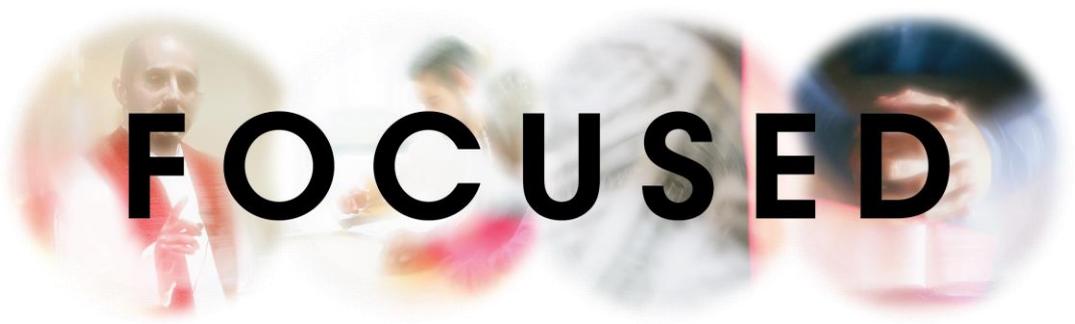


**SEE YOUR LIFE THE WAY GOD DOES**



**FOCUSED**

**Followers of Christ Listen to His Word**

*The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 17, 2022*

## **SERIES THEME: FOCUSED**

A unique feature of Luke's Gospel is the section in the middle often called "the travel narrative." This lengthy section began in chapter 9 when Luke told us that Jesus "resolutely set out for Jerusalem" (v51). While there are many events and side trips that occur during this travel narrative, Luke regularly stresses that nothing is going to dissuade Jesus from going to Jerusalem where he will fulfill his life's mission. Jesus was very focused. Jesus' mission and the purpose of this journey was not to gain an earthly crown. Throughout this travel narrative, 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 (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.

## **THEME OF THE DAY: FOCUSED WORSHIP SEEKS SERVICE FROM JESUS MORE THAN SERVICE FOR JESUS**

We call worship a "service." Which raises the question: who is serving whom? In answering that question, it is easy to focus on what we do in worship. "I set aside time in my week to come to church. I am singing praise to God. I brought him an offering. Clearly, I am serving him." True enough. However, as God speaks this week, he clarifies our focus, letting us see that worship is primarily about him serving us. Through Word and sacrament, he delivers every spiritual gift he wants us to receive. Our service to God is good. His service for us is perfect. Our service to God is important. His service for us is essential. God loves our service to him. But we desperately need his service for us. Receiving his service is actually the highest form of worship. "God wants to be worshipped through faith so that we receive from him those things he promises and offers" (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV).

**Worship Leader**  
**Organist/Pianist**

Pastor Philip Hirsch  
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## **The Service, Setting Two (page 172 in Christian Worship 21)**

### **Hymn: 919 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

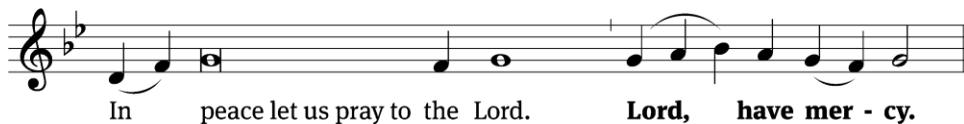
**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

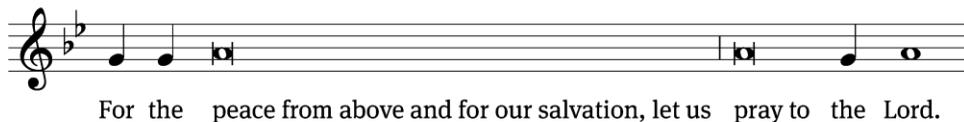
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Lord, Have Mercy



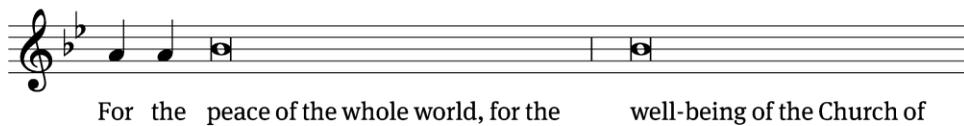
In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



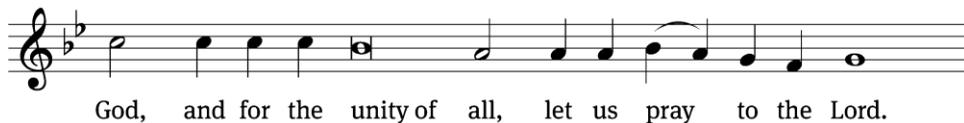
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



