



# *Schooled by the Spirit*



*A Sermon Series for  
the Sundays after Pentecost*

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

*The Spirit Produces  
Spiritual Growth*

**June 20, 2021**





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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.
- A Quiet Room for children who need a quiet minute with mom or dad is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

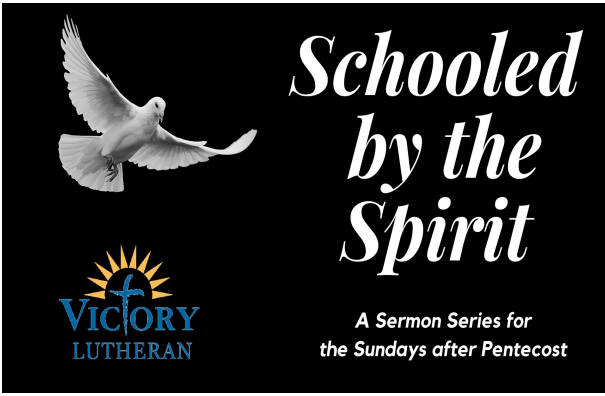
**TODAY’S WORSHIP:**

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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 <p><i>Schooled by the Spirit</i></p> <p>A Sermon Series for the Sundays after Pentecost</p>	June 20	The Spirit Produces Spiritual Growth
	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*



1 Come, you thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of  
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his  
3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal



har - vest - home. All be safe - ly gath - ered in  
praise to yield; Wheat and weeds to - geth - er sown,  
har - vest home, From his field shall in that day  
har - vest - home; Gath - er all your peo - ple in,



Ere the win - ter storms be - gin. God our mak - er  
Un - to joy or sor - row grown. First the blade and  
All of - fens - es purge a - way, Give his an - gels  
Free from sor - row, free from sin, There, for - ev - er



shall pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied. Come to  
then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear. Lord of  
charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the  
pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide. Come with





God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest - home.  
har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
all your an - gels, come; Raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–71, alt.  
Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

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 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*



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

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

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

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.

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: <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup>The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.” <sup>10</sup>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

#### *Refrain*



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

#### *Psalm tone*



How great are your works, O LORD,\*  
how profound your thoughts!

The senseless man does not know,\*  
fools do not understand,

that though the wicked spring up like grass\*  
and all evildoers flourish,

they will be forever destroyed.\*  
But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.

#### *Refrain*

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,\*  
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age,\*  
they will stay fresh and green,

proclaiming, "The LORD is upright,\*  
he is my rock, and there is no wickedness 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*

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,  
<sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all  
God's people— <sup>5</sup>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  
<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear  
fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>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.

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

<sup>26</sup> [Jesus] also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup> Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> 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.” <sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. <sup>34</sup> 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

*Christian Worship (Red) 188*



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's  
 2 O Source of light, our Coun - sel - or, The Fa -  
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high In an -  
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame, At - tend



foun - da - tions first were laid, Come, vis - it  
 ther's help to us as - sure. Come down, as  
 swer to our ear - nest cry. Help us e -  
 th' al - might - y Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior -



ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come, pour your joys on  
 prom - ised, with your fire, And hearts with heav'n - ly  
 ter - nal truths re - ceive And prac - tice all that  
 Son be glo - ri - fied, Who for all hu - man -

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hu - man - kind. From sin and sor - row set us  
 love in - spire. Your sa - cred, heal - ing mes - sage  
 we be - lieve. Give us your wis - dom that we  
 kind has died; And e - qual ad - o - ra - tion



free; May we your liv - ing tem - ples be.  
 bring To sanc - ti - fy us when we sing.  
 see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.  
 rise To you, O Spir - it, in the skies.

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. John Dryden, 1631–1700, alt.  
 Tune: ALL EHR UND LOB (88 88 88) *Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder*, Strassburg, 1541, alt.

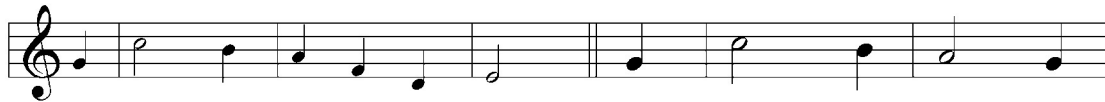
**SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner**

**Text: Jonah 3:1-10**

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**SERMON RESPONSE**

**Create in Me a Pure Heart**



Cre - ate in me a



pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -

in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
 pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
 me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## 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](http://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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
 God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est. (8)

## 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."

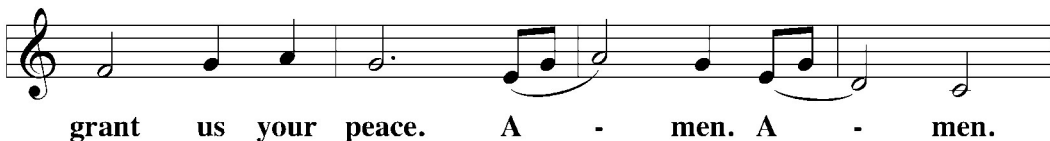
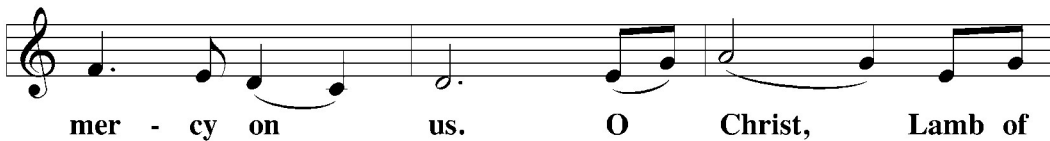
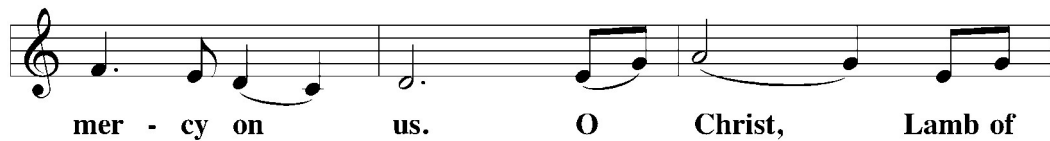
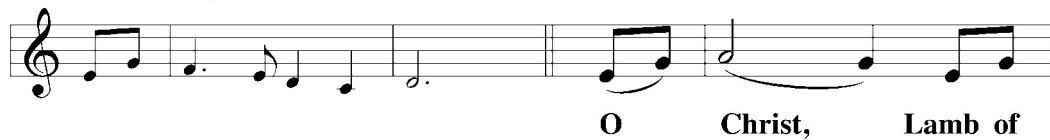
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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*



