



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
God's Word Divides

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | Jordan, Minnesota

August 17, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service, we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

TODAY’S THEME

We often divide humanity into groupings that are not really significant: this ethnic group versus that one, men versus women, wealthy versus poor. Yet, every ethnic group is under God’s law. That law equally convicts men and women of sin. Because of sin, both the wealthy and poor will die. Only through faith in Christ is sin forgiven and the sting of death removed. God’s Word creates that saving faith, but not in everyone who hears it. Fallen mankind retains the awful power to reject the Word and God’s gift of faith. Therefore, God’s Word produces the only people distinction that matters – believers and unbelievers. We desire to live in peace with other people. But Jesus teaches, this side of heaven, that desire is a pipe dream. Those who embrace the gospel in faith will inevitably face hostility. Following Jesus will come at a price. Yet he promises that our perseverance will be rewarded.

CLOSE COMMUNION

Following the guidance of Scripture, we invite those who are members of this congregation or one of our sister WELS congregations to join us as we celebrate the Lord’s Supper this morning. Those who are members of other church bodies are asked to speak with the pastor before attending the Lord’s Supper. With this practice, it is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Thank you for respecting our practice regarding the Lord’s Supper.

Pastor.....Jeremy Glowicki
Organist.....Lois Zander

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

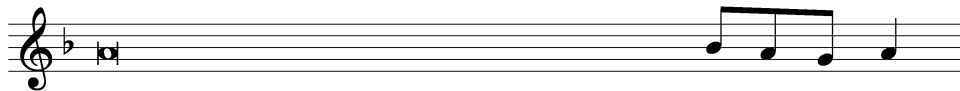
Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



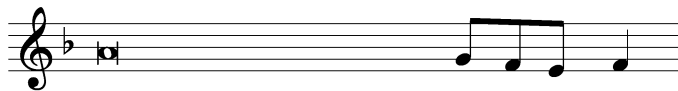
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

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Glory Be to God

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



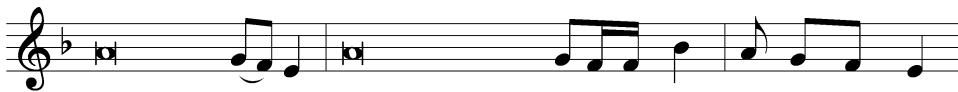
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



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, you take away the sin of the world;



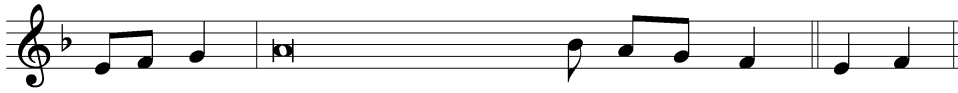
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23–29

The Word of the Lord divides what is true from what is false.

Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, “I have had a dream! I have had a dream!” How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. They think they can make my people forget my name with the dreams each one tells his neighbor, the way their fathers forgot my name because of Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream. But let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has chaff to do with grain? declares the LORD. Is not my word like a fire? declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

4A Answer Me When I Call

Psalms 4A

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1–13

The Hebrews who converted to Christianity were often divided from their friends and separated from their livelihood. How would they persevere? By fixing their eyes on Jesus.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us get rid of every burden and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and let us run with patient endurance the race that is laid out for us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who is the author of our faith and the one who brings it to its goal. In view of the joy set before him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God's throne. Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood in your fight against sin. Have you also forgotten the encouragement that addresses you as sons?

