

Pastor's Bible Study

August 13, 2025 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

LSB 667 Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses



1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;
2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;
3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.
They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.
Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so
Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"
gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—
With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
You fail us never!

Read Jeremiah 23:16-29:

1. Who is being addressed in this passage?
2. What is wrong with the so called prophets of Israel?
3. How does the image of straw versus wheat strike you?
4. Does the Lord's warning about listening remind you of anyone in the New Testament?
5. Jeremiah describes two images of the Word in this passage, what do these images share with you about God's Word?
6. What do we learn about our God in this passage?

Read Luke 12:49-56:

1. Any connections to our Old Testament reading jump out to you?
2. What does Jesus connect to baptism?
3. How should we understand peace?
4. What is the interpretation of the present time that Jesus wanted His hearers to know?

Read Hebrews 11:17-12:3:

1. What connections does this have to the Old Testament passage?
2. Where do you see connections to the Gospel in this passage?
3. How are we assured in this reading?
4. Bottom line, we act in faith and who is this faith in?

Devotional Thought:

Faith trusts even without sight what God has set forth in His Word. True faith is active in love and is steadfast under persecution. The Christian life is an endurance race, run with remembrance of the saints who have already finished. But most of all, we look to Jesus and His cross and His resurrection. By these actions, Christ conquered death and now provides His Holy Spirit to strengthen us. In Him, our race is already won (*adapted from TLSB, 2124*).

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, save me from my sin which clings so closely, and give me endurance to do Your will. Amen.