FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Spirit Produces
Spiritual Growth

June 20, 2021



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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: <u>"Thanks be to God! He gives</u> <u>us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!"</u>
- 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.
- A Quiet Room for children who need a quiet minute with mom or dad is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

You have maybe said it or had someone say it to you. "Grow up!" We want people to mature emotionally. Well, we want to mature spiritually too. Too often, when it comes to our spiritual lives, we are content to remain childish — to know just the basics, to keep our faith a "Sunday thing," to do the bare minimum possible to feel good about ourselves. That is not healthy. A plant that is not growing and producing fruit is sick. Growth is an indicator of health, and we want to be spiritually healthy. To grow emotionally, one needs time and experience. But spiritual growth occurs only in one way — through the Holy Spirit, working through the Word and Sacraments!

The Sundays After Pentecost

The Sundays after Pentecost comprise the longest season of the Church Year. After spending a half-year looking at Christ's life *for* us, we now spend a half-year looking at Christ's life *in* us. Through the Holy Spirit, which he sent upon the disciples at Pentecost, which he continues to send into us through baptism, Christ dwells within us, empowering us to live lives that are beautiful, noble and full of purpose. By the power of the Spirit working through the Word and Sacraments, Christ produces spiritual growth within us.

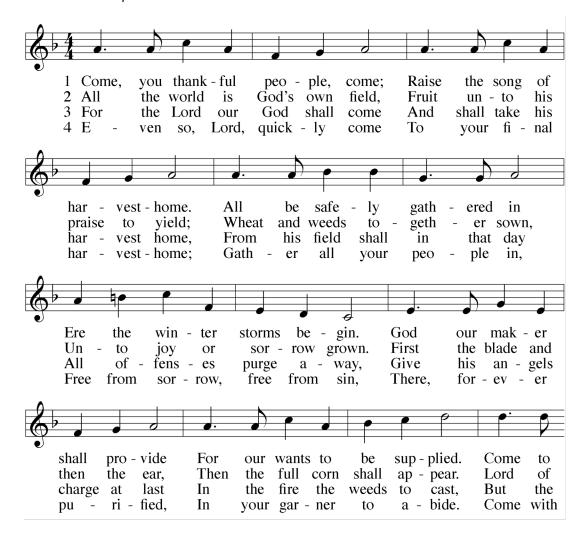
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June 27	The Spirit Teaches Us How to Deal with Death	
July 4	The Spirit Helps Us Overcome Adversity	
July 11	The Spirit Teaches Us to Withstand Persecution	
July 18	The Spirit Sends Us to Share	

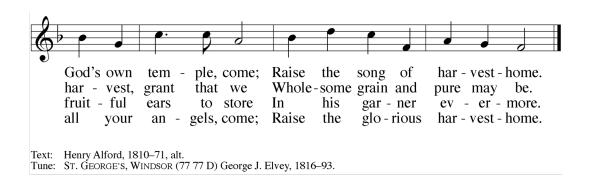
DIVINE SERVICE I

OPENING HYMN

Come, You Thankful People, Come

Christian Worship (Red) 613





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

C: Amen.

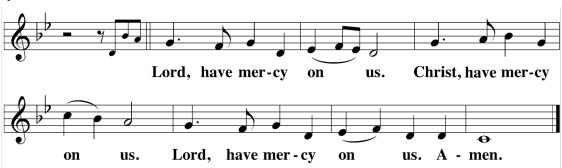
CONFESSION OF SINS

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



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 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





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

M: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through 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: Jonah 3:1-10

The Spirit produces repentance in Nineveh

3 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: ² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." ³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. ⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." ¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

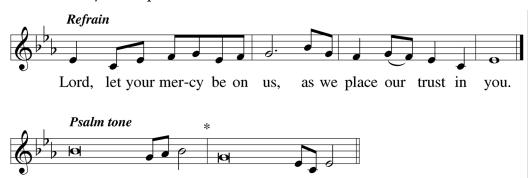
M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 92

Christian Worship (Red) p. 101



How great are your <u>works</u>, O LORD,* how pro<u>found</u> your thoughts!

The senseless man <u>does</u> not know,* fools do not <u>un</u>derstand,

that though the wicked spring <u>up</u> like grass* and all evildoers <u>flour</u>ish,

they will be forever <u>de</u>stroyed.*

But you, O LORD, are exalted for<u>ev</u>er.

Refrain

The righteous will flourish like a <u>palm</u> tree,* they will flourish in the courts <u>of</u> our God.

They will still bear fruit <u>in</u> old age,* they will stay <u>fresh</u> and green,

proclaiming, "The LORD is <u>up</u>right;* he is my rock, and there is no wicked<u>ness</u> in him."

Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:3-8

Paul thanks God for gospel fruit in Colosse

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

Two parables about spiritual growth

M: The Gospel, according to St. Mark, chapter 4.



²⁶ [Jesus] also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." ³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

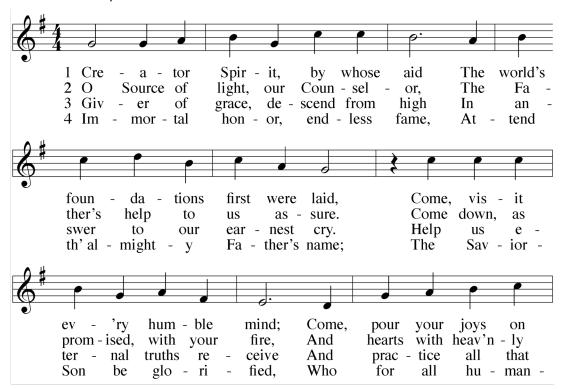
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

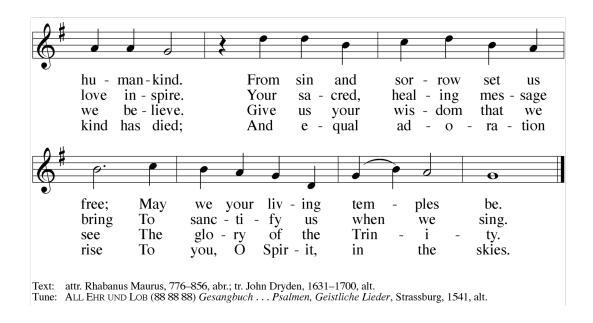
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Creator Spirit by Whose Aid

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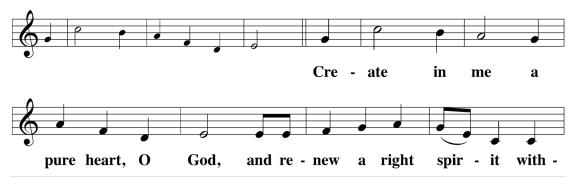


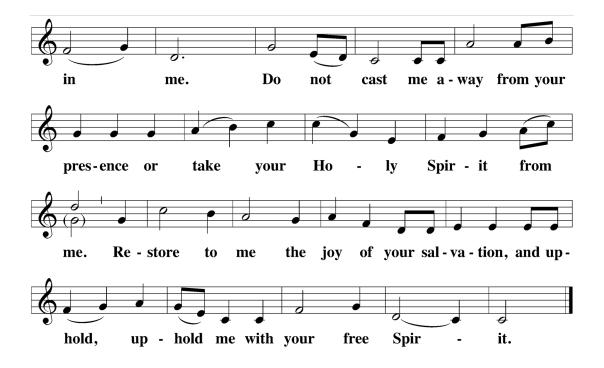
SERMON......Pastor Troy Schreiner Text: Jonah 3:1-10

Overturned

SERMON RESPONSE

Create in Me a Pure Heart





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 on our secure website: **victorylutheran.org.** Click on the "Give" tab in the upper right corner. You can access that site on your phone by

scanning the box below. We'd also ask that you would fill out the Connection Card, found inside your worship folder, and drop it into the basket on the table as you exit this morning.

A personal prayer for before Communion can be found on p. 11 in the front of the red Christian Worship Hymnal. A personal preparation for Communion can be found on p. 156 in the front of the red Christian Worship Hymnal, to help prepare our hearts for receiving the Sacrament.



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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



DISTRIBUTION

Guests please note: Scripture teaches that when Christians partake of the Lord's Supper together, they are expressing their unity of faith. Through this act they are confessing that they agree on all the teachings of Scripture. We do not wish to put our guests in the position of making such a confession without knowing our teachings. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of this or another WELS or ELS congregation come to receive communion at this time. If you desire communion fellowship with us, please speak to our pastor. We are eager to help anyone take this step.

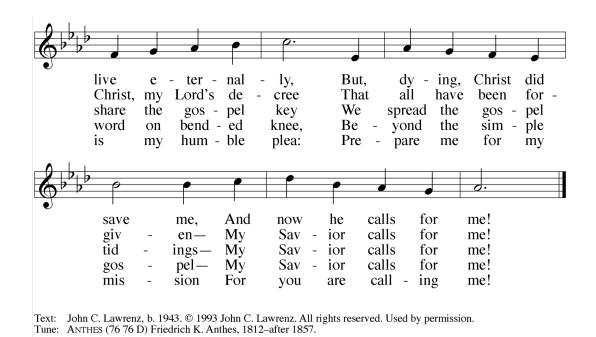
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Hear the Savior Calling

