

This Week at VIC

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Today 8/2	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
Tuesday 8/4	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Sunday 8/9	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. 14:17-18 – “They said to him, ‘We have only five loaves here and two fish.’ And he said, ‘Bring them here to me.’” When the disciples held on to the five loaves and two fish, that’s exactly what they had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus all we do and all we have is nothing. But, in Jesus, all we do and have is blessed to be used by the Lord for His gracious work.

Announcements

Church Cleaning – Scheduled for church cleaning this week are the John Schober, Teague and Sherrod Families.

Garage Sale - On the morning of Saturday, September 26, the VIC youth group will be holding a garage sale at the church. If you would like to donate items for this sale, please contact Suzanne Richardson.

General Fund Income –

Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 3,226.23
Actual Income Received Last Week	\$ 2,094.00
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$150,132.58
Year to Date Actual Income	\$127,764.27

Feeding the Five Thousand by Julius Schnoor von Carolsfeld.

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Victory in Christ Lutheran Church



When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is now over” (Matt. 14:15).

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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: #602 – The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

Divine Service Setting Three: pg. 184

Psalmody

Psalm 105:39-43; antiphon 105:1 (E.S.V.)

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up-on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

³⁹ **He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.**

⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in a-bundance.

⁴¹ **He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.**

⁴² For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.

⁴³ **So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.**

**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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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5 (English Standard Version)

The Compassion of the LORD

¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you."

New Testament Reading

Romans 9:1-5 (6-13) (English Standard Version)

God's Sovereign Choice

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹ For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰ And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹ though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— ¹² she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³ As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21 (English Standard Version)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Sermon Hymn: #636 (sts. 1-4) – Soul, Adorn
Yourself with Gladness**

Sermon:

**Communion Hymn: #631 – Here, O My Lord,
I See Thee Face to Face**

**Closing Hymn: #636 (sts. 5-8) – Soul, Adorn
Yourself with Gladness**

The Readings for today – THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Isaiah 55:1–5

Romans 9:1–5 (6–13)

Matthew 14:13–21

Christ Jesus, the Living Bread from Heaven, Feeds the Children of God

By the Gospel of "*the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever*" (Rom. 9:5), we are "*the children of God*" (Rom. 9:8), "*not because of works but because of him who calls*" (Rom. 9:11). Therefore, "*listen diligently*" and "*hear, that your soul may live.*" By His sacrificial death in His flesh and blood, He has made "*an everlasting covenant*" for us. Since He now calls us to Himself, we come to Him "*and eat what is good, and delight ... in rich food*" (Is. 55:2–3). He has come with divine compassion to save us from sin and death and to feed us with Himself. As our Lord Jesus once took bread, "*said a blessing,*" broke the loaves "*and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds*" (Matt. 14:18–19), He also now takes bread, blesses it by His Word to be His very body, and distributes it to His Church by the hand of His called and ordained servants. Just as "*they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces,*" there is more than enough for His whole Church to eat and to be satisfied (Matt. 14:20).

A Look Ahead to Next Sunday – THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Job 38:4–18

Romans 10:5–17

Matthew 14:22–33

Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith

The Lord who "*laid the foundation of the earth*" (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has "*entered into the springs of the sea*" and "*walked in the recesses of the deep*" (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been "*a long way from the land, beaten by the waves,*" and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us: "*Do not be afraid,*" and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). "*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved*" (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard "*through the word of Christ*" (Rom. 10:17). "*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*" (Rom. 10:8).