My son, do not regard the Lord's discipline lightly, and do not become weary of his correction. For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves, and he corrects every son he accepts. Endure suffering as discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. Is there a son whose father does not discipline him? If you are not disciplined (and all of us have received it), then you are illegitimate children and not sons. In addition, we have earthly fathers who disciplined us, and we respected them. Should we not submit even more to the Father of the spirits and live? They disciplined us for a little while, according to what seemed best to them, but God disciplines us for our good, so that we may have a share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant when it is happening, but painful, yet later it yields a peaceful harvest of righteousness for those who have been trained by it. Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but rather healed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

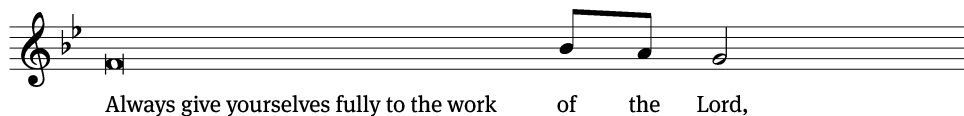
1 Corinthians 15:58



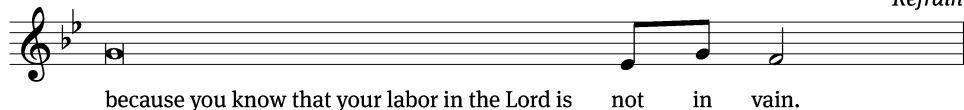
Refrain



Tone



Refrain



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Gospel

Luke 12:49–53

Jesus was fully aware that his work would cause division that would often cut close to home.

“I came to throw fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already ignited. ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is finished! ⁵¹Do you think that I came to bring peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²Yes, from now on there will be five divided in one household: 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 her mother-in-law.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

590 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

CW 590

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

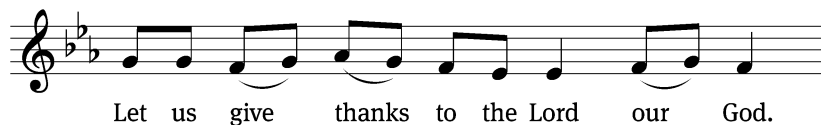
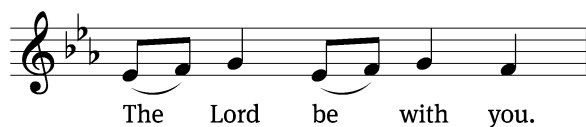
During the offering, please fill out the Friendship Register in the pew and pass it down to those sitting next to you.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
 bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

Words of Institution

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first line ends with a semicolon, the second with a period, the third with a semicolon, and the fourth with a period. The fifth line ends with a double bar line. There are long horizontal lines under the words 'A' and 'men' in the final line, indicating a long note or a pause.

Be seated

Distribution

826 From God Can Nothing Move Me

CW 826

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

876 Fight the Good Fight

CW 876

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CELEBRATING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF WELS



"We have tendered [this seminary] to the Joint Synod and thereby demonstrated, with our joyful and willing sacrifice, how urgent it is for us to help our fellow believers and further the wonderful work of building God's kingdom."

—President Philipp von Rohr at the dedication of the new pastoral-training seminary in Wauwatosa in 1893.

FEDERATION WITH MINNESOTA AND MICHIGAN

In the mid-1800s it seemed as if every state in the growing country had its own Lutheran synod. Founding Pastor Johannes Muehlhaeuser had come from the New York Synod, and the Wisconsin Synod had early connections with the Pennsylvania Synod. Yet Wisconsin's closest neighbors would prove to be the deepest connections.

Wisconsin Synod exploratory missionaries served Lutherans in Minnesota along the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. Several pastors established the Minnesota Synod in 1860. That same year, pastors from the Basel Mission Society formed the Michigan Synod. The Michigan Synod established its seminary in Saginaw in 1885, while the Minnesota Synod established a college and seminary in New Ulm in 1884.

As early as 1879, the dynamic Philipp von Rohr, a pastor in Winona, Minn., proposed a federation of the Wisconsin and Minnesota Synods. Minnesota had continued to have close ties with Wisconsin, sharing, among other things, the use of the synodical publication the *Gemeinde-Blatt*. When von Rohr became the Wisconsin Synod president in 1889, plans to make a federation of confessional Lutheran synods in the upper Midwest began.

