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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

**“FIRE, DIVISIONS AND STORMS”**

*Whoever you are...*

*Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...*

*YOU are WELCOME here!*

# **WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

## **Welcome**

## **Gathering Music**

*Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.*



## **Invocation and Prayer**

### **Introduction of Today's Theme**

Leader: Jesus has been teaching His disciples and a large gathering. He has been encouraging them and telling them not to worry but to trust Him, to be ready for the Son of Man to return, for He will return when least expected. Jesus then speaks some difficult words to understand. He says He is bringing fire! And division, not peace! Families will be divided. He scolds the crowd and calls them hypocrites because they can read the weather but not the times.

Pastor Praise be to the Lord, the Lord of heaven and earth!

**All: We give You all praise and honor and glory, our Creator and Savior.**

Pastor: You are the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we praise You! Amen.

Leader: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we thank You and praise You that it was Your will to send Your Son Jesus to us. We thank You Jesus for Your sacrifice, Your pain. We thank You for our salvation and our lives. We praise You for Your teaching while You were on earth. For Your example, Your obedience to the Father. Help us, Lord, today to understand Your word. What it means to bring fire to the earth. Why not peace? Why division? Help us, Lord, to recognize the times! To discern and to have clarity. To cling to You and the Gospel and to reject false teaching and prophecy. We pray in Your Holy Name.

**All: Amen.**

## **WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Leader: Let us confess our sin.

**All: Lord, You are faithful and just. We ask You to forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew in us a right spirit. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Lord, renew our hearts and minds and bring our thoughts into alignment with Your commandments. Give us new eyes that are like Yours, so that we can see what is most important. Help us to spend time with You--for You are the only one worth living for. Holy Spirit, do these things in us even now, we pray, amen.



**Opening Song: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" – LW #139**

### **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

*(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)*



**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23 – 29**

Reader: This is God's Word

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2**

Reader: This is God's Word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



**Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49 – 56**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**All: Praise to You, O Christ.**



**Song of the Day: "Christ Be My Leader" – Songbook #151**

**Message: "Fire, Divisions and Storms" – Pastor Tom Hurley**

## **WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**



Nicene Creed – *(All speak together)*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



The Prayers – Congregation response, “Hear our prayer.”

Offering – The offering plate is by the door as you exit today.

## **WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD’S GRACE**

Pastor: We are blessed to have the invitation from Jesus Himself to join Him, as believers, in this Holy meal. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

### **Words of Institution**



Lord’s Prayer:

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.

## Communion



*Please come to the Altar, those who desire to participate in the Sacrament this joyous day. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, “**The Body of Christ, given for you...**” “**The Blood of Christ, shed for you.**” The communicant may say, “**Amen.**” Non-communicating children can cross (X) their arms while at the Altar.*

## Dismissal Blessing

Pastor: May the receiving of our Lord’s body and blood strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Amen.

## **WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD’S GRACE**

### **Closing Litany: Psalm 82**

Leader: God presides in the great assembly; he renders judgment among the “gods”:

**All: “How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

Leader: “The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**All: “I said, ‘You are “gods”; you are all sons of the Most High.’ But you will die like mere mortals; you will fall like every other ruler.”**

Leader: Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.

### **Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

 **Closing Hymn: “O Savior, Precious Savior” – LW #282**

### **Announcements**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADULT FORUM** – Join us Monday mornings at 9:30 on ZOOM. Look for the ZOOM invitation in your email each Sunday afternoon.

**FOR HOMELESS** – Chaplain John does **NOT** need any more **Calendars or clothing items.**

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY:**

**Lay Leader:** Nelson Gremmels  
**Comm. Assistant:** Nelson Gremmels  
**Ushers/Greeter:** Chuck & Elfi Bakken  
**Reader:** Linda Sotto  
**Altar/Pre-Post Clean:** Marcia Hurley  
**Counter:** Chuck Bakken  
**Fellowship:** Linda Sotto & Joy Bloom

**SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Lay Leader:** Ken Benson  
**Comm. Assistant:** \* **No Comm.**  
**Usher/Greeter:** John & Gail Hutson  
**Reader:** Doug Holm  
**Altar/Pre-Post Clean:** ***Daina Vitols\****  
**Counter:** Dan Bastien  
**Fellowship:** John & Gail Hutson

*\*No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

**BIRTHDAY:** Barry Goldsmith, Dan Hadley

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** None

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** Dwight & Joseph Worthington (*Grandsons of the Bakken's*), Esteban Ramirez (*Grandson of Mercedes See*), and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Charles Gremmels (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels and Grandson of Nelson & Shirley*).



**SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:**

**John Surinchak** – Prayers of comfort for losses in his family.

**Bob Mountjoy** – He has been put on Hospice Care (*Bakken's friend*).

**Barbie Stokes** – She badly broke her leg, prayers for smooth recovery.

**Kimberley Ross** – Needs prayers of healing from metastatic cancer.

**Xanthia Warren** – Prayers for sustaining health.

**Fern Johnson** – Having severe asthma problems, pray for restored healing.

**Mike Gremmels** – Prayers for successful recovery after surgeries.

**Tori Carter** – She's a new mother, starting treatment for breast cancer (*Fern's granddaughter*).

**Mark Jagow** – Pray for his medical procedures and recovery (*Rhoda's brother*).

**Lance Desmond** – Prayers for a kidney replacement, as he continues dialysis.

**Joyce Semar** – (**8 mos. old**) Prayers for recovery from heart surgery (*Parents: Ryan & Barb – related to the Gremmels*).

**Bret Winterboer** – Prayers for recovery from a possible stroke (*Brigitte's son & Ken's grandson*).

**Ken Benson** – Prayers needed for healing from cancer.

**Jules Schindler** – Pray for scalp to heal, maximum bed rest and overall health.

**Bruce Baker** – Pray for him to have peace and comfort (*Friend of Diana Goebel*).

**COVID 19** – Prayer for a miraculous solution and remedy from this pandemic for the world.

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23 – 29**

***The Prophet Jeremiah gives Israel a word from the Lord regarding lying prophets. Prophets who use words they say are from the Lord but are really of their own imaginations. God declares that the storm of the Lord will burst out and the purposes of His heart will be accomplished.***

<sup>23</sup> “Am I only a God nearby,” declares the LORD, “and not a God far away? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup> “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ <sup>26</sup>How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? <sup>27</sup>They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. <sup>28</sup> Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup> “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2**

***The writer of Hebrews commends the ancients for their faith. For they did not receive what was promised, God had a better plan--a plan of perfection. He encourages the readers of Hebrews to not lose heart and run the race with their eyes focused on Jesus.***

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient. <sup>32</sup> And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. <sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— <sup>38</sup> the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup> These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily

entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Gospel: Luke 12:49 – 56**

***Jesus speaks of fire and division. He says families will be against each other--no doubt because of Him. He echoes the Prophet Jeremiah when he says the people can interpret storms of the earth but not the coming storm of the Lord.***

<sup>49</sup> “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. <sup>52</sup> From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, 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 daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” <sup>54</sup> He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. <sup>55</sup> And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. <sup>56</sup> Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