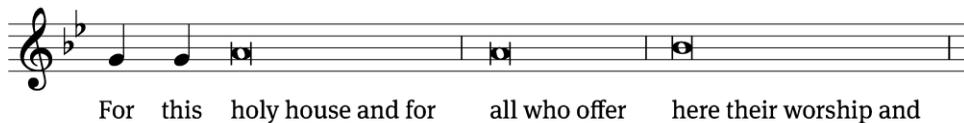
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of



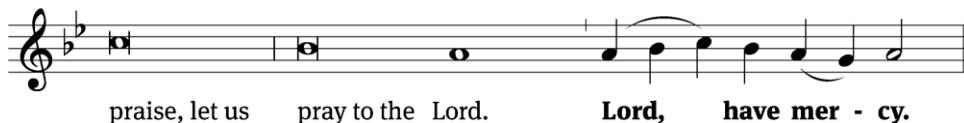
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

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## Glory to God in the Highest



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.



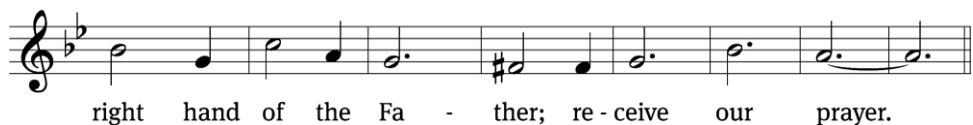
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



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.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For 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. A - men. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his  
 peo - ple on earth.

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## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

*Abraham welcomed the visitors and received the Word and promise of God with joy.*

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." <sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread." <sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. <sup>9</sup> "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. <sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?" <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?'" <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm of the Day: 119B Teach Me, O LORD**

*Refrain*

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your stat - utes.

*Tone*



because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—<sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel<sup>6</sup> that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God’s grace in all its truth.<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.<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.<sup>10</sup> And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,<sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully<sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.<sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,<sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation



C: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



M: My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I de - sire

*Refrain*



C: and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*Mary sat at the Savior's feet to hear his Word.*

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" <sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **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.**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day: 630 Thy Strong Word

### Sermon

#### 942 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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### Offering

*Please leave your offering in the plate in the entry or make use of our online giving options.*

## Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, you have made your Word fully known in the person of your Son and in the proclamation of his Gospel. Bring many out of this world and into the communion of your Church to share the riches he has won for us in his death and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, your minister St. Paul suffered for the sake of the Christ's Church and called both Jews and Gentiles into Christ's one body. Sustain the apostolic unity he forged, and grant your ministers faithful hearts to endure suffering in our day. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you chose Abraham and Sarah, though barren, to bring forth the promised Child. Grant your heavenly comfort to those without children. Hear their prayers, and, if it is your will, grant their godly desire. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give wisdom and patience to all in authority. Let them serve with integrity always for the benefit of those under their leadership, to the maintenance of righteousness, and to the hindrance and punishment of wickedness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, your people suffer in this life before they reach your heavenly kingdom. Sustain all who suffer among us. Give them the same Spirit you gave your servant Paul, that they may endure in their holy faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out your mercy upon us, and grant to us all good things needful to this body and life and keep from us all things harmful. From you, through you and to you are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and for-evermore. **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.**

## **Hymn: 645 One Thing's Needful**

### **Prayer**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

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.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: 640 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage**

## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today:** 10:30 AM Worship

**Sunday:** 10:30 AM Worship

There will be choir practices after church on **July 17th** to prepare for the installation service. There will also be a joint choir practice ahead of the installation service on July 17 at 3:30.

The installation of Justin Wilkens as Pastor at Bethel Lutheran and Grace Lutheran will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in York on **July 17th** at 4:00 p.m. There will be a potluck fellowship after the service. **Members of Grace and Bethel** are asked to bring their favorite dish to share. Paper products and drinks will be provided.

The third NELHS workday is coming up on **July 23rd** from 9 a.m. to noon. If you haven't contacted Cameron Handy about coming, please email him at [chandy@nelhs.org](mailto:chandy@nelhs.org) or call the office at 402-728-5236.

### **TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL REQUEST**

It is always a trial for me to make these requests of our families, members, and churches, especially as everyone is struggling with higher costs; however, at this time, I need to make you aware that Trinity needs additional financial assistance.



Throughout the year, the offerings to Trinity go up and down. Currently, we are at a low point in the funds we have available. If you are able and moved to make an additional offering to Trinity, it would greatly assist us in our ministry, the upkeep of our school, and the salary of our Called Workers.

If you are not able to support Trinity with extra financial gifts, we ask that you remember Trinity in your prayers to a God who can do infinitely more than we can ask for. I thank you all in advance for your gifts of time, talent, treasure, and prayer.

You can reach Richard Owen III with any offers of assistance by email at [trinitywacoprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywacoprincipal@gmail.com) or by phone at 989-414-0063.

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