
FULL VERSION

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*Is not My word
like fire?*

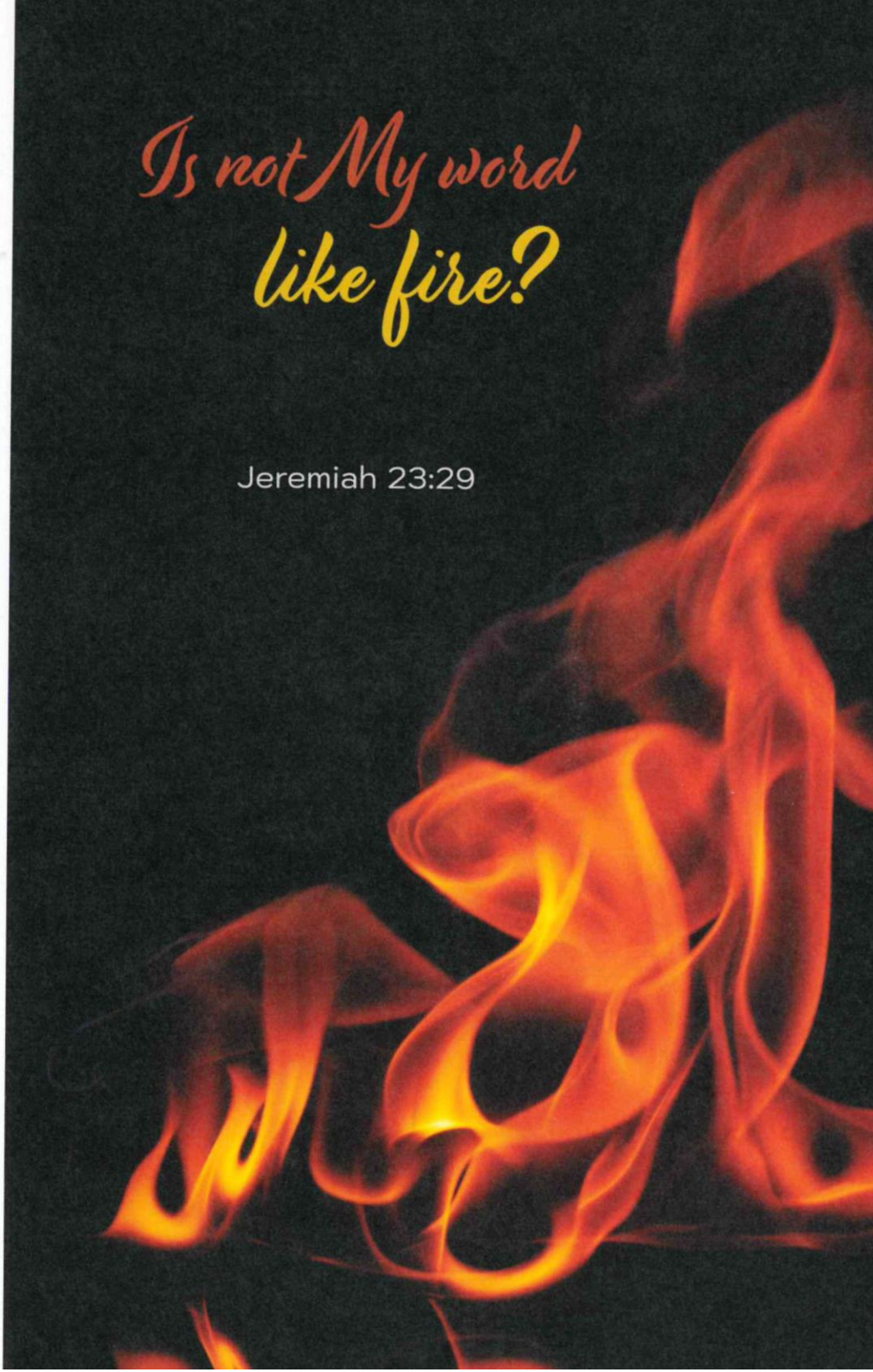
Jeremiah 23:29

About the Cover:

