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**Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost**

**Inevitable Conflict,
Eternal Joy**

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Divine Service 3



Servant

Processional

The Candle-Light of Christ

As We Gather

Today's Epistle continues the list of heroes of faith begun last week. But the other Readings provide the context. At the time of the Old

Testament Reading, false prophets were telling people that nothing was wrong, although God had not commanded them to teach about anything. In the Gospel, Jesus points out that acting on one's faith inevitably leads to conflict, even within families. Only by faith are we able to look beyond the current, inevitable conflict to the joy that awaits all who follow Jesus. For the eternal joy before Him, He endured the pain. Now it is our turn to run the endurance race until faith is turned to sight.

PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL GREETING

PREPARATION

HYMN OF RECONCILIATION:

**Lord of All Nations, Grant Me
Grace** LSB 844

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of
the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

P: Today we consider faith under
trial. But we cannot remain strong
without God's help. Let us begin by

praying today's Psalm
responsively.

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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!

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

P: 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.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hebrews. 12:1–2

P: Let us confess our sins, recognizing the forgiveness we receive because of our Lord's sacrifice in our place. Gracious heavenly Father,

C: I, a poor and desperate sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your earthly 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.

P: 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, announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

WORD

**HYMN OF PRAISE: The Lord,
My God Be Praised LSB 794**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord our God, You have graciously bestowed on us the gift of faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Strengthen our faith so that we may fight the good fight of faith in times of trial, winning those daily struggles and anticipating the final victory that awaits us by Your grace;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:16–29

God condemns false prophets.

¹⁶Thus 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. ¹⁷They 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.’”

¹⁸For 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?

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

²⁰The 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.

²²But 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 afar off?

²⁴Can 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. ²⁵I have heard what the
prophets have said who prophesy

lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who 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? ²⁸Let 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. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

L:This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

L: Fear the LORD, you His saints,

**C: for those who fear Him lack
nothing!**

L: Many are the afflictions of the
righteous,

**C: but the LORD delivers him out of
them all.**

EPISTLE

Hebrews

11:17–33; 12:1–3

*Heroes of faith acted when tested,
well before Christ appeared in
human history.*

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

Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By 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. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the

king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b*

P: Alleluia. Is not My word like fire,
declares the LORD?

**C: What has straw in common with
wheat? Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:49–53*

*Jesus says families will be divided
over Him.*

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Not Peace, but Division

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! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five 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.”

Interpreting the Time

⁵⁴He 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. 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?”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

Quite the Carving! *Psalm 139:14*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664

SERMON The Great Divide

Luke 12:49-53

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

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.

**COMMISSIONING OF
EVANGELISM SERVANTS**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: Thine

Forever, God of Love LSB 687

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

**The Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace.**

P: Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: God's Word Is
Our Great Heritage LSB 582**

**GOD'S PEOPLE DISMISS
THEMSELVES**

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