

Readings and Music for

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 17, 2025

Processional

“Lo! What a Cloud of Witnesses”

H545

Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from the book of Jeremiah:

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back--those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 **"How long will you judge unjustly, ***
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 **Rescue the weak and the poor; ***
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 **Now I say to you, 'You are gods, ***
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."
- 8 **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, ***
for you shall take all nations for your own.



Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews:

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they 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."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Sermon

Rev. Jason Elliott

Offertory	"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"	<i>H490</i>
Communion	"Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel"	<i>H574</i>
Recessional	"Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor"	<i>H596</i>

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE REMAIN ON OUR PERMANENT PRAYER LIST AS THEIR NEED FOR PRAYER IS LONG-TERM RATHER THAN ACUTE: Don, Roberta, Marilyn, Jim, Mary, Emily, Meghan, Jan, Chelsea, Bob, Mark, Michael, John, Bob, Billy, Laura, Cindy, Pam, Katy, Lou, Nick, Brendan, Bob, Debra, Janet, Jacelyn, Sharon, Gabe, Chuck, Nancy, Mike, Tom, Betty, Carol, David, James, Kathy, Bill, John, Rosemary, Roberta, Earl, Patricia.

This week at Transfiguration:

<i>Today</i>	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>	<i>Church/FB</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
	<i>Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>11:15am</i>
<i>8/18</i>	<i>Daycare Board Meeting</i>	<i>Chapel</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>
<i>8/19</i>	<i>Vestry</i>	<i>Leach Hall</i>	<i>7:00pm</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Beds Plus** - Our Beds Plus Outreach program volunteers continue to pack lunch bags for the homeless shelters every other weekend. If you would like to make a contribution toward purchasing food items for this ministry plus make your check out to the church and write "Beds Plus" in the memo line. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Zack Ottinger at zottinger@gmail.com. Please remember the other ministries we support; including the area Food Pantries and Shower the Shelter.
- **Sign up for Coffee Hour** – Please sign up for coffee hour. The nursery girls make the coffee, and simple instructions are emailed every week when you sign up. **THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR DOING SO!!!!**

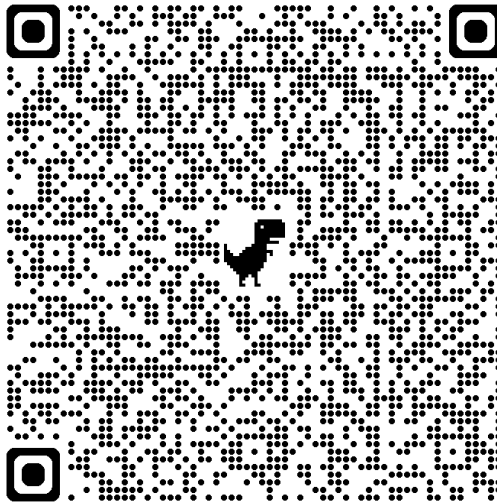
- **Pedal Palooza** – Join us for a morning of fun and festivities on August 23rd. This event is a bike rally and festival that we are putting on in memory of Barb Barnes, who was a member of this parish and an avid cyclist. The event will include fun activities for everyone, whether you are a cyclist or not.

For cyclists, there will be:

- 25 Mile Route: Check-in at 7:30am | Ride begins at 8:00am
- 5 Mile Route: Check-in at 9:00am | Ride begins at 9:30am

There will also be food, games, kid's bike races and safety demos, face painting, a DJ, open mic (acoustic, no drum kit), and more.

All riders must bring their own functional bike and helmet. This is a free event, but anyone planning to ride must register. For more details and to register scan the QR code below:





Jubilee Happenings

August 23rd – Bike Rally

**September 19th-20th – Autumn in the Park (Palos Park);
Parade at 1 PM on the 20th.**

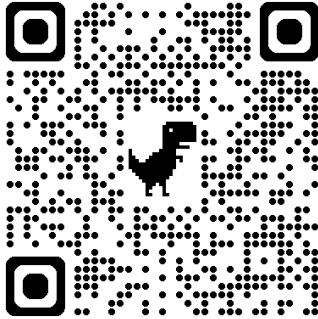
**September 24th – Potluck and Concert with Singer-
Songwriter, Bobby Jo Valentine**

October 11th – Chili Cook Off

November 8th – Bunco

December 10th – Christmas Cookie Exchange

Online Giving:



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