**Jeremiah's
prophecy declares
the difference
between God's
Word and the
soothing words of
false prophets.**

**The fierce
judgment against
sin in God's Word
is like fire meant
to lead to
repentance. For
out of God's
mercy, the
baptism of fire
was poured out on
our crucified
Lord as He
willingly received
the judgment of
God upon all sin
in our place.**

**Therefore, all who
are in Christ,
baptized by water
and the Word,
have passed
through the fiery
judgment and into
eternal life.**



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THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Theme for Worship: This morning in our Epistle lesson the author describes many of the Old Testament “Heroes” of the faith. He concludes with the idea that we are surrounded not only by those heroes that have come before us, but by a modern “cloud of witnesses” who also are running the race of life alongside of us. We’ll learn to run the race already won for us by Jesus and appreciate the cloud of witnesses running with us!

♪ Pre-Service Music

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

♪ Opening Song: “Consuming Fire”

1 There must be more than this
O breath of God come breathe within
There must be more than this
Spirit of God we wait for You
Fill us anew we pray
Fill us anew we pray

Chorus Consuming fire fan into flame
A passion for Your name
Spirit of God fall in this place
Lord have Your way
Lord have Your way with us

2 Come like a rushing wind
Clothe us with power from on high
Now set the captives free
Leave us abandoned to Your praise
Lord let Your glory fall
Lord let Your glory fall *Chorus*
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way with us

The Invocation

- P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen

Nicene Creed

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and

was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Service of the Word

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can a man hide himself 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 have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

³²And what more shall 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, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

³⁹And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Children’s Message

Pastor Marty

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:49–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁹[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one

house there will be five 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 say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

♪ Sermon Song: “The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

**1 In Heavenly armor we'll enter the land; The battle belongs to the Lord.
No weapon that's fashion'd against us will stand; The battle belongs to the Lord.
And we sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord!
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord!**

**2 When the power of darkness comes in like a flood; The battle belongs to the Lord.
He'll rise up a standard, the pow'r of His blood; The battle belongs to the Lord!
And we sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord!
We sing glory, honor, power and strength to the Lord!**

Sermon: “Running with Your Head in the Cloud”

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The Offering *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

♪ The Offertory

--Spiritwind

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & **C** Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen.

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

C We come in the name of Jesus.

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♪ Distribution Songs:

♪ “We Are Family”

1. We are heirs of the Father. We are joint heirs with the Son.
We are children of the Kingdom. We are family. We are one.
2. We are washed, we are sanctified, We are cleansed of His blood,
We are born of the Spirit, We are children of the Lord.
3. We are longing for His coming. We are looking to the skies,
We are watching, we are waiting, We will fly with Him, we will rise.
4. We will reign with Him forever, Men and angels shout and sing,
All dominion shall be given To the family of the King.

♪ “Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me , fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me.

♪ “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fighting and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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♪ “One Bread, One Body”

Chorus: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. *Chorus*
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. *Chorus*
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. *Chorus*

Benediction
Silent Prayer
Postlude

PARTICIPANTS – August 17, 2025 Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson	
	9:00 a.m.
Musicians	Spiritwind, <i>Angela Pringnitz, coordinator</i>
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks
Acolyte	Brodie McWilliams
Lay Reader	Kyle VonSchnase
Radio Narrator	Sue Harms
Videographer/Sound	Mark Mistic
Slides	Kevin Harms
Ushers	Jackson Harms, Dan Lohmeier, Taylor McWilliams
Communion Assist.	Kevin Harms & Taylor McWilliams

THE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST EACH SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. ON WLKB 1360.

Altar Flowers: “To the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Pastor Philip Hanson,” by Jackie Hanson.

Radio Broadcast: “In loving memory of my father, Ferdy Conrad, and my grandfather, Frederick (Fritz) Miller,” by Linda Conrad.

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