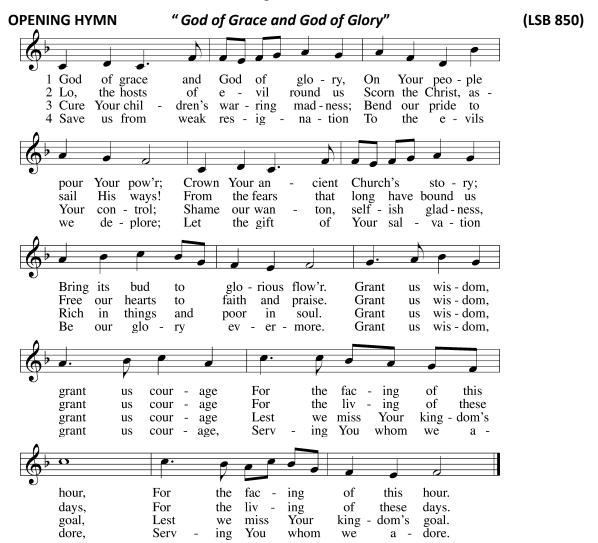
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022



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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

PSALM *Psalm* 119:81-88; antiphon v. 81

Pastor: Today we consider faith under trial. But we cannot remain strong without God's

help. Let us begin by praying today's Psalm responsively

People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

Pastor: My eyes long for Your promise;

I ask, "When will You comfort me?"

For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,

yet I have not forgotten Your statutes.

People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

Pastor: How long must Your servant endure?

When will You judge those who persecute me?

The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to Your law. All Your commandments are sure:

they persecute me with falsehood; help me!

People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

Pastor: They have almost made an end of me on earth,

but I have not forsaken Your precepts. In Your steadfast love give me life,

that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth.

People: My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Hebrews 12:1-2

Pastor: Let us confess our sins, recognizing the forgiveness we receive because of our

Lord's sacrifice in our place.

Gracious heavenly Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: People of God, "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," all of whom struggled in their day, none of them perfect, but all of whom looked forward in hope. Because our Lord Jesus, "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, . . . is seated at the right hand of the throne of God," we can be confident that He fulfilled all God's promises and has made His total, gracious forgiveness available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 1 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy!

People: Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!



SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

THE READINGS

OLD TESAMENT: Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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.'"

¹⁸ 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? ¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²² 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.

²³ "Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? ²⁴ 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. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ 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? ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

Lector: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

People: who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

Lector: Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

People: and their words to the ends of the world.

EPISTLE: *Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1-3*

¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

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

²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after

they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

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^{12:1} 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, ² 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:49–53

Pastor: The Holy Gospel is according to <u>St. Luke</u>, the <u>12th</u> chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

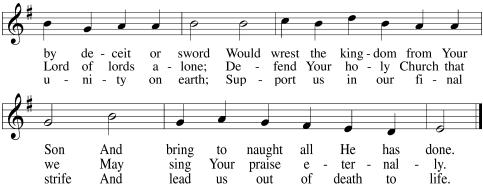
HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

(LSB 655)



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



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SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

OFFERING

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends: . . . Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung by all)

Our Father which 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 debts

as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not... into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine... is the kingdom... and the power... and the glory... forever. Amen.

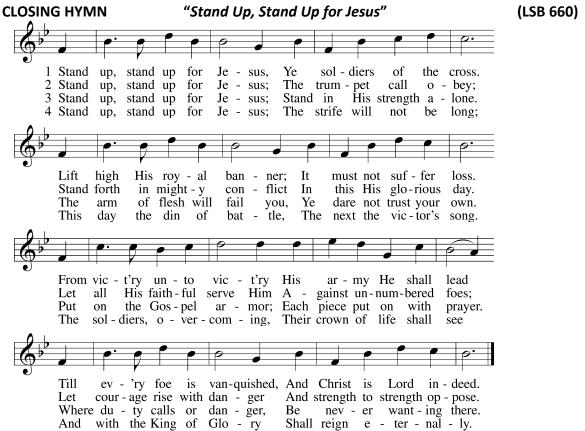
BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.



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