

## This Week at VIC

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Today 7/5	10:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
Sunday 7/12	10:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch

### Weekly Stewardship Focus

**Matt. 11:28** – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death, and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose. His light yoke, which is no burden to bear, is a joy.

### Announcements

**Church Cleaning** – Scheduled for church cleaning this week are the Tim and Gary Rohloff Families.

**Church Voters’ Meeting** – There will be a Voters’ Meeting following the noon meal on Sunday, July 26.

### General Fund Income –

Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 3,226.23
Actual Income Received Last Week	\$ 3,321.00
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$134,001.43
Year to Date Actual Income	\$118,024.27

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## Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



*You will find rest for your souls (Matthew 11:29).*

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 2020  
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: #832 – Jesus Shall Reign**

**Divine Service Setting Three: pg. 184**

**Psalmody**

***Psalm 91:2, 9-10; antiphon 91:1 (E.S.V.)***

<sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."**

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—

<sup>10</sup> **no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.**

**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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will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**Old Testament Reading**

***Zechariah 9:9-12 (English Standard Version)***

***The Coming King of Zion***

<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**New Testament Reading**

***Romans 7:14-25a (English Standard Version)***

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under

sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I

want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I

agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it,

but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in

me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not

the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil

I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want,

it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at

hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in

my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and

making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

<sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## Gospel Reading

### ***Matthew 11:25-30 (English Standard Version)***

#### ***Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest***

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**Sermon Hymn: #752 – Be Still, My Soul**

**Sermon:**

**Communion Hymn: #622 – Lord Jesus Christ,  
You Have Prepared**

**Closing Hymn: #662 – Onward, Christian Soldiers**

## The Readings for today –

### **THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Zechariah 9:9–12

Romans 7:14–25a

Matthew 11:25–30

#### ***Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest***

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find "*another law waging war*" in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we "*desire to do what is right*," but we are not able to do so because "*nothing good*" dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). "*Thanks be to God*," therefore, "*through Jesus Christ our Lord*," who delivers us from "*this body of death*" (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes "*righteous and having salvation*" (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us "*free from the waterless pit*," and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we "*labor and are heavy laden*," He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are "*wise and understanding*," but by the "*gracious will*" of God the Father, whom "*the Son chooses to reveal*" in love (Matt. 11:25–27).

## A Look Ahead to Next Sunday –

### **THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Isaiah 55:10–13

Romans 8:12–17

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

#### ***The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love***

As "*the rain and the snow come down from heaven*" and "*water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout*" (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as "*an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off*" (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and "*indeed bears fruit*" (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who "*have received the Spirit of adoption as sons*" (Rom. 8:15). Thus being "*led by the Spirit of God*," we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we "*also be glorified with him*" (Rom. 8:17).