



**EIGHTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

*Focused Living Properly  
Values Earthly Wealth*

**July 31, 2022**





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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 fill out the Connection Card inside 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:**

Jesus wants focused followers. However, one of the things that can most easily get in the way of our focus is our earthly possessions. It is no surprise, therefore, that Jesus' words so frequently focus his followers on wealth. Jesus' followers don't reject earthly wealth or despise it. They can be grateful for every good gift that comes from the hand of God. However, Jesus' followers value earthly wealth correctly. They understand what earthly wealth can and cannot do. They don't give earthly wealth a role in their lives it will never be able to fill. This week, we focus on the fact that the identity and security earthly wealth can provide is found fully and freely in Christ.

### **Worship Series: *Focused***

Jesus' mission and the purpose of this journey was not to gain an earthly crown. Jesus makes clear that this world was not his real home. He teaches that this world is not our real home either. Jesus is focused on heaven. His mission is to get us there by going to Jerusalem and making the ultimate sacrifice to pay for our sin. Nothing would stop him. "He set his face like flint," Isaiah tells us (Isaiah 50:7). Jesus was focused.

As we watch the focused actions of our Savior, as we focus carefully on his words, something wonderful happens. Jesus gives focus to our lives. We finally see things clearly: how to love our neighbor, the true purpose of worship, the blessing of prayer, what is treasure (and what is not). In this series, as Christ speaks to us through his Word, may he make us properly focused! Bring yourself, your family, your friends, and co-workers, and help them to see your life the way that God sees it—in focus!



<b>July 31</b>	<b>Focused Living Properly Values Earthly Wealth</b>
<b>August 7</b>	<b>Focused Living Properly Values Heavenly Treasure</b>

## 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 your favorite hymn out of the hymnal, raise your hand, and if Pastor Troy chooses you, we'll sing a verse of it!*

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

**C: And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

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

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

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.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

## **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30AM)**

*Casy Bud Phillips Jr.*

### **FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

*Everything under the sun is meaningless apart from God*

<sup>1</sup>The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

<sup>2</sup>“Meaningless! Meaningless!”

says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless!

Everything is meaningless.”

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! <sup>14</sup>I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

<sup>18</sup>I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. <sup>19</sup>And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. <sup>20</sup>So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. <sup>21</sup>For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. <sup>22</sup>What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? <sup>23</sup>All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

<sup>24</sup>A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

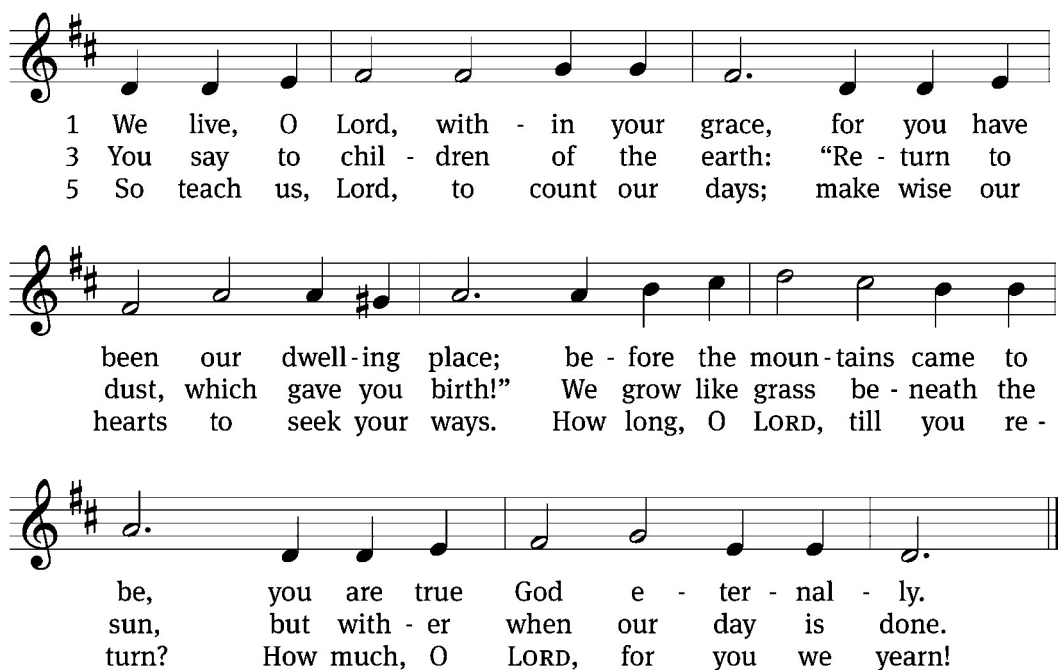
M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

### We Live, O Lord, within Your Grace

*Christian Worship Psalter 90C vs. 1,3,5*



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have  
3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to  
5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our  
been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to  
dust, which gave you birth!" We grow like grass be - neath the  
hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -  
be, you are true God e - ter - nal - ly.  
sun, but with - er when our day is done.  
turn? How much, O LORD, for you we yearn!

