

This Week at VIC

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Today 1/10	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
Tuesday 1/12	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Sunday 1/17	10:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch

Announcements

Offering Envelopes – The contribution envelopes for 2021 are available for pickup in the fellowship hall. Assigned envelope numbers change each year, so please do not use the old 2020 envelopes.

Voters' Meeting – There will be a voters' meeting on Sunday, January 31, following the noon meal.

Church Cleaning – Scheduled for church cleaning this week are the Richardson and Scott Rohloff Families.

General Fund Income –

Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 3,272.86
Actual Income Received Last Week	\$ 3,084.00
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$ 75,275.78
Year to Date Actual Income	\$ 77,895.64

Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



*You are my beloved Son; with
you I am well pleased.*

Mark 1:11

**The Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

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WELCOME! We thank God for you and pray that He will richly bless our worship activity together.

Communion: We welcome all of our guests worshiping with us today and pray your faith is strengthened. God's Word declares to us that the bread and wine we receive in the Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ given for the forgiveness of sins and nourishing of faith (Matt. 26: 26-28; Mark 14: 22-24; Luke 22: 19-21; 1 Cor. 11: 23-26). When receiving His true body and blood, all communicants are to be united in their understanding and confession of Jesus Christ and all of His teaching (Jon. 17: 22; 1 Cor. 1: 10). An unworthy reception of this gift results in one who "eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor. 11: 29). Therefore, if you are still learning Lutheran doctrine or are not part of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you forward for a blessing and encourage you to speak with the pastor *before* the service in order to learn more about our teaching on the Lord's Supper.

Hymn of Invocation: #578 – Thy Strong Word

Divine Service Setting Three: pg. 184

Introit

Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a (ESV)

^{1a} Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

⁷ **I will tell of the decree:**

**The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be-
gotten you.**

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your pos-session.

⁹ **You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ **Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.**

^{12c}for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessed are all who take re-fuge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the be-ginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

^{1a} Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5 (English Standard Version)

The Creation of the World

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

New Testament Reading

Romans 6:1-11 (English Standard Version)

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11 (English Standard Version)

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea

and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Sermon Hymn: #407 – To Jordan Came, the Christ, Our Lord

Sermon:

Communion Hymns: #538 – Praise Be to Christ

#568 – If Your Beloved Son, O God

Closing Hymn: #395 – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Weekly Stewardship Focus

Mark 1:7 – "And (John) preached, saying, 'After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.'" John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

Dear Saints of Victory in Christ,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. You are truly a blessing to us, and it is our joy to be in your midst. We were saddened to not be among you during the Christmas season, but as we know, God is in control of all things. God's continued blessings to you in the new year.

Pastor and Kerri Schielke

The Readings for today –

The Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1–5

Romans 6:1–11

Mark 1:4–11

In Holy Baptism, the Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). Then, as *"the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters"* (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: *"Let there be light, and there was light"* (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, *"the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ"* (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, *"proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,"* Jesus also came *"and was baptized by John in the Jordan"* (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are *"united with him in a death like his"* (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto *"newness of life"* (Rom. 6:4).

A Look Ahead to Next Sunday –

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

John 1:43–51

The Lord God Is with You and Reveals Himself to You by the Preaching of His Word

The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to *"come and see"* that He is *"the Son of God"* and *"the King of Israel"* (John 1:43–49). And they shall see even *"greater things than these"* (John 1:50). For His body is the temple of God on earth, and by His priestly sacrifice the heavens will be opened to all who believe and are baptized into Him. Therefore, He calls Philip and Nathanael, first to hear His Word and then to speak as apostles, even as He once called Samuel and established him *"as a prophet of the LORD"* (1 Sam. 3:20). As the Lord was with Samuel *"and let none of his words fall to the ground"* (1 Sam. 3:19), He also accompanies and upholds the preachers of His Word in our day. Thus, by the Gospel that is preached to you, *"your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you"* (1 Cor. 6:19). Since your body thus belongs to the Body of Christ, it is meant *"for the Lord,"* and shall be raised up like Him, now *"glorify God in your body"* (1 Cor. 6:13–20).