fellowship Building. If you know anyone of Confirmation age who needs to participate, please ask the family to call Pastor Barb at the church office. We want to have enough materials and supplies.

Relay for Life Fundraiser: We are kicking off 2023 with a mum sale! They are 9" pots for \$13.00 or 3 for \$33.00! Available colors are: White, Yellow, Purple, Orange, or Red. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Sunday School Room and all orders and payments are due by August 21st. Please make your check payable to Becky Mull if you are writing a check. Delivery is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th. Please contact Becky Mull or Zoe Mummert with questions. Thank you for your support!

Many thanks to Edna Harris for all the time and energy she gave to fulfill her duties as treasurer for the past two years. Edna will be stepping down from treasurer at the end of the year. Prayerfully consider if you feel called to serve in this ministry.

Rally Day is September 11, 9:00AM – 10:00AM with brunch starting at 9:00AM. Carissa Martin, Founder and President of Monarch's Way (home for troubled girls) will begin speaking at 9:30AM.

Volunteers are needed for nursery duties during the summer months. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Sunday School Room.

Power Pack Meals: The power pack program has resumed in August for the 2022-2023 school year. Please place the items you donate in the gray tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are also accepted, write your check to Solomon's, and put Power Pack in the memo line.

Social Ministry: Social Ministry will be collecting items through August for Personal Care Kits as we have done in past years. Items needed are: One light-weight dark color bath size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"); Two - three bath size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand in original wrapping; One adult size toothbrush in original packaging; One sturdy comb; One metal nail clippers attached file optional. We are not asking that you donate an entire kit, just the items you feel you can give. Please place the items in the gray tote under the coat rack. The kits will be assembled during **God's Work Our Hands** on Rally Day Sunday in September.

Sign-up Sheets for worship assistants for the rest of the year will be on the side table in the Sunday School room. Communion: bread, set-up, clean-up, and assistant will be on a monthly basis. If you can't commit to the entire month, please see if you can share the month with someone else. Acolytes and Lectors are on a weekly basis. If you find you can't fulfill a chosen date, please call someone to take your place. Let Kimberly in the office know so the bulletin and newsletter info stays up to date. Thank you for your commitment to help provide opportunities for meaningful worship at Solomons. Kimberly will publish the schedule for each month in the newsletter.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are located in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Council Minutes, Monthly Financial Statement and Committee Minutes are available in the library for anyone to read.

AUGUST 14, 2022 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST





DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Following Jesus causes division
Monday	Jeremiah 23:23-29	God's word is like fire
Tuesday	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Faith in God
Wednesday	Psalm 37:27-33	Trust the Lord
Thursday	Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
Friday	Isaiah 30:18-22	God's promise to Zion
Saturday	Psalm 82	Justice to the weak
Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the sabbath

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. **Psalm 82:3-4** (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, you who want compassion and justice to guide our lives, give us faith and courage to live and speak truth with love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest; let these gifts to us be blessed. Let there be a goodly share on every table, everywhere. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of justice and mercy give you peace and good courage.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When was there a time you felt you were treated unfairly?
- God demands a commitment to justice. What does this mean to you?

HYMN OF THE WEEK

The People Walk



DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 12:49-56.

There is a history of domestic and global violence. Today's news reminds us that there are still divisions and violence. In this reading, Jesus' call for fire and division represents God's demand—not request—for justice. Biblical faith, both Old and New Testament, reveal a God who cares enough to judge, to condemn, to divide, yes, even to kill Egyptians in the Red Sea to protect God's people. Christianity stands for something. That means it stands against something, too. Jesus can be critical and outraged. He notes that people are able to read the signs of the weather, but what about the signs of discrimination around them? Everyone seems to have their own standards and their own causes. This can blind people who think they know God. Jesus will have none of it. Following Jesus does not permit a blind eye to violence and discrimination, whether it is in the first or twenty-first centuries. The good news is that God's kingdom promises to make all things new.

Discuss: How have you or someone you know experienced discrimination? Pray: God of justice, help us to see the times we live in and pursue compassion and fairness for all through Christ Jesus, the one who died that we may live for others. Amen.

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to show compassion for those who are weak and needy?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Hebrews 12:1 speaks of being surrounded by a cloud of witnesses and encourages us to get rid of everything that slows us down from following Jesus. On a sheet of paper write a list of things people do or say that do not show ways Jesus would like us to act towards others. Some examples: belittling or bullying others, lying about something, stealing, or cheating. Take a moment to read over your list and then crumble it up and throw it away. Then pray: Dear Jesus, please forgive us for those times when we are unkind and thoughtless about the needs of others; help us to follow you in love. Amen.

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