

## This Week at VIC

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u>      |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Today 7/25  | 11:00 a.m.  | Sunday School     |
|             | 11:00 a.m.  | Adult Bible Study |
|             | 12:00 noon  | Fellowship Lunch  |
|             | 12:45 p.m.  | Voters' Meeting   |
| Sunday 8/1  | 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

**Voters' Meeting** – There will be a Voters' Meeting **TODAY** following the noon meal.

**Nominations for Elected Officers** – There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for members to submit names for the offices available. The offices available are Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of Christian Education, Chairman of Evangelism, and one position each for Elder and Trustee.

**Mid-Year Tax Receipts** – The mid-year tax receipts are available in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please ask Cheryl Foltz.

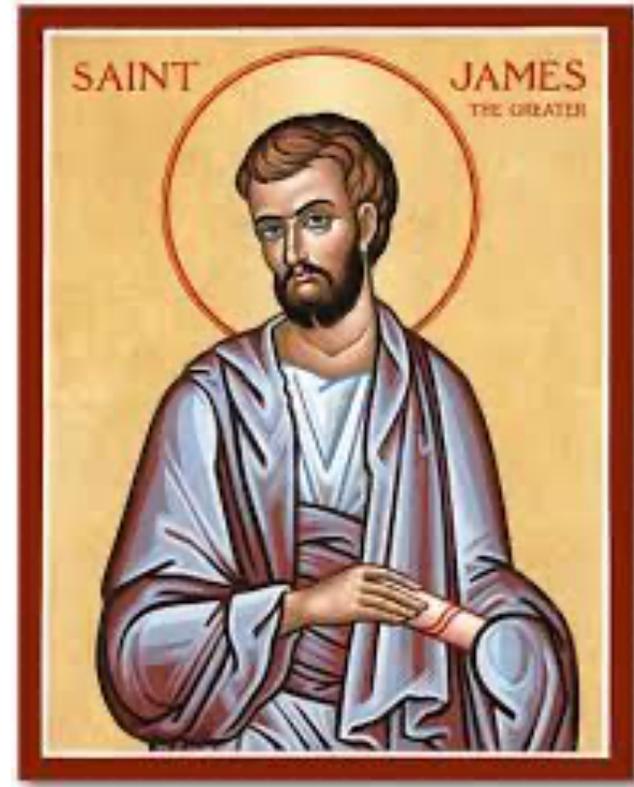
**Church Cleaning** – Scheduled for church cleaning this week are the Crutcher, Mitchell, and Schober families.

**Daily Devotions** – If you are interested in a daily devotion, please go to <https://www.lhm.org/daily>. They are sent out every evening.

#### **General Fund Income –**

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| Weekly Budgeted Income           | \$ 3,272.86  |
| Actual Income Received Last Week | \$ 1,392.00  |
| Year to Date Budgeted Income     | \$166,915.86 |
| Year to Date Actual Income       | \$165,304.29 |

## Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



Saint James the Elder, Apostle  
 July 25, 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: #754 – Entrust Your Days and Burdens**

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

**Introit**

**Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46 (ESV)**

<sup>46</sup> I will speak of your testimonies before kings, / O Lord,  
and shall not be / put to shame.

<sup>1</sup> **I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- / ever;  
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all  
gener- / ations.**

<sup>5</sup> Let the heavens praise your wonders, / O LORD,  
your faithfulness in the assembly of the / holy ones!

<sup>15</sup> **Blessed are the people who know the / festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light / of your face,**

<sup>16</sup> who exult in your name / all the day  
and in your righteousness are ex- / alted.

**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.**

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**First Reading**

**Acts 11:27-12:5 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>27</sup> Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup> And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup> So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers<sup>[a]</sup> living in Judea. <sup>30</sup> And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

**James Killed and Peter Imprisoned**

<sup>1</sup> About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He killed James the brother of John with the sword, <sup>3</sup> and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup> And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. <sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:28-39 (English Standard Version)**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

**God's Everlasting Love**

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;  
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Gospel Reading

#### **Mark 10:35-45 (English Standard Version)**

##### ***The Request of James and John***

<sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Sermon Hymn: #518 (st. 1, 21, 3) – By All Your Saints  
in Warfare**

#### **Sermon:**

**Communion Hymn: #640 – Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior**

**Closing Hymn: #647 – Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head**

#### **Weekly Stewardship Focus**

**(St. James) Mark 10:37-38a – "And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking.' "**  
Jesus' glory was to be high and lifted high upon a cross. And when He took up that exalted position, there would indeed be a man on His right and another on His left – the two thieves. How often do we pray for things and not know what we are really asking for? How often do we think we know best? What is always best is to follow the Lord's commands in simple faith that He knows best.

### **The Readings for today – Saint James, The Elder, Apostle**

Acts 11:27–12:5

Romans 8:28–39

Mark 10:35–45

#### ***St. James the Elder, Apostle***

The sons of Zebedee ask for seats at Jesus' "right hand and ... left, in your glory" (Mark 10:37). But they do not know what they are asking (Matt. 20:22), for God's kingdom is not of glory and power but the cross. We will bear ours after Him. "For [His] sake we are being killed" and "regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." But "in all these things we are more than conquerors through him" (Rom. 8:36–37), for Jesus' death is unique. He alone is baptized with our sin and drinks the cup of God's wrath against it (Mark 10:38). We live in service to our neighbors after His example; He alone is "the Son of Man," who came "to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Today the Church commemorates the fulfillment of Christ's prophecy about James, killed with Herod's sword (Acts 12:2). He is honored as the first apostle to be "conformed to the image of [God's] Son" (Rom. 8:29). But what is that when "Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God ... interceding for us"? Nothing (not even a sword) can "separate" James and "us from the love of Christ" (Rom. 8:34–35).

#### **A Look Ahead to Next Sunday – The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2–15

Ephesians 4:1–16

John 6:22–35

#### ***Jesus Is the True and Living Bread from Heaven***

Having rescued Israel "out of the land of Egypt" (Ex. 16:6), the Lord manifested His glory and made Himself known to His people. He fed them with "meat to eat" in the evening and with "bread from heaven" in the morning (Ex. 16:4, 8, 12). But now, the "true bread from heaven," which the Father gives to you, is the Son, "who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world" (John 6:32–33). Whoever comes to Him "shall not hunger," and whoever believes in Him "shall never thirst." He is "the bread of life," who gives Himself to you as "the food that endures to eternal life" (John 6:27, 35). By the gracious working of God, you believe in Him by the calling of one Spirit through the Gospel, so that you also have "one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all" (Eph. 4:4–6). As you eat His one body in the Holy Supper, so you belong to the one body of His Church, in which you "are to grow up in every way into him who is the head" (Eph. 4:15).