

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Off Center

September 13, 2020



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Worship at 8am and
10:30am

Bible Class at 9:15am

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Welcome to Victory!

- Thank you for choosing to worship the Triune God with us. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you as we join together in worship.
- We prepare for worship by quietly meditating on the theme for the day and respectfully listening to the music chosen and prepared by our musicians.
- If you are looking for a church home, we would be thrilled to serve your spiritual needs. Our name comes from 1 Corinthians 15:57: **"Thanks be to God! He gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!"**
- Our mission as a Christian congregation is to: **"Win souls for Christ and coach Christians for life."**
- Please sign the Connection Card inside of your worship folder to give us a record of your visit, and so we can properly thank you for joining us!
- Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you enter the front doors. Changing tables are available in both the women's and men's restrooms.

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Being a parent is difficult these days. There are a million different things that draw kids' attention, and an expectation that they'll be involved and excelling in every possible activity. Today, we want to step back and reflect, "What is at the heart and center of our kids' lives?" Is it sports? Music? Drama? Have our homes become so child-centered that we're raising self-centered children? Or is our Savior Jesus at the heart and center of life, so that our children are, and will grow up to be, God-centered people?

The Season of Pentecost

The first Sunday after Pentecost begins the non-Festival half of the church year. The Sundays after Pentecost focus on Jesus' teachings and the growth of our faith. The color for the Sundays after Pentecost is green, the color of growth and new life. Through study of the Word and regular participation in the Sacraments, our faith grows, and is strengthened by the power of the Spirit, working through the Gospel of Christ.

You pick your friends, but you can't pick your family. As a result, family relationships can sometimes be the most challenging! They can also be the most rewarding. In this series we'll soak up God's wisdom on navigating through some of the complexities of family life today. No matter what your family looks like for real, God can get it on a path towards ideal.

Aug. 30	Picture Perfect
Sept. 6	Family Feud
Sept. 13	Off Center
Sept. 20	Daily Grind
Sept. 27	A Family of One

SERVICE OF THE WORD

This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

Christian Worship 283

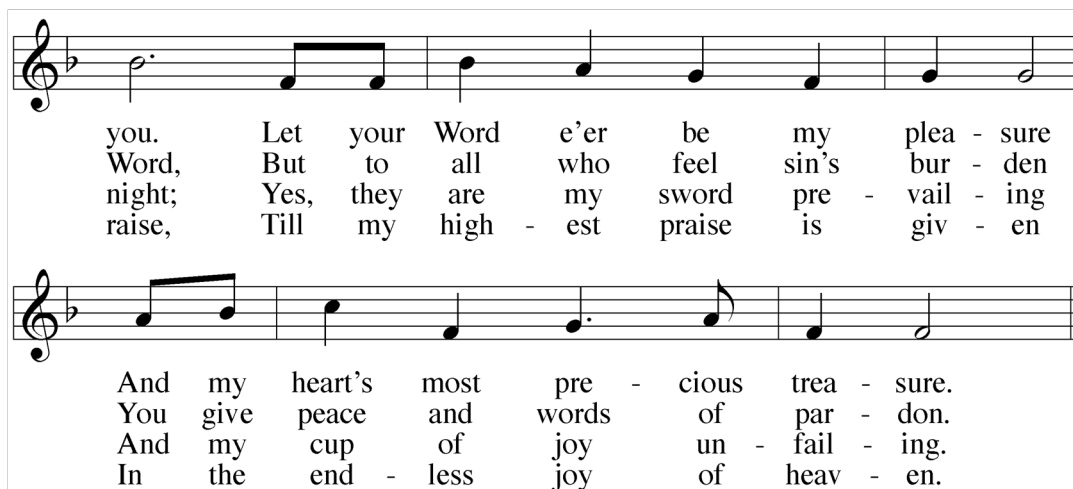


1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in

to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me

To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly

whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en

And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 You give peace and words of par - don.
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638–83, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: WERDE MÜNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590–1667.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the family of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:8b-14

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening

⁸ Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹ And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle. ¹² At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. ¹³ For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore, I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'"

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts

Christian Worship 509



1 How shall the young se - cure their hearts And
2 Your Word is like a heav'n - ly light That
3 The star - ry heav'ns your rule o - bey; The
4 But still your law and gos - pel, Lord, Have
5 Your Word is ev - er - last - ing truth; How



guard their lives from sin? Your Word, O Lord, the
guides us all the day, And through the dan - gers
earth main - tains its place; And these your ser - vants
les - sons more di - vine; Not earth stands firm - er
pure is ev - 'ry page! That ho - ly Book will



truth im - parts To keep the con - science clean.
of the night A lamp to lead our way.
night and day Your skill and pow'r ex - press.
than your Word Nor stars so no - bly shine.
guide our youth And well sup - port our age.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:1-2