1 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! The gos - pel comes to  
2 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He leads a soul to  
3 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He gives this charge to  
4 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! He chang - es hearts for  
5 I hear the Sav - ior call - ing! His call has ur - gen -



me. My eyes once closed in blind - ness Are o - pened  
me, A soul in bit - ter an - guish, One need - ing  
me: To serve the best I'm a - ble, What - e'er the  
me. From door to door I wit - ness To share my  
cy! Each mo - ment souls are dy - ing; Soon comes e -



now to see That I my - self was help - less To  
to be free. The gift I have to of - fer Is  
call may be. Thus hand in hand with oth - ers Who  
Sav - ior's plea; Yet noth - ing can be add - ed, No  
ter - ni - ty. And so, my pre - cious Sav - ior, This

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live e - ter - nal - ly, But, dy - ing, Christ did  
 Christ, my Lord's de - cree That all have been for -  
 share the gos - pel key We spread the gos - pel  
 word on bend - ed knee, Be - yond the sim - ple  
 is my hum - ble plea: Pre - pare me for my

save me, And now he calls for me!  
 giv - en— My Sav - ior calls for me!  
 tid - ings— My Sav - ior calls for me!  
 gos - pel— My Sav - ior calls for me!  
 mis - sion For you are call - ing me!

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 Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857.

## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON

#### *Nunc Dimittis*

In peace, Lord, you let your

ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for



ev-'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

*Christian Worship (Red) 322*



1 On what has now been sown Your bless - ing, Lord, be -  
2 To you our wants are known; From you are all our  
3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore you



stow; The pow'r is yours a - lone To make it  
pow'rs. Ac - cept what is your own And par - don  
here May meet to - geth - er thus When you and



spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest  
what is ours. Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re -  
yours ap - pear And fol - low you to heav'n, our



raise And you a - lone shall have the praise!  
ceive And to your Word a bless - ing give.  
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, abr., adapt., alt.  
Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 88) John Darwall, 1731–89.

Organist.....Mrs. Esther Huebner

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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



① For me to live is Je - sus; To  
2 For Christ, my Lord and broth - er, I  
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver Though  
4 In my last hour, oh, grant me A  
5 A - men! For Christ my Sav - ior Will



die is gain for me. So, when my Sav - ior  
leave this world so dim And glad - ly seek an -  
long and dark the road; My sin his mer - its  
slum - ber soft and still, No doubts to vex or  
grant this un - to me. Your Spir - it lead me



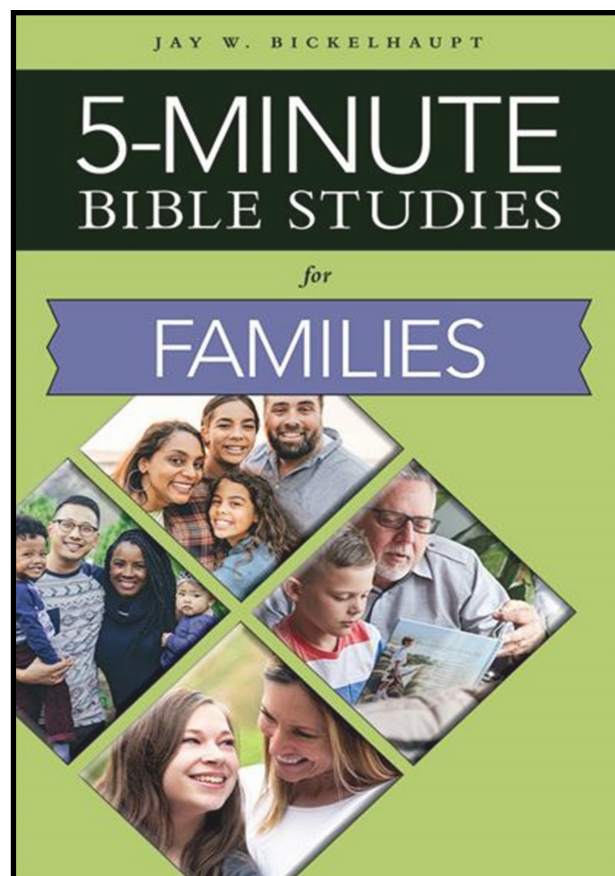
pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.  
oth - er, Where I shall be with him.  
cov - er, And I have peace with God.  
haunt me, Safe an - chored in your will.  
ev - er That I fare hap - pi - ly.

Text: *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.

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1 altar book= \$100

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**Grand Total: \$6,885**



# 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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