Christian Worship (Red) 560



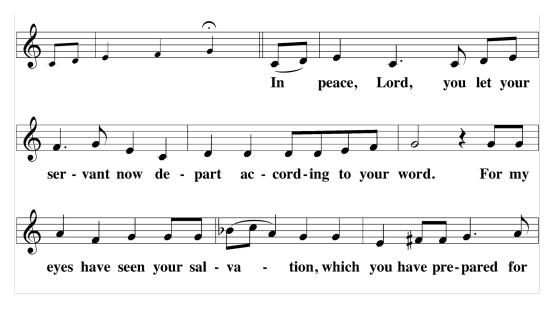
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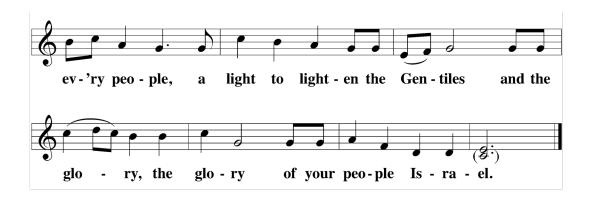


THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis





M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

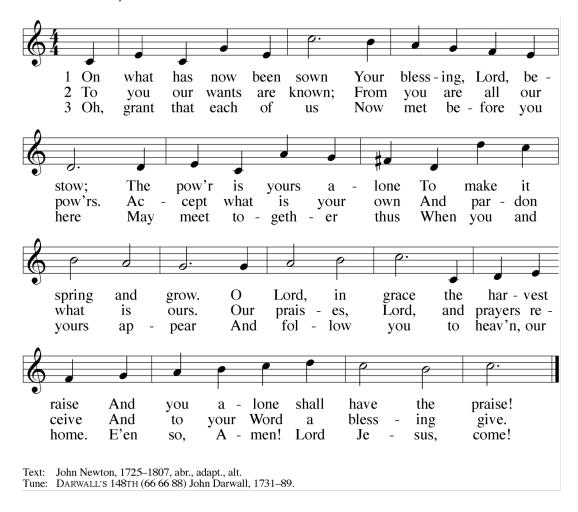
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

On What Has Now Been Sown

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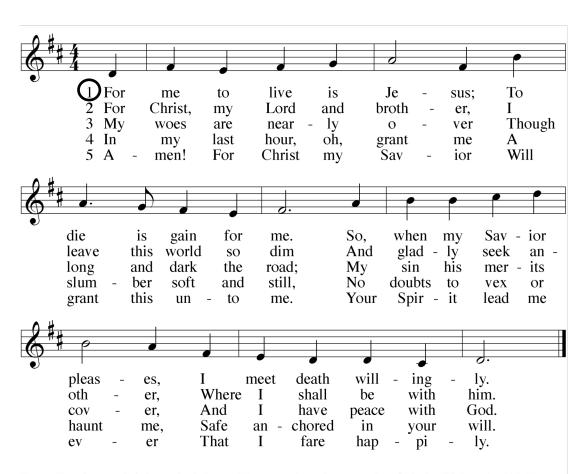


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Parents' Preview for June 27

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!

CW Hymn 606 - For Me to Live Is Jesus, vs. 1



Ein schön geistlich Gesangbuch, Jena, 1609, st. 1-4, abr.; unknown, st. 5; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-4, alt.; unknown, st. 5, alt.

Tune: Christus, der ist mein Leben (76 76) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615, alt.

5-Minute Bible Studies: For Families is designed with busy families in mind. This book offers three short messages a week for a full year. Whether everyone has time only in the mornings or you finally see each other at dinner, this book will help you face the week's challenges with reminders of God's love.

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If you would like to purchase a copy, please let the office know or sign the sheet by the mailboxes. Payment will be collected at a later date, once we place the order.



New Christian Worship Hymnal Needs:

- **225** hymnals (\$24 per)= \$5,400
- 1 Hymns accompaniment book (2 volumes)= \$105
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- 1 Psalter accompaniment book= \$70
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- **1** altar book= \$100
- 1 Musician's Manual= \$30
- 1 Pastor's Agenda= \$50
- **1** Service Builder Software/setup/annual fee/licensing= \$650

Grand Total: \$6,885



My Worship Notes



For children to use during worship.

NAME:	Date:
What is the name of the church sea	son or special day today?
What is the color of the church toda	
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This is in the: Old Testame	nt
What was the sermon about?	
	ly favorite song today was:
Did we have a Sacrament today?	Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:
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Baptism? Communion?	
☐ Yes ☐ Yes ☐ No	
□ No □ No	
What did you learn about God toda	vy?
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Sermon Notes

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