

## This Week at VIC

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Today 6/19	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
Saturday, 6/25	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 6/26	10:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

### Weekly Stewardship Focus

**Luke 8:37 – “Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.”** The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd – their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?

**Life Thought in the Church Year for June 19 – Pentecost IIC (Proper 7)/Father's Day** – The unique dignity of fatherhood includes protecting others as God does (Psalm 3:3)—even defending them from themselves. Practices like abortion and measures like assisted suicide situate our people among the tombs (Isaiah 65:4). Let us not abandon them to demonic deceptions about “bodily autonomy” but instead with courage and compassion proclaim how much God has done for us (Luke 8:39), creating and redeeming and calling every member of our race precious.

**Life Quote in the Church Year for June 19** “The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!” *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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## Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 19, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

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

**Communion:** We welcome all of our guests worshipping 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: #601 – All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

**Divine Service Setting Four: pg. 203**

### Introit

***Psalm 71:20-24; antiphon: Psalm 71:3***

<sup>3</sup> Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

<sup>20</sup> **You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive | me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me | up again.**

<sup>21</sup> You will increase my | greatness and comfort | me again.

<sup>22</sup> **I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, | O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of | Israel.**

<sup>23</sup> My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

<sup>24</sup> **And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all | the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to | do me hurt.**

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

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### Old Testament Reading

***Isaiah 65:1-9 (New International Version)***

#### ***Judgment and Salvation***

- <sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name.
- <sup>2</sup> I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;
- <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks;
- <sup>4</sup> who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;
- <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.
- <sup>6</sup> Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap
- <sup>7</sup> both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds."
- <sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.
- <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

### New Testament Reading

***Galatians 3:23-4:7 (New International Version)***

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our

guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

### ***Sons and Heirs***

<sup>1</sup> I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Luke 8:26-39 (New International Version)**

#### ***Jesus Heals a Man with a Demon***

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup> For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding

country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

### **Sermon Hymn: #825 – Rise, Shine, You People**

### **Sermon:**

### **Communion Hymn: #618 – I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

### **Closing Hymn: #594 – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

### **Announcements**

**VBS Report** – More than 40 children attended our "Te Deum" Express VBS last week. We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked to make our VBS a successful one. You are truly a blessing to this congregation and to the children.

**Council Meeting** – There will be a Council Meeting on Sunday, July 10, following the noon meal.

**Voters' Meeting** – There will be a Voters' Meeting on Sunday, July 31, following the noon meal.

**Altar Guild Sign-up** – Please sign-up to serve on the Altar Guild for the 2022 year. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

**Church Cleaning** – Scheduled for church cleaning the week of July 3 is the VanDekerkhove family.

### **General Fund Income –**

Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 3,164.16
Actual Income Received Last Week	\$ 2,240.00
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$ 145,551.36
Year to Date Actual Income	\$ 143,562.48

## **The Readings for today –**

### **Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 65:1–9

Galatians 3:23–4:7

Luke 8:26–39

### **Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil**

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands “to a rebellious people” (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil, are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living “among the tombs” (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord’s house, fully clothed by Christ; for He has come, in “the fullness of time” (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, “you are no longer a slave, but a son” (Gal. 4:7).

## **A Look Ahead to Next Sunday –**

### **Third Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:9b–21

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

Luke 9:51–62

### **Christ’s Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom**

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, “the word of the LORD came to him” (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him “on the mount before the LORD” (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, nor in an earthquake, and nor in the fire, but in “the sound of a low whisper” (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends “messengers ahead of Him ... to make preparations for Him” (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they “go and proclaim the kingdom of God,” and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its “yoke of slavery,” but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which “Christ has set us free” (Gal. 5:1).