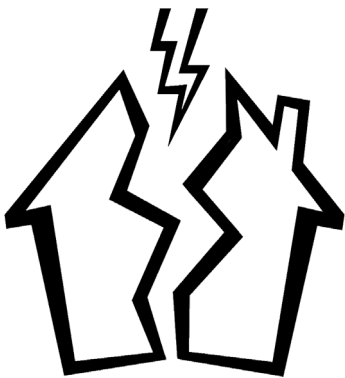


Pentecost 10

August 17, 2025

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15 (Year C)

Houses will be divided over the message of Jesus’ salvation. Some will believe and some will resist the good news. Some will twist the truth and try to undermine our faith, but we can be confident that the Holy Spirit will guide us in all truth. God sends those who preach the good news to those who will hear and obey. We are encouraged by those who are strong in faith to continue the race set before us.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:16–29 **Don’t Listen to the False Prophets**
The Word of the Lord came to the people through Jeremiah and warned them about listening to their false prophecies. Those so-called prophets were not sent by God, and their message is a delusional one. Those who lie in the Name of the Lord will be punished severely. Their goal is to turn people away from the one God.

Psalm 119:81–88 **Comfort Me in Persecution**
The psalmist cried out to the Lord for salvation and comfort amid the trials brought on by his enemies. “Spare my life,” he begged, “so that I may tell of your goodness.”

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:17–31 (32–40), 12:1–3 **Cloud of Witnesses**
The author of Hebrews proclaimed the source of believers’ strength: faith in God. By faith the forefathers followed the Lord and were obedient to His holy will. This gives the faithful the courage and perseverance to continue to run the race of the life of faith that is set before us. Jesus will not abandon us, but will help us endure.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:49–53 (54–56) **Interpret the Present Time**
Jesus had just reminded his disciples that much is expected of those to whom much is given. He went on to say that he came to the earth not to bring peace, but division. Households will be divided between those who believe in Christ and those who reject him. The signs of this are ever before them, but the crowds fail to see and interpret them wisely and correctly.

Suggestions for the Sunday:

- * The liturgical color is green.
- * The Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise may be used during Ordinary Time.
- * Use the Apostles’ Creed.
- * Consider mentioning Luke 12:41–48 in the Gospel lesson for today. It is omitted from the Lectionary because of the violence of the master who returns — but there are some points to be considered about being ready when the Master returns.
- * Today is the commemoration day of Maximilian Kolbe (1894–1941) and Kaj Munk (1898–1944), martyrs of the faith killed for advocating for victims of the Nazi genocide.

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Evening and Morning	465	---	726	761	59	59
Faith of Our Fathers	500	---	---	812	216	216
Thy Strong Word	233	---	878	511	---	---
O Bread of Life from Heaven	222	---	---	480	84	84
Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise	526	---	802	834	40	40
How Firm a Foundation	507	---	728	796	191	191
Let the Whole Creation Cry	242	---	---	876	---	web
If God Himself Be for Me	454	---	724	788	---	---
God’s Word is Our Great Heritage	239	---	582	509	70	70

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles
We Believe (CCLI# 6367165)
Whom Shall I Fear, God of Angel ... (CCLI# 6440288)
I Surrender All (CCLI# 23189)
Sinking Deep (CCLI# 6605236)
May You Run and Not Be Weary (CCLI# 807099)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.