Fix your eyes on Jesus

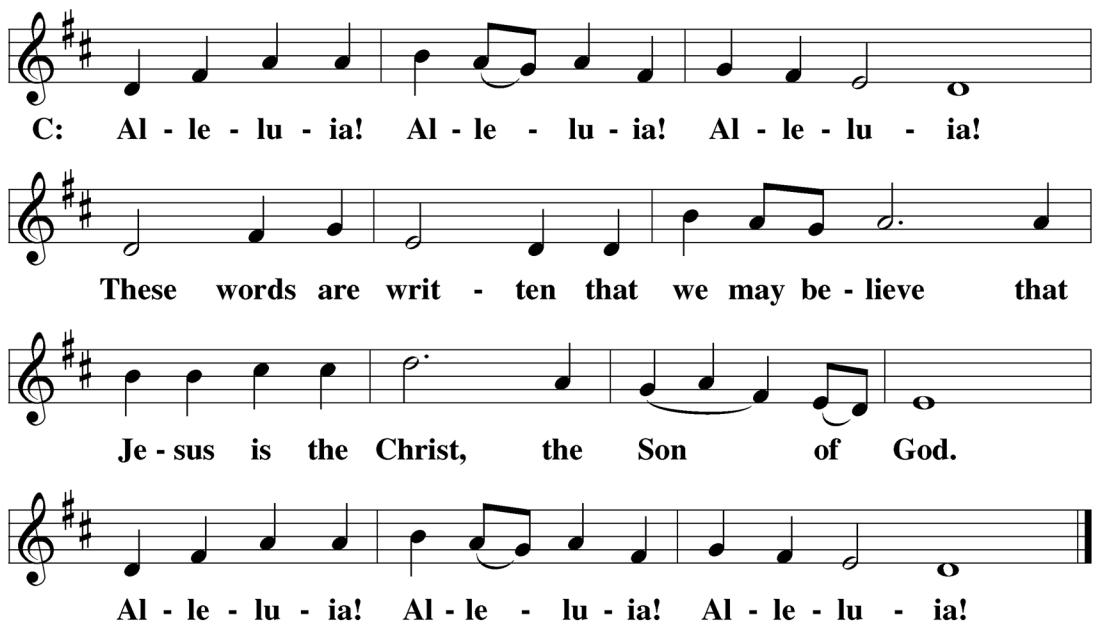
¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ² Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.
(Jeremiah 15:16)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:19-24

Treasures in Heaven

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Blest the House Whate'er Befall

Christian Worship 506

1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus
2 Oh, blest that house where faith you find And all with -
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their
4 Blest such a house; it pros - pers well. In peace and
5 Then here will I and mine to - day A sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol -
in have set their mind To trust their God and serve
chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care
joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives
pro - mise make and say: Though all the world for - sake

ly his— How sad and poor and dark it is!
him still And do in all his ho - ly will.
or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!
is shown How rich - ly God can bless his own.
his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil, 1715–84, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt;
Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, Columbus, OH, 1880, st. 3, alt.
Tune: WO GOTT ZUM HAUS (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner
Text: Hebrews 12:1-2

Teach Them How to Run

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Adoro Te Devote (Arranged — Barnwell)

Harpist.....Mrs. Virginia Black

To help prevent the spread of germs, we won't be passing the offering plates to collect our thank offerings to God. Please place your offering in one of the offering plates located on the table in the back of the sanctuary as you exit this morning. Victory can also receive offerings electronically through our secure website: victorylutheran.org/giving. You can access that site on your smartphone using a QR code reader to scan the box to the right. We'd also ask that you would fill out a Connection Card, found inside your worship folder, and drop it into the offering plate as you exit this morning.



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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

FNAL HYMN

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Christian Worship 333

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us,
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us,
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion A - mong us,
with your grace That Sa - tan may not
with your Word And thus now and here -
pre - cious Light; Your truth di - rect and
boun - teous Lord; Let us in grace and
Lord, our Strength, Lest world and Sa - tan
harm us Nor we to sin give place.
af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
wis - dom Grow dai - ly through your Word.
fell us And ov - er - come at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
 Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation,
 and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the
 Lord with gladness.
 The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Organist.....Mrs. Esther Huebner

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MY WORSHIP NOTES



For children to use during worship.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today? _____

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue White Purple Red Green

The Sermon Text Was: _____

This is in the: ☐ Old Testament ☐ New Testament



What was the sermon about? _____



My favorite song today was:



Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

☐ Yes
☐ No



Communion?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

Sermon Notes

Parents' Preview for September 20th

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service next week!

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei (Pronounced "On-Yoos Day")

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 4/4 time. It consists of two stanzas of the hymn. The first stanza begins in B-flat major (two flats) and the second in B major (two sharps). The lyrics are: "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 your peace. A - men."

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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 your peace. A - men.

Fall Festival

Victory Volunteers are needed!



Decorate Your Trunk

Donate and/or Distribute Candy

Direct Traffic & Greet Guests

**Victory's 2020 Fall
Festival will be a
DRIVE-THRU
Trunk-or-Treat
Saturday, 10/31
10:00AM-1:00PM**



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