

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

Mission Festival

WELS CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Worship at 8am and
10:30am

Bible Class and Youth
Sunday School 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.
- 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:

Did you know that WELS has been sharing the Gospel of Jesus on college campuses in America for over a century? How important and fitting for the church to be doing so, especially during the college years, when a young adult Christian often finds their faith under attack from secular forces like never before. To serve WELS college students, and to connect non-Christian college students to the Gospel is an important mission field! And so, today, we hear from our special guest preacher, Pastor Brian Wrobel, pastor of Zion in Gainesville, FL, and campus pastor at the University of Florida. Pastor Wrobel will share with us what our church body is doing to connect Christ to campus, and inspire us to consider what we can do to share Jesus with a vast mission field just down the road from 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.



Festival of St. Michael and All Angels

Sunday, Oct. 3rd

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.

HYMN SING SUNDAY

Pick a favorite hymn out of the three hymnals in the chairs, raise your hand to request it, and if Pastor Brian calls on you, we'll sing a verse of it!

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: Our Savior Jesus tells us, "Go, and make disciples of all nations,"

C: **"Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."**

M: And yet, so often we have failed to heed his calling. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God, and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, so often, we have failed to go and make disciples of all nations. You have given us so many opportunities to share the Gospel, but so often we've failed to seize them. We have been apathetic, or resistant to share the good news of Jesus with people who need to hear about him. We've placed our earthly desires for comfort or convenience ahead of the needs of people's eternal souls. For these, and all our sins, we ask you to have mercy on us, according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: Our Lord tells us, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation." Dear brothers and sisters, there is good news to share! God our heavenly Father has forgiven all your sins.

By Jesus' perfect life and innocent death, he has removed your guilt forever. As a called servant of the Gospel which Jesus tells us to go and share, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son (+), and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Motivated by this good news, may we go out into the world and proclaim the message of salvation through faith in Christ to all nations, to all people, to every mission field that God gives us; those abroad, and those in our own backyard. And in the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

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. Merciful Father, your kindness caused the light of the gospel to shine among us. Use us now as instruments of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all people. Bless those who labor in the mission fields of our nation and world, and grant success to their witness that many may be freed from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



FIRST READING: Jonah 4

Jonah's anger at the Lord's compassion

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD, "Isn't this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴But the LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead." ¹⁰But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight."

¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 31

Christian Worship (Red) p. 77

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



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In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.

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Into your hands I commit my spirit;^{*}
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

Refrain

My times are in your hands;^{*}
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,^{*}
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy^{*}
when I called to you for help.

**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 READING: James 3:13-18

Two kinds of "wisdom"

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

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!

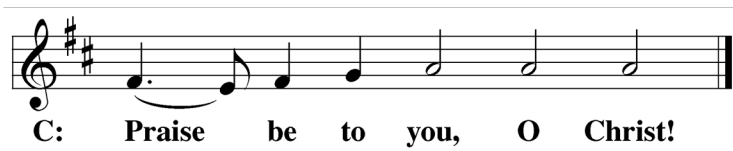
GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

A servant to all

³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” ³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All children are invited to join Pastor Brian at the front of the sanctuary for a message based on today's sermon, specifically designed for them! If children would feel more comfortable, an adult is welcome to come up with them.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH (10:30am Service)

Children ages 3-5 can be dismissed to the 3K/Kitchen classroom for Children's Church. Children will return from Children's Church to the sanctuary after the conclusion of the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Love to Tell the Story

Christian Worship (Red) 562



1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it

bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of
best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To

Je - sus and his love. I love to tell the
hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of

sto - ry Be - cause I know it's true; It
glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'Twill

sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my

theme in glo - ry To tell the old, old

sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Arabella C. Hankey, 1834–1911, abr.
Tune: HANKEY (76 76 D with Refrain) William G. Fischer, 1835–1912.

SERMON.....Pastor Brian Wrobel
Text: Jonah 4 *Zion—Gainesville, FL*

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

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, or you can access that site on your phone by scanning the box to the right. We'd also ask that you would fill out the Connection Card, found inside the newsletter, and drop it into the basket on the table as you exit this morning.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.

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.



CLOSING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

Christian Worship (Red) 566

1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be
 call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the
 name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose
 heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -
 Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion
 is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers
 deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;
 Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work
 With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk
 We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts
 to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
 and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
 u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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 Tune: WEBB (76 76 D) George J. Webb, 1803–87.

Organist.....**Ms. Anne Marquardt**

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Parents' Preview for October 3

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!

Psalm 91

Refrain from Psalm of the Day (Christian Worship p. 100)

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.



Sunday, October 10.....*Why Me?*

Sunday, October 17.....*Is God Punishing Me?*

Sunday, October 24.....*Does God Care?*



Steve and
Debbie Hallam



Meet Our Members

1. What neighborhood/part of town do you live in?

We live in North Jacksonville Beach.

2. What is your favorite thing to do in Jacksonville?

Our favorite activities are walking and biking.

3. What do you like most about Victory Lutheran Church?

We like that Victory teaches the true word of God.

USHER SCHEDULE

Today (9/26): S. Lomen (8:00)

E. Pol & G. Fisher (10:30)

Next Week (10/3): B. Smith (8:00)

G. Fisher & S. Keith (10:30)

OCTOBER ALTAR GUILD

Malachi & Erica Wallander



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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