

This Week at VIC

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Today 1/17	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
Tuesday 1/19	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Sunday 1/24	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	\$ 2,550.00
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$ 78,548.64
Year to Date Actual Income	\$ 80,445.64

Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



*Truly, truly, I say to you, you
will see heaven opened.*

John 1:51

The Second Sunday after the
Epiphany
January 17, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Philip and Nathaniel Called by Julius Schnoor von Carolsfeld. Permission to use this image is limited to personal and congregational use. Courtesy of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod - the World Mission Collection. *The Proper Distinction Between Law and Gospel* by C.F.W. Walther copyright 1969 by Concordia Publishing House. Used with permission. To order this book contact www.sph.org or 1-800-325-3040. Scripture text is based on *Revised Standard Version* © 1946, 1952, 1971 Division of Education and Ministry of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. All Rights Reserved.

This bulletin cover made available by www.scholia.net and is provided without cost.

Victory in Christ Lutheran Church
508 Main Street
Newark, Texas 76071
817-489-5400

Pastor Philip Schielke

Pastor's Email: pastor@viclutheranchurch.org

Church Website: www.viclutheranchurch.org

Church Email: churchoffice@viclutheranchurch.org

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: #901 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Divine Service Setting Three: pg. 184

Introit

Psalm 40:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 40:10a, b (ESV)

¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance with-in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal-vation;

¹ **I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

³ **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

⁴ Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af-ter a lie!

⁵ **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds
and your thoughts toward us; none can com-pare with you!
I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be**

told.

**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.

¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance with-in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your sal-vation.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (English Standard Version)

The LORD Calls Samuel

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶ And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 (English Standard Version)

Flee Sexual Immorality

¹² "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³ "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ

and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51 (English Standard Version)

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Sermon Hymn: #500 – Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

Sermon:

**Communion Hymns: #644 – The Church's One Foundation
#688 – "Come, Follow Me,"
the Savior Spake**

Closing Hymn: #827 – Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

Weekly Stewardship Focus

1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 – "You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." God owns everything, including our very selves. We were made to serve Him and glorify Him and will never truly be happy or find our fulfillment until we learn that lesson. Jesus has redeemed us and brought us back into the Kingdom of the Father, and that has set us free to serve Him in joy, generosity, liberty, and faith.

The Readings for today –

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).

A Look Ahead to Next Sunday –

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29–31 (32–35)

Mark 1:14–20

The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name

When "*the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time*," sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, "*Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD*" (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they "*believed God*," as He spoke to them through His prophet, "*they turned from their evil way*" and were spared "*the disaster that he had said he would do to them*" (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that "*the appointed time has grown very short*" (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for "*the present form of this world is passing away*" (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give "*your undivided devotion to the Lord*" (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, "*the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand*" (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become "*fishers of men*" with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).