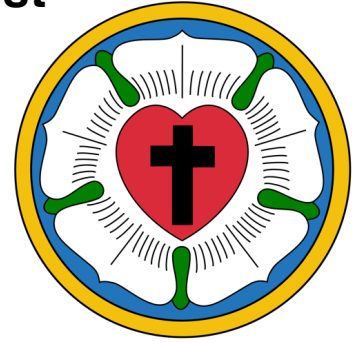




Victory in Christ Lutheran Church

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A Word from Pastor Schielke

Lutheran Worship Part 14: The Words of Institution and Peace

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper the night He was betrayed. The Lord's Supper is the "blood of the covenant." It is Jesus' promise and assurance to us that we are partakers of His grace. Each time it is offered the pastor reads the words of institution. In these words Jesus speaks to us and informs us that we are receiving His body and blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sin. The words of institution as we hear them in the service are a composite of Jesus' words as recorded in Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, and 1 Corinthians 11.

Different churches have different customs how often the Lord's Supper is offered. At VIC we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday as was the custom in the early church.

Then, communion was the center of worship for they understood the church is bound together in one body as we all partake of the one loaf (1 Cor. 10:17).

The Lord's Supper has both a vertical dimension, our communing with God, and a horizontal dimension, our communing with each other. Communion's first purpose is a meal of forgiveness. God is doing this for us. The above verse from 1 Corinthians also shows us that it is a meal of unity. Thus, the things that strike against unity of the church also strike against the purpose of the Lord's Supper. If we needlessly, sinfully stir up dissension in the church among Christian brothers and sisters, we are actually sinning against the body and blood of Christ. Even more importantly, when someone holds to false doctrine or

unites themselves with a church body that teaches error, this too works against one of the purposes of the Lord's Supper. For this reason, we practice closed Communion.

After the words of institution, the pastor gives the Peace, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." Some pastors may have the custom of raising the elements up into the air to clearly show that our peace with God comes through Christ's work and Christ's meal. The people of God respond with the simple confession, "Amen." "Yes, yes, it shall be so." – This meal does indeed bring this promised peace.

(Adapted from <https://steadfastlutherans.org/2009/05/notes-on-the-liturgy-19-communion-the-peace/>)

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The Augsburg Confession - Below is part 3 of the twenty-sixth article of the Augsburg Confession. The Confessions are what we believe and confess as a Lutheran congregation. When they say “they teach” they mean our churches teach.

Article XXVI - Of the Distinction of Meats

- ³³Moreover, they teach that every Christian ought to train and subdue himself with bodily restraints, or bodily exercises and labors that neither satiety nor slothfulness tempt him to sin, but not that we may merit grace or make satisfaction for sins by such exercises.
- ³⁴And such external discipline ought to be urged at all times, not only on a few and set days. So Christ commands,
- ³⁵Luke 21:34: Take heed lest your hearts
- ³⁶be overcharged with surfeiting; also Matt. 17:21: This kind goeth not out but
- ³⁷by prayer and fasting. Paul also says, 1 Cor. 9:27: I keep under my body and bring it into subjection.
- ³⁸Here he clearly shows that he was keeping under his body, not to merit forgiveness of sins by that discipline, but to have his body in subjection and fitted for spiritual things, and for the discharge of duty according
- ³⁹to his calling. Therefore, we do not condemn fasting in itself, but the traditions which prescribe certain days and certain meats, with peril of conscience, as though such works were a necessary service.
- ⁴⁰Nevertheless, very many traditions are kept on our part, which conduce to good order in the Church, as the Order of Lessons
- ⁴¹in the Mass and the chief holy-days. But, at the same time, men are warned that such observances do not justify before God, and that in such things it should not be made sin if they be omitted without offense.
- ⁴²Such liberty in human rites was not unknown to the Fathers.
- ⁴³For in the East they kept Easter at another time than at Rome, and when, on account of this diversity, the Romans accused the Eastern Church of schism, they were admonished by others
- ⁴⁴that such usages need not be alike everywhere. And Irenaeus says: Diversity concerning fasting does not destroy the harmony of faith; as also Pope Gregory intimates in Dist. XII, that such diversity does not violate the unity of the Church.
- ⁴⁵And in the Tripartite History, Book 9, many examples of dissimilar rites are gathered, and the following statement is made: It was not the mind of the Apostles to enact rules concerning holy-days, but to preach godliness and a holy life [to teach faith and love].



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	8	9	10	11	12	13 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
14 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	15	16 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	22	23 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	24	25	26	27 Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
28 Divine Service 10 a.m Bible Study / Sunday School 11 a.m. Lunch noon	29	30 Women's Bible Study 1 p.m.	31			

VIC Happenings

Garage Sale - We will be having a garage sale in the month of October to raise funds for the Board of Evangelism. If you have any items to donate to the garage sale, please bring them to church. If you have any questions, please see Robin Kroeger.

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August Birthdays:

11 Philip Schielke

11 Johnny Schober

20 James Richardson

24 Doug Rohloff

30 Kyle Rohloff



August Anniversaries:

7 Brad and Lori Rohloff

18 Doug and Ruth Rohloff

21 Johnny and Donna Schober



For 2022, I would like to challenge every member of this congregation to read or continue reading through the Bible in one year. The Bible readings for August and part of September are listed below.

Aug. 1: Isa. 18-22

Aug. 2: Isa. 23-27

Aug. 3: Isa. 28-30

Aug. 4: Isa. 31-35

Aug. 5: Isa. 36-41

Aug. 6: Isa. 42-44

Aug. 7: Isa. 45-48

Aug. 8: Isa. 49-53

Aug. 9: Isa. 54-58

Aug. 10: Isa. 59-63

Aug. 11: Isa. 64-66

Aug. 12: Jer. 1-3

Aug. 13: Jer. 4-6

Aug. 14: Jer. 7-9

Aug. 15: Jer. 10-13

Aug. 16: Jer. 14-17

Aug. 17: Jer. 18-22

Aug. 18: Jer. 23-25

Aug. 19: Jer. 26-29

Aug. 20: Jer. 30-31

Aug. 21: Jer. 32-34

Aug. 22: Jer. 35-37

Aug. 23: Jer. 38-41

Aug. 24: Jer. 42-45

Aug. 25: Jer. 46-48

Aug. 26: Jer. 49-50

Aug. 27: Jer. 51-52

Aug. 28: Lam. 1-2

Aug. 29: Lam. 3-5

Aug. 30: Ezek. 1-4

Aug. 31: Ezek. 5-8

Sept. 1: Ezek. 9-12

Sept. 2: Ezek. 13-15

Sept. 3: Ezek. 16-17

Sept. 4: Ezek. 18-20

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