NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Coming Clean

July 25, 2021



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> 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:

Don't you hate being lied to? But here's the thing. Sometimes, you're the guilty party! That's right, no one lies to you more than you lie to yourself. And the first step of getting to the truth, is to come clean. To confess that we're lying to ourselves, to pinpoint where those lies come from, and to reshape our thinking so that our minds line up with God's truths, instead of the lies we tell ourselves. Today, we see the importance of coming clean. And in the weeks to come, we'll address each of those lies we tell ourselves, with the better truths God tells us!

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.

DIVINE SERVICE I

HYMN SING SUNDAY

Pick a favorite hymn from the three hymnals in the chairs, raise your hand to suggest it, and if Pastor Troy calls on you, we'll sing a verse or two of it!

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

C: Amen.

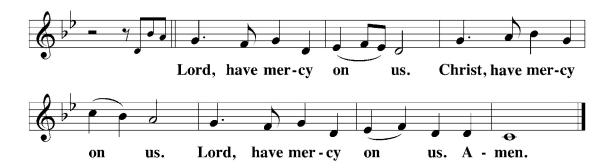
CONFESSION OF SINS

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



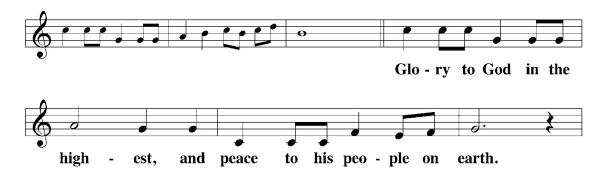
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

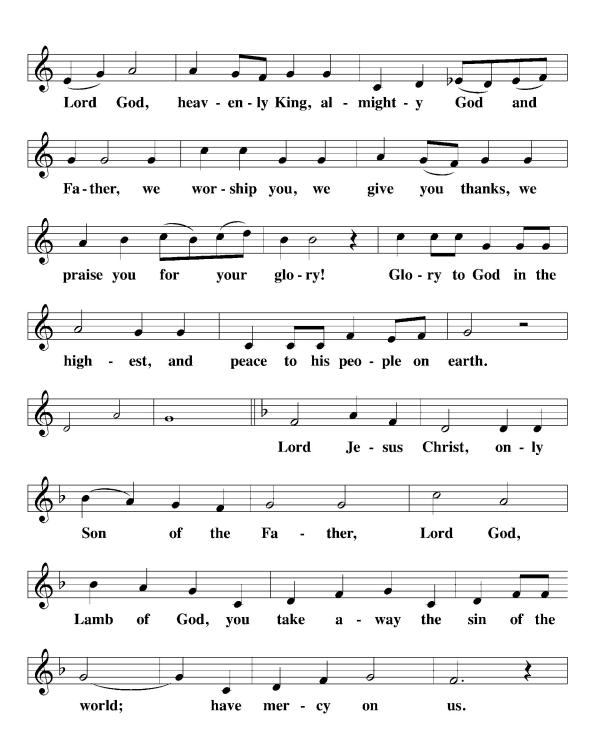
C: Amen.

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

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis







PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: 2 Samuel 12:1-13

Nathan's rebuke reveals the lie David believed

12 The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, ³ but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

4"Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." ⁵ David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! ⁶ He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." ⁷ Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. ⁸ I gave your master's

house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. ⁹ Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.' ¹¹ "This is what the Lord says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. ¹² You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'" ¹³ Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

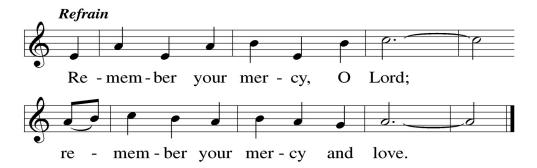
M: The Word of the Lord.

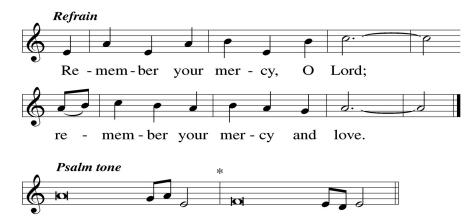
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 32

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Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,* whose sins are <u>covered</u>.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy up<u>on</u> me;* my strength was sapped as in the heat of <u>sum</u>mer.

Then I acknowledged my <u>sin</u> to you* and did not cover up my in<u>iq</u>uity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"* and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Refrain

You are my <u>hid</u>ing place;* you will protect me from <u>trou</u>ble.

Many are the woes of the <u>wick</u>ed,* but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds those who <u>trust</u> in him.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:9-17

Paul thanks God for gospel fruit in Colosse

⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. ¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 8:28-36 Set free by the Son

M: The Gospel, according to St. John, chapter 8.



²⁸So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. ²⁹The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." ³⁰ Even as he spoke, many believed in him. ³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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.

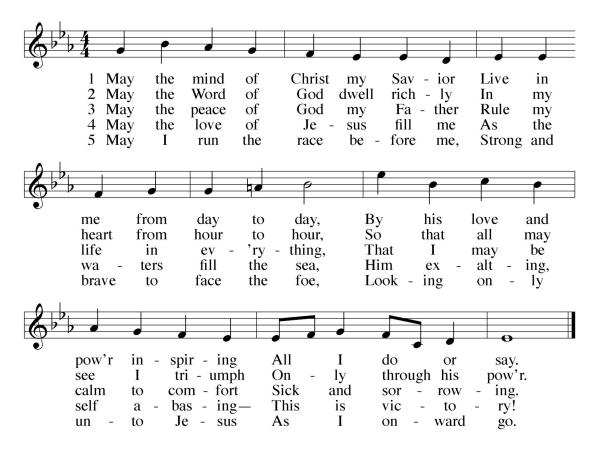
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand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

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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6 May his spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win, And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson, 1859–1928, alt.

Tune: St. Leonard's (87 85) A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1891–1953.

SERMON......Pastor Troy Schreiner Text: Colossians 3:9-17

Coming Clean

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.

(10:30am) THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

SCAN ME

Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction. It is a rite by which a person is recognized as one who is properly prepared to receive Holy Communion, and has now become an adult member of the congregation. Confirmation is not a spiritual "graduation." Rather, it is an acknowledgement of the faith this young man professes, as he takes the next step in his life of Christian spiritual maturity and growth, which will continue for the rest of his life.

Noah Jose Cabret

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

May God the Father of Our Lord

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Text: Dorothy I. Scharlemann, b. 1912.

Tune: Tallis, Canon (LM) Thomas Tallis, c. 1505–85.

Organist......Mrs. Rachel Cochran

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My Worship Notes



For children to use during worship.

Name:	Date:
What is the name of the church sea	ason or special day today?
What is the color of the church today	ay? Circle one:
Blue White Purple Re	ed Green
This is in the: Old Testame	nt
What was the sermon about?	
	1y favorite song today was:
Did we have a Sacrament today?	Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:
Baptism? Communion?	
☐ Yes ☐ Yes ☐ No	
What did you learn about God toda	ay:

Sermon Notes

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