

## This Week at VIC

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Today 10/11	10:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
	12:30 p.m.	Fall Festival Meeting
Tuesday 10/13	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Saturday 10/17	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 10/18	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**

***Lutheran Witness*** – If you are interested in receiving the *Lutheran Witness*, please let Doug Rohloff know by Sunday, October 18. The cost is \$14.25 for 11 issues. Please make your checks out to Victory in Christ, earmarked *Lutheran Witness*, and give them to Doug, too.

**Fall Festival /October Fest** - VIC will be hosting a Fall Festival / October Fest on Saturday, October 24, at the church. If you plan to participate in the Trunk or Treat, please fill out and return a participation form. In addition, we are asking for candy donations and other prizes or items for Bingo, the children's games, Trunk or Treat, and the Silent Auction. There will be a meeting after lunch **TODAY**.

**Church Voters' Meeting** – There will be a Voters' Meeting following the noon meal on Sunday, October 25.

**Church Cleaning** – Scheduled for church cleaning this week is the Brad Rohloff Family.

### **General Fund Income –**

Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 3,272.86
Actual Income Received Last Week	\$ 4,509.00
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$ 32,728.60
Year to Date Actual Income	\$ 27,737.25

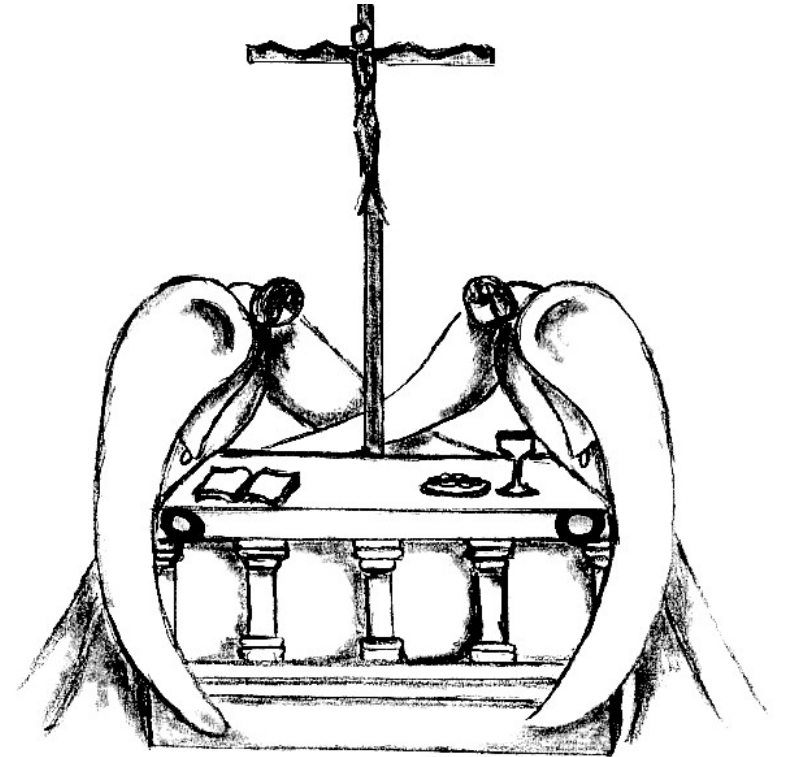
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## Victory in Christ Lutheran Church

*I have made ready my dinner, . . .  
 . . . come to the marriage feast.*



The Nineteenth Sunday  
 after Pentecost  
 October 11, 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: #676 – Behold a Host, Arrayed in White**

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

**Psalmody**

***Isaiah 61:10, antiphon Psalm 146:2 (ESV)***

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>10</sup> **I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;**

**my soul shall exult in my God,**

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

**as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful  
headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

**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 25:6-9 (English Standard Version)***

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

**New Testament Reading**

***Philippians 4:4-13 (English Standard Version)***

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

***God's Provision***

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup> I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

## Gospel Reading

### **Matthew 22:1-14 (English Standard Version)**

#### ***The Parable of the Wedding Feast***

<sup>1</sup>And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

**Sermon Hymn: #510 – A Multitude Comes from the East  
and the West**

#### **Sermon:**

**Communion Hymns: #710 – The Lord's My Shepherd,  
I'll Not Want  
#643 – Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: #917 – Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name  
We Raise**

#### **Weekly Stewardship Focus**

**Matt. 22:5 – "But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business."** The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

## The Readings for today –

### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Isaiah 25:6–9

Philippians 4:4–13

Matthew 22:1–14

#### ***Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast***

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He *"will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth"* (Is. 25:8). Therefore, *"let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation"* (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made *"for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine"* (Is. 25:6). It is the royal *"wedding feast"* of the Son of God, *"and everything is ready"* (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, *"both good and bad,"* to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the *"wedding garment"* of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, *"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,"* and *"rejoice in the Lord always"* (Phil. 4:4–6).

#### **A Look Ahead to Next Sunday –**

### **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Isaiah 45:1–7

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Matthew 22:15–22

#### ***We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ***

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted *"to entangle him in his words"* by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should *"render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's"* (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord's anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations *"from the rising of the sun and from the west"* (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus *"to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings"* (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, *"in power and in the Holy Spirit"* (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are *"turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God"* (1 Thess. 1:9–10).