Soon representatives from the Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin Synods proposed a plan. While the three synods would remain distinct bodies, the federation would work as a unified entity—focusing on publications (sharing the *Gemeinde-Blatt* and establishing a theological journal and school paper); joint mission work; and ministerial education. The Minnesota Synod's institution in New Ulm would be the teacher college; Northwestern in Watertown, Wis., would provide preseminary training; and a new seminary in Wauwatosa, Wis., would train pastors for all three synods in the federation. The Michigan Synod's seminary eventually would become a preparatory high school in 1910.



Philipp von Rohr served as president of the Wisconsin Synod from 1889 to 1908 and was a key figure in the establishment of the Joint Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Other States.

In the summer of 1892, the proposal was approved by each synod. At a special convention in October, the Joint Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Other States was established. At the end of the convention, the delegates attended the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the new seminary in Wauwatosa, which opened the following year.

In 1905, the Nebraska District Synod (mainly established through the Wisconsin Synod's help) became the federation's fourth synod. The federation would last until 1917, when all four synods merged into what is today known as the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Learn more about von Rohr and other synod presidents at welshistoricalinstitute.org/histories.



News & Notes

Radio Broadcast

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Ann Dressen, in memory of Loved Ones. Thank you!

Worship and Picnic in the Park

On August 24th we will be having worship and a picnic in the park at Lagoon Park. Worship will begin at 10 am, followed by food and games. Please bring a potluck item to share, hot dogs will be provided. Remember to bring a lawn chair to sit on, and your own beverages.

Monday Worship Update

There will be no Monday worship on Sept. 1 & 8 due to Labor Day and Pastor's Conference.

Christian Funeral for Dorothy Malz

The Christian Funeral is on Friday, August 22nd at 3 pm with a visitation beginning at 1. The Summer Service Group is up to bring a dish and serve.

Foundations Class

Foundations class begins for all students in 3rd-8th grade on September 10th at 6 pm. We will have an opening meeting and then break up into the classes. Information about materials will be out soon, but generally those in the odd year classes are the only ones who need to purchase materials. If your child's book is lost or destroyed, let us know so that we can get a replacement.

Reflections Women's Bible Study

We are pleased to announce a Women's Bible Study called "Reflections" facilitated by Debbie Glowicki starting this Fall. The first date will be Tuesday, September 9th. The first study is "Rejoice in the Lord: a study of the book of Philippians".

Text Messaging

Please remember to opt-in to receiving text messages from church. You should have received a link in your email to do so. If you did not, please contact the Church office.

AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study 10:15 am	4 Worship 7 pm	5	6 Woven	7 Senior Fellowship	8	9
10 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Fellowship Sunday	11 Worship 7 pm	12 Council Meet- ing 6:30	13	14	15	16
17 Worship 9 am Communion Bible Study 10:15 am	18 Worship 7 pm	19 Oak Terrace 9:45	20	21 Theology on Tap 6:30 Mana Brewing	22	23
24 Worship 10 am Worship and Picnic in the Park at Lagoon	25 Worship 7 pm	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am WELS Connection						

SERVING THE LORD

		Acolytes	Ushers	Media Booth	Organist
8/17	9 am	Leah Bertrang	1	Ryan Bertrang	Lois Zander
8/24	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	2	(Need Volunteer)	Noah Helke
8/31	9 am	(Need Volunteer)	3	(Need Volunteer)	-

August Altar Guild	August Cleaners
Angela Ambroz/Nancy Stocker/Brenda Stocker	-
August Counters	Summer Service Group Leader
Debbie Glowicki/Heather Nelson	(Need Volunteers)
September Altar Guild	
Dianne Jabs/Lynn Sorenson	

Attendance	
Sunday	70
Monday	9
Total	79

Gifts To Our Lord		
	Received	Needed
Current	\$2795	\$3834
Online Giving	\$590	
Total	\$3385	\$3834



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