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## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

*Set your hearts and minds on things above*

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

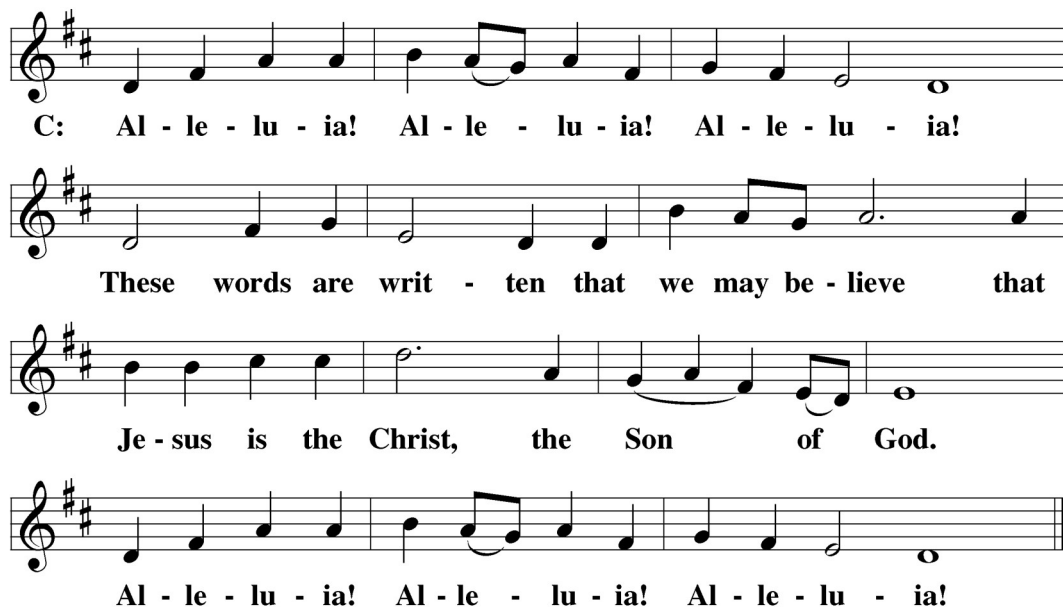
<sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Alleluia. (Luke 4:43)



**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: Luke 12:13-21

### *The parable of the rich fool*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

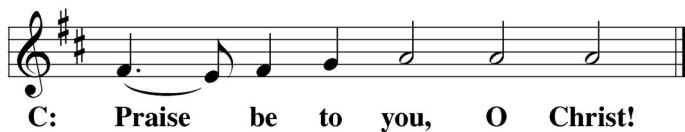
<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

<sup>18</sup>"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." '

<sup>20</sup>"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

<sup>21</sup>"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### My Worth Is Not in What I Own

*Christian Worship 753*

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

**Text: Luke 12:13-21**

## All Set

## 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.**

## OFFERING

**Guests:** This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Victory Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work in the Jacksonville community and beyond. If you are our guest today, you are welcome to participate in this offering, but don't feel forced to! You can also give an online thank offering by using the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code.

Please also fill out the Connection Card found inside your worship folder, and drop it in the offering plate, or in the basket on the back table.



## NEW MEMBER WELCOME (10:30AM)

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

## 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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*Christian Worship 820*



Organist.....Mrs. Rachel Cochran

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## **School Supply Drive**



As the summer months wind down, and families start getting ready for “back to school,” there are many who have a hard time affording the school supplies their children need! To help show love and care for our community, Victory’s Outreach Committee is sponsoring a school supply drive that will support the students (and our neighbors!) from Kernan Trail Elementary School.

### **Needed supplies include:**

- Crayola Crayons —Washable Markers —Colored Pencils —Glue Sticks
- Pens —Pencils —Highlighters —Black expo markers (dry erase)
- Wide-ruled loose-leaf paper —Spiral notebooks
- Zipper pencil pouches —Binders

Please drop off supplies at church **by Sunday, August 21st!** The Outreach Committee has set the challenge goal for Victory of donating **250 Supplies.** (For example, one box of Crayons counts as one item; but a pack of 5 folders counts as 5 items. To incentivize your giving, for each 50 items received, Pastor Troy and Outreach Chairman Eric Zager will receive a pie to the face after services on Sunday, August 28th! If we reach our goal of 250, we’ll add two additional pies. So, if we get 250 items, they’ll split 7 pies between them! Any additional increments of 50 beyond our goal adds more pies! Join us in donating to support our neighbors, and for some good fun!



Tony & Miranda Asker  
Keegan O'Laughlin



Ben & Maylene Chaska



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Candy Hernandez



George & Wina Hohwart



Bernie Mega



Casy Phillips





Rich Vitito



Seth & Megan Willitz  
Grace

### SERVING AT VICTORY

#### Ushers

**This Week (7/31):** M. Kelley (8:00)  
S. Keith & G. Fisher (10:30)

**Next Week (8/7):** M. Kelley (8:00)  
K. Baumgart & Pr. J Huebner

#### Counters

**This Week (7/31):** W. Cochran & D. Rollins

**Next Week (8/7):** R. Cochran & E. Wallander

#### Media Booth

**This Week (7/31):** Joel Huebner & **one more volunteer needed!**

**Next Week (8/7):** **Two more volunteers needed!**

#### Altar Guild

**August:** N. Milk & D. Rollins

#### Sunday Fellowship Snacks:

**This Week (7/31):** A. Marquardt

**Next Week (8/7):** Baker family

#### Grounds Maintenance

**This Week (7/30):** Pastor John Huebner, Shane Lomen, Malachi Wallander & **one more volunteer needed!**

**Next Week (8/6):** Pastor John Huebner, Shane Lomen, & **two more volunteers needed!**



## 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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