

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

A Family of One

September 27, 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:

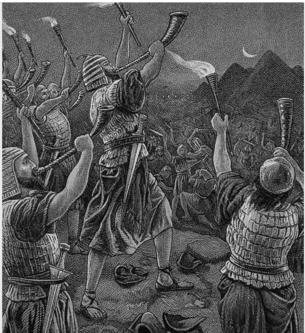
When you're doing a series about "Family Fundamentals," it's easy to focus on the traditional family unit— husband, wife, two to four children. But did you know that the most common family unit in America these days is comprised of single parents? And with the average age of marriage and childbearing stretching later in life, many in our congregation and in our communities are "single." Whether they are never married, divorced, or widows/widowers, we're surrounded by single people in our lives. Maybe you're single, and sometimes feel alienated by the couples/marriage focused efforts of the church and society. Today, we want to give encouragement from God's Word to single people, and also share common sense wisdom on the best ways we can love our single brothers and sisters as they deal with the joys and challenges of a single life.

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.

Gideon: Warrior? Or Worrier?

Series begins next Sunday!

Ordinary People Extraordinary God <i>Gideon</i>		Oct. 4	Gideon's Gig
		Oct. 11	Gideon's Gambit
		Oct. 18	Gideon's Guerillas
		Oct. 25	Gideon's Gaffe

DIVINE SERVICE I

OPENING HYMN

Yours Forever, God of Love

Christian Worship 426

1 Yours for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us
 2 Yours for - ev - er, oh, how blest They who
 3 Yours for - ev - er, Lord of life! Shield us
 4 Yours for - ev - er! Shep - herd, keep All your
 5 Yours for - ev - er! You our guide, All our

from your throne a - bove; Yours for - ev - er
 find in you their rest! Sav - ior, Guard - ian,
 through our earth - ly strife. You, the life, the
 weak and trem - bling sheep Safe - ly in your
 needs by you sup - plied, All our sins by

may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 heav'n - ly Friend, Oh, de - fend us to the end.
 truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
 ten - der care; Let us all your good - ness share.
 you for - giv'n, Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

Text: Mary F. Maude, 1819–1913, abr., alt.

Tune: VIENNA (77 77) Justin H. Knecht, 1752–1817.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

The musical score is written on eight staves of five-line music paper, each with a treble clef. The notes are black dots with stems, and some are beamed together. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into two systems of four staves each by a double bar line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 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! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,"

Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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! Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

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Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 54:4-7

Relationship with the LORD Almighty

“Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame.
Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated.
You will forget the shame of your youth
and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.
⁵For your Maker is your husband —
the LORD Almighty is his name —
the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer;
he is called the God of all the earth.
⁶The LORD will call you back
as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit —
a wife who married young,
only to be rejected,” says your God.
⁷“For a brief moment I abandoned you,
but with deep compassion I will bring you back.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 32-35

Blessings of singleness

⁷I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. ⁸Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do. ⁹But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion. ³²I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord’s affairs—how he can please the Lord. ³³But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife— ³⁴and his interests are divided.

An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. ³⁵I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us,

C: so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. *(Romans 15:4)*

GOSPEL: John 15:5-13

The Vine and the branches

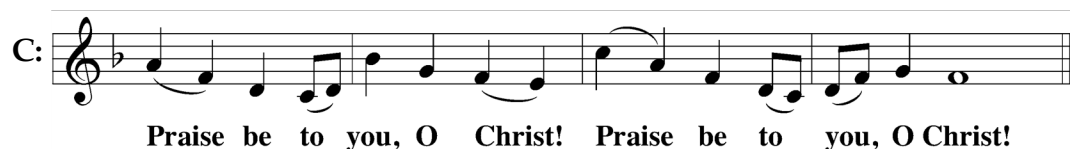
M: The gospel, according to St. John, chapter 15.

C: 
Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Will of God Is Always Best

Christian Worship 435

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1 The will of God is al - ways best And shall
 2 God is my com - fort and my trust, My hope
 3 Lord, this I ask; oh, hear my plea— De - ny
 4 When life's brief course on earth is run And I

be done for - ev - er. And they who trust in
 and life a - bid - ing, And to his coun - sel,
 me not this fa - vor: When Sa - tan sore - ly
 this world am leav - ing, Grant me to say, "Your

him are blest; He will for - sake them nev - er.
 wise and just, I yield, in him con - fid - ing.
 trou - bles me, Then do not let me wa - ver.
 will be done," Your faith - ful Word be - liev - ing.

He helps in - deed In time of need; He chas -
 The ver - y hairs, His Word de - clares, Up - on
 Keep watch and ward, O gra - cious Lord; Ful - fill
 My heav'n - ly Friend, I now com - mend My soul

tens with for - bear - ing. They who de - pend On
 my head he num - bers. By night and day God
 your faith - ful say - ing: All who be - lieve By
 in - to your keep - ing, O'er sin and hell And

God, their friend, Shall not be left de - spair - ing.
 is my stay; He nev - er sleeps nor slum - bers.
 grace re - ceive An an - swer to their pray - ing.
 death as well Through you the vic - t'ry reap - ing.

Text: Albrecht von Preussen, 1490–1568; tr. composite.

Tune: WAS MEIN GOTT WILL (87 87 447 447 Iambic) Claude de Sermisy, c. 1490–1562, alt.

SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:7-9, 32-35

The Challenges and Blessings of Being Single

SERMON RESPONSE

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Worship & Praise Songbook 35

The image displays a musical score for the song "Create in Me a Clean Heart" from the Worship & Praise Songbook 35. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with the lyrics "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve". The second staff continues with "you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that". The third staff has the lyrics "I might be re - newed. So fill me and". The fourth staff continues with "heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -". The fifth staff concludes with "ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clef, key signature, time signature, and various note values. Chord symbols are written above the notes: C⁷_{sus}, C⁷, F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F, Am⁷, Dm⁷, Gm⁷, Gm/D, C⁷_{sus}, C⁷, F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, and F.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve
you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that
I might be re - newed. So fill me and
heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -
ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

OFFERTORY

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

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.

FINAL HYMN

There Is a Time for Everything

Christian Worship Supplement 764

Musical notation for the hymn 'There Is a Time for Everything'. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with notes corresponding to the lyrics below.

1 There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A
2 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A
3 E - ter - nal Lord, your wis - dom sees And
4 Be - fore all time had yet be - gun, You,

time for all that life may bring: A
time to gath - er scat - tered stone, A
fa - thoms all life's tra - ge - dies. You
Fa - ther, planned to give your Son; Lord

time to plant, a time to reap, A
time to break, a time to mend, A
know our grief; you hear our sighs— In
Je - sus Christ, with time - less grace, You

time to laugh, a time to weep, A
time to search and then to end, A
mer - cy, dry our tear - stained eyes. From
have re - deemed our time - bound race; O

time to heal, a time to slay, A
time to keep, then throw a - way, A
e - vil times, you bring great good; Be -
Ho - ly Spir - it, Par - a - clete, Your

time to build where rub - ble lay, A
time to speak, then noth - ing say, A
neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood. Though
time - ly work in us com - plete. Blest

time to die, a time to mourn, A
time for war till ha - treds cease, A
dim - ly now life's path we trace, One
Tri - ni - ty, your praise we sing— There

time for joy and to be born.
time for love, a time for peace.
day we shall see face - to - face.
is a time for ev - 'ry - thing!

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Organist.....Mrs. Rachel Cochran

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Parents' Preview for October 4th

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!

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

Sung before the Words of Institution before Holy Communion

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



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

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