



Sunday, August 17, 2025
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service Theme
**WOUNDS THAT HEAL
GOD'S WORD DIVIDES**

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.

630 Thy Strong Word

CW 630



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

- 5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats to shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

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The Service *Setting Eight (German Melodies)*

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

1035 Gloria (Ger) - ELLACOMBE

CW 1035

Tune: ELLACOMBE



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it at God the Fa - ther's throne



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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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.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23–29

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

²³Am I a God who is only nearby, declares the LORD, and not a God far away?

²⁴Can anyone hide 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 who prophesy lies in my name have said. They say, "I have had a dream! I have had a dream!" ²⁶How long will this be in the hearts of these lying prophets? These prophets proclaim the fantasies of their own hearts. ²⁷They 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. ²⁸Let 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. ²⁹Is 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.

Psalm 4

Read Responsively

¹My righteous God, answer me when I call.

When I was under pressure, you gave me relief.

Be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

²You people, how long will you turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love empty delusions?

How long will you pursue lies?

³Know this: The LORD has set apart
his favored one for himself.

The LORD will hear when I call to him.

⁴You may be upset, but do not sin.
When you are on your beds,
speak to your heart, but remain silent.

**⁵Offer righteous sacrifices,
and trust in the LORD.**

⁶Many are saying, “Who can show us any good?”

Shine the light of your face on us, O LORD.

⁷You have placed joy in my heart greater than the joy
when grain and new wine are plentiful.

**⁸In complete peace I will lie down, and I will sleep,
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. Amen.**

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.

¹Therefore, 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. ²Let 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. ³Carefully consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinful people, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood in your fight against sin. ⁵Have 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.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves, and he corrects every son he accepts.

⁷Endure suffering as discipline. God is dealing with you as sons. Is there a son whose father does not discipline him?

⁸If you are not disciplined (and all of us have received it), then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹In 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? ¹⁰They 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. ¹¹No 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.

¹²Therefore strengthen your weak hands and feeble knees, ¹³and 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.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 15:58

Alleluia, alleluia!

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:49–53

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

⁴⁹“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!

590 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

CW 590



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts
 2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word,



your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,
 in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in
 that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -
 that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love



us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.
 and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing
 Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er



prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.
 and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.
 Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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Sermon

Jeremiah 23:23-29

“The SECRET of being able to spot the TRUTH”

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.**

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [*especially . . .*]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

The Sacrament

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

1052 Sanctus (Ger) - VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN CW 1052

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
 who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
 How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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 in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

1055 Agnus (Ger) - ACH BLEIB BEI UNS

CW 1055

Tune: ACH BLEIB BEI UNS

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love
you took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
will nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Thanksgiving

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

876 Fight the Good Fight

CW876



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; his bound-less
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang - es



strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Lean, and the trust - ing
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

August 24 – Matthew // August 31 – Andrew

St. Paul's "Un-sale" items needed

Time to pull out your unused household items! Every year, St. Paul has an "unsale" for the college students. They are looking for household furniture and kitchen items. If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring it here in the next couple of weeks. The members of the evangelism committee will take all the donations to St. Paul on the appropriate weekend. Thank you for your support!

Regular Worship Schedule - September 7th

Our regular worship schedule will begin in a month on September 7th. Bible Class and Sunday School will begin at 9 am, and Worship at 10:30 am.

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

Su (17) 9:30 am Layed Worship with Communion
3:00 pm Pastor Digman in Poltimore

Tu (19) 6:00 pm Elders Meeting
7:00 pm Council Meeting

We (20) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)

Th (21) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (22) 4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship

Su (24) 9:30 am *Worship*
10:30 am *Evangelism Meeting*

Pastoral Circuit meeting in Gananoque Aug 25-27

Th (28) 5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)

Fr (29) 4:30 pm Youth Confirmation (D)

Su (31) 9:30 am *Worship*
10:30 am *Evangelism Meeting*



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