

This Week at VIC

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Today 10/2	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
Sunday 10/9	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

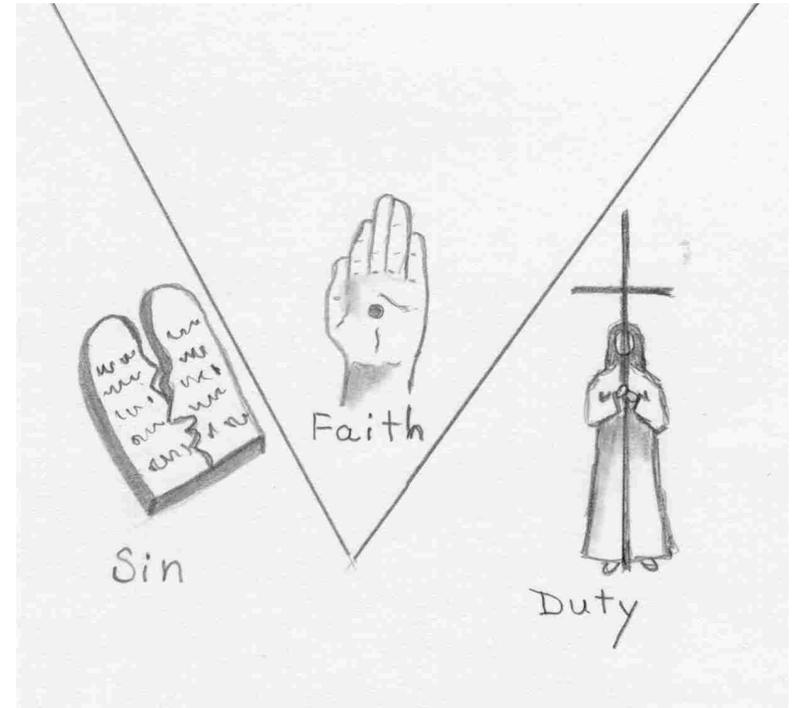
Luke 17:10 – “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’ ” We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord’s work in the Church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the Church. And what a blessing it is to give to the Church so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in community.

Life Thought in the Church Year for October 2 – Pentecost XVII (Proper 22) – Abortion, assisted suicide, and other deals with death bless with their mouths – as Psalm 62 warns us – by promising freedom and control. But inwardly these measures curse by delivering guilt and grief. Power over life and death belongs to God alone (Psalm 62:11), and His steadfast love provides salvation even amid surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis. The Gospel of Jesus Christ always brings life and immortality to light (2 Timothy 1:10).

Life Quote in the Church Year for October 2 “It is easy to look at others in the world and label them as enemies, especially when they have different political, religious, or ethical beliefs than we do. But, when God looks at those individuals, He wants them to belong to His family, too. A fruit of faith can be to show other individuals, made in God’s image, that they, too, are chosen!” *Marie K. MacPherson, author – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Victory in Christ Lutheran Church

If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 October 2, 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 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: #850 – God of Grace and God of Glory

Divine Service Setting Three: pg. 184

Introit

Psalm 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon: Psalm 119:166 (ESV)

¹⁶⁶ I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,
and I do your com- | mandments.

¹⁶² **I rejoice | at your word
like one who | finds great spoil.**

¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day I | praise you
for your just and righ- | teous decrees.

¹⁶⁵ **Great peace have those who | love your law;
nothing can make them | stumble.**

¹⁶⁷ My soul keeps your testi- | monies;
I love them ex- | ceedingly.

**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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (English Standard Version)

¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

Habakkuk's Complaint

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹ I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

The Righteous Shall Live by His Faith

² And the LORD answered me:
"Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴ "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14 (English Standard Version)

Greeting

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Guard the Deposit Entrusted to You

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:1-10 (English Standard Version)

Temptations to Sin

¹ And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

Increase Our Faith

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Unworthy Servants

⁷ "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table?' ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress

properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink?' ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Sermon Hymn: #587 – I Know My Faith Is Founded

Sermon:

Communion Hymn: #392 – God Loves Me Dearly

Closing Hymn: #496 – Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Announcements

Special Voters' Meeting – There will be a Voters' Meeting on Sunday, October 16, following the noon meal. The topic will be nominations for Synodical committees and officers, which have to be sent in by October 29.

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, Financial Secretary, Chairman of Stewardship, Chairman of Worship, and two positions each for Elder and Trustee.

Council Meeting – There will be a Council Meeting on Sunday, October 9, following the noon meal.

Work Day – There will be a work day on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15, beginning at 8:00 a.m, to clean up the church property.

Voters' Meeting – There will be a Voters' Meeting on Sunday, October 30, following the noon meal.

Lutheran Witness – If you are interested in receiving the *Lutheran Witness*, please let Doug Rohloff know by Sunday, October 23. The cost is \$14.50 for 11 issues. Please make your checks out to Victory in Christ, earmarked *Lutheran Witness*, and give them to Doug, too.

Garage Sale - On October 22, VIC will be holding a garage sale at the church. If you would like to donate items for this sale, please contact Robin Kroeger.

Church Cleaning – Scheduled for church cleaning the week of October 9 is the Haney family.

General Fund Income –

Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 3,315.46
Actual Income Received Last Week	\$ 2,520.00
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$ 29,839.14
Year to Date Actual Income	\$ 23,728.19

**The Readings for today –
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

2 Timothy 1:1–14

Luke 17:1–10

***We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's
Forgiveness***

We are surrounded by "*destruction and violence*" (Hab. 1:3) because the Law "*is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth*" (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, "*the righteous shall live by his faith*" (Hab. 2:4). "*Temptations to sin are sure to come*" (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus "*increase our faith*" (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His "*unworthy servants*" (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, "*by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus*" (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings "*life and immortality to light*" (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, "*follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,*" by which He guards you "*in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus*" (2 Tim. 1:13).

**A Look Ahead to Next Sunday –
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Ruth 1:1–19a

2 Timothy 2:1–13

Luke 17:11–19

***Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of
Christ Jesus***

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. "*Go and show yourselves to the priests,*" for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord's temple. It is "*at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks*" (Luke 17:16) that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you "*find rest, each of you in the house of her husband*" (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has "*visited his people and given them food*" (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. "*Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead*" (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely "*the word of God is not bound*" (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted "*to faithful men who will be able to teach others also*" (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you "*may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus*" (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.