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Inviting all people to a life in Christ

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

August 15, 2010

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today, in the assembly, we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." In the word and in the holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ Worship begins on page 2 of "Now the Feast and Celebration" booklet

HYMNS

GATHERING SONG: *Let the Whole Creation Cry*.....ELW 876

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast*ELW 517

COMMUNION HYMN: *How Clear Is Our Vocation*ELW 580

SENDING SONG: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*ELW 669

OLD TESTAMENT READING: JEREMIAH 23:23–29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

R: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah, the 23rd Chapter.

²³Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They 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. ²⁸Let 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. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING: HEBREWS 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

R: A reading from the Book of Hebrews, the 11th Chapter.

²⁹By 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.

³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They 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 — ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since 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, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregard-

ing its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

‡ **GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49–56**

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter.

⁴⁹I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, 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 mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He 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. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

DIAMOND LAKE MINISTERS

Senior Pastor *Rev. Mark N. Orvick*
 Associate Pastor *Rev. Amy C. Thoren*
 Organist *Richard Neighbor*
 Senior Choir Director *Dr. Bruce Gleason*
 Youth Choir Director *Paul Batz*
 Spirit & K-3 Choirs Director *Ben Wagner*
 Youth Choir Accompanist *Kevin Hobbs*
 Carillon & Children's Bell Choirs Director *Chuck Linderkamp*

SERVANTS FOR TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2010

	9:30a
<i>Acolytes</i>	Kathryn Hinderaker, Jack Voeller
<i>Children's Message</i>	
<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Bob & Cyndi Kresse
<i>Cued Speech</i>	Jenee Petri
<i>Greeters</i>	Dave & Monica Kilber & Family, Grace Parsons
<i>Musicians</i>	Chuck Linderkamp
<i>Nursery Volunteers*</i>	Carol Olean
<i>Pursers</i>	Jon Brunsberg, Mike Eckroth
<i>Reader</i>	Kathy Gustafson
<i>Ushers</i>	Tom Larson , Jeff Simons, Jim Wombacher, Alex Gonzalez

SERVANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2010

	9:30a
<i>Acolytes</i>	Anna Batz
<i>Children's Message</i>	Kristin McGinness
<i>Coffee Hosts</i>	Allen & Rita Gehrke
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	
<i>Cued Speech</i>	Sarah Keating
<i>Greeters</i>	Eric & Denise Johnson & Family, Dan & Darin Christopher & Family
<i>Musicians</i>	
<i>Nursery Volunteers*</i>	Rita Gehrke
<i>Pursers</i>	Graydon Royce, Julie Schmidt
<i>Reader</i>	Kitty Rudnicki
<i>Ushers</i>	Greg Stromgren , Bonnie Graves, Mark McPherson, Julie Schmidt

**Nursery Volunteers assist the permanent Nursery Staff.*