

**Assisting in Today's Service:**

Lector: Brena Callithen

Ushers: Greg & Terry Carns, OPEN

Communion Assistants: Monie Diller, Marlene Lacanic

Tellers: Dan & Sue Marcinko, Autumn Sperski

**Continued steady, steadfast, sustained prayers for:**

Vivian Beers, Charlotte Hostetler, Don Diller, Claire Jones, Janea,  
Joanne Toy, Tom Leskovik, Paige Swagger, Ted & Pat Kaminski,  
Scott Reyer, Ron Hanna, Rodney, Al Reyer, Joyce Bastin,  
Hobe Kenton, Monie's sister, Clyde Altman, Maddie Kirsch,  
Mya W. & Family, Sidora Family, Walter Henkel, Gary Beatty,  
Kevin Hughes, Barbara Mitchell, Michelle Menees & family,  
Paul Schneider, Joe Hudson, Daren, Matt Provonzona,  
Kaelyn Thimons, Pastor Shawn's friend, Judy Henkel,  
Mary Ann Schneider, Nancy Raub, Ronan Bann, Misty,  
Rory, Dawn Reimer, Devin

**Backpacks, Bibles, and Blessings!**

**Sunday, August 24 during the worship service**

Join us for Back-to-School Sunday and our special Blessing of the Backpacks! We'll pray over students, teachers, and families as a new school year begins. Be sure to bring your backpack.

**Annual Church Picnic**

Sunday, September 14 following worship

Winfield Township Community Park

194 Brose Rd, Cabot

Please bring a covered dish, and/or dessert.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, and beverages  
will be provided.

Join us for an ice cream social following the  
worship service on August 24!

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***I came to bring  
fire to the earth...***

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St. Paul's Celebrates, Declares, and Demonstrates the  
Love of God in Jesus Christ to Sarver and the World.

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

As we worship — indeed, as we live — we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses to our Lord Jesus Christ. So we can lay aside every weight and sin (Hebrews 12:1-2). Welcome.

\* Indicates when to stand

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF SHARING

### \*ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen.

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P. Gracious God,

C. have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

### \*GATHERING SONG:

*"Let the Whole Creation Cry"*

Hymn #876

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### \*THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P. Let us pray.

C. We give you thanks almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \*PASTORAL BLESSING

P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

### \*SENDING SONG:

*"Lead On O King Eternal"*

Hymn #805

### \*THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God!

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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P. Let us pray

**C. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

**\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. And also with you.**



*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*  
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly  
 Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

*Refrain*  
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Spoken response at conclusion of each reading: *"Thanks be to God."*

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:16-29

Psalm 119:81-88

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:17-31; 12:1-3

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

\*The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE SERMON

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

Hymn #517

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## \*THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

## \*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes with *"Lord, in your mercy..."*

Please respond with **"hear our prayer"**

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.