

## This Week at VIC

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Today 10/17	11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 noon	Fellowship Lunch
Tuesday 10/19	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Saturday 10/23	8:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 10/24	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

**Mark 10:29-30** – “Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.’ ” This is Jesus’ encouragement for every faithful disciple. Let it encourage you today.

**Life Quote in the Church Year for October 17** “The things that have come to pass in Jesus come from His self-giving. He becomes a fetus in Mary’s womb; He becomes a crying infant, cold and hungry; He becomes a desert wanderer, starving and tormented by demons; He becomes the subject of slander and spitting; He is whipped and pierced; He is laid in the tomb. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. That’s where life is found: in the crucified Jesus.” *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

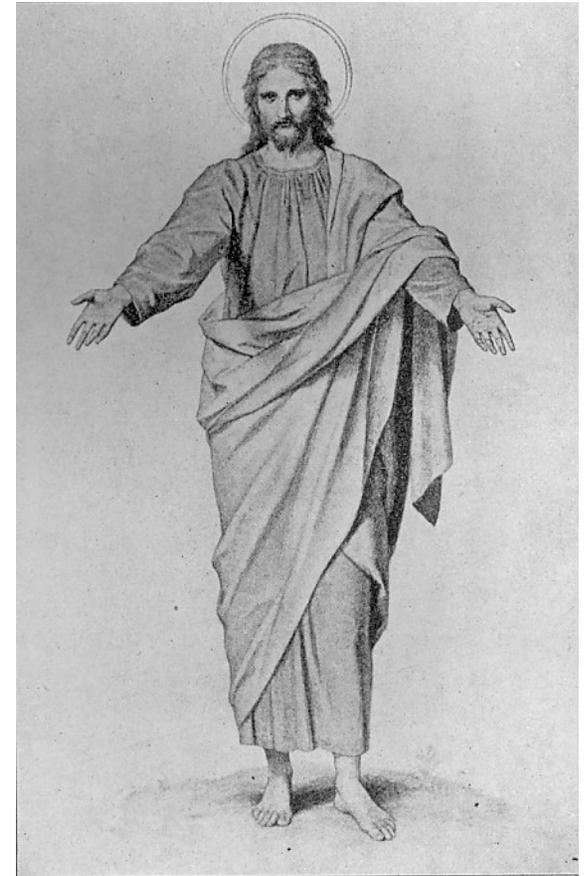
**Life Thought in the Church Year for October 17 – Pentecost XXI (Proper 24B)** – Surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis can indeed make anyone feel vulnerable (Ecclesiastes 5:15). Our Incarnate Almighty knows (Hebrews 4:15), and so He arranges better solutions than intentional death. His promises have power even over problems of the body (Hebrews 4:12), and whatever losses we may suffer, He more than compensates (Mark 10:29-30). Jesus the Savior makes all things possible—even joy amid suffering (Ecclesiastes 5:18).

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## Victory in Christ Lutheran Church

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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 17, 2021  
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: Insert – O Day of Rest and Gladness**

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

**Introit**

***Psalm 34:1-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 34:18 (ESV)***

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the broken- / hearted  
and saves the crushed in / spirit.

**<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at / all times;  
his praise shall continually be / in my mouth.**

<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast / in the LORD;  
let the humble hear / and be glad.

**<sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the / LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name to- / gether!**

<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he / answered me  
and delivered me from / all my fears.

**<sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the / LORD hears  
and delivers them out of all their / troubles.**

**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.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the broken- / hearted  
and saves the crushed in / spirit.

**Old Testament Reading**

***Ecclesiastes 5:10-20 (English Standard Version)***

<sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

<sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup> Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup> Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup> Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God.

<sup>20</sup> For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

**New Testament Reading**

***Hebrews 4:1-16 (English Standard Version)***

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup> For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

<sup>3</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

"As I swore in my wrath,

"They shall not enter my rest,"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup> For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup> And again in this passage he said,

"They shall not enter my rest."

<sup>6</sup> Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup> again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

"Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts."

<sup>8</sup> For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup> So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

### ***Jesus the Great High Priest***

<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

### **Gospel Reading**

#### ***Mark 10:23-31 (English Standard Version)***

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup> Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

**Sermon Hymn: #690 – Hope of the World,  
Thou Christ of Great Compassion**

**Sermon:**

**Communion Hymn: #633 – At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**Closing Hymn: #748 – I'm But a Stranger Here**

### **Announcements**

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

**Fall Festival** - VIC will be hosting a Fall Festival on Saturday, October 30, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the church. See Ruth Rohloff for additional details.

**Silent Auction** - Sharon and I are excited about the Silent Auction at the Fall Festival. We are visiting the businesses that donated last year to encourage them to participate again this year. Thank you to those members who donated items last year. As you know, the more items we have, the more successful our auction will be. Therefore, we are asking each family to donate at least one item. It would be helpful if you could let us know in advance what you plan to donate since we will be organizing the paperwork for each item. Thanks, Gary R.

**Fall Festival Items Needed** – We are now accepting candy and soda (12- or 24- packs, assorted) donations. We are also looking to borrow pumpkins, potted mums, and other fall decorative items for the photo booth.

**Quilt Raffle** – Lorene Finstad has graciously donated a hand-stitched queen size quilt to the Fall Festival. Tickets are on sale. They are \$5.00 each and will be limited to no more than 200 tickets. The winner will be drawn on Sunday, October 31, at 12:00 noon.

**Church Voters' Meeting** – There will be a Voters' Meeting following the noon meal on Sunday, October 31.

**Church Cleaning** – Scheduled for church cleaning this week are the Joshua Rohloff, Teague, Sherrod, Foltz, and Eicksteadt families.

### **General Fund Income –**

Weekly Budgeted Income	\$ 3,164.16
Actual Income Received Last Week	\$ 2,098.00
Year to Date Budgeted Income	\$ 34,805.76
Year to Date Actual Income	\$ 39,808.16

## **The Readings for today –**

### **The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

Hebrews 4:1–13 (14–16)

Mark 10:23–31

#### ***By the Voluntary Poverty of Christ, We Enter the Kingdom of God***

To love and trust in earthly wealth is vanity. For nothing of this earth will last forever, nor can any of it grant eternal life (Eccl. 5:10). But the one who trusts in God is *"occupied with joy in his heart"* and is able to sleep in peace, *"whether he eats little or much,"* because he knows that the *"days of his life"* are *"the gift of God"* (Eccl. 5:12, 18–20). The person who trusts in riches cannot sleep, because he *"shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand"* (Eccl. 5:15). Therefore, it is difficult *"for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God"* (Mark 20:23). Indeed, it is impossible for man, yet *"all things are possible with God"* (Mark 20:27). Thus, the Rich Man, Jesus Christ, has made Himself poor and has gone through *"the eye of a needle,"* through death and the grave, *"to enter the kingdom of God"* on our behalf (Mark 20:24–25). He is the *"great high priest who has passed through the heavens"* (Heb. 4:14), so that we may now enter His Sabbath rest by faith in His forgiveness (Heb. 4:3–9).

## **A Look Ahead to Next Sunday –**

### **The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 31:7–9

Hebrews 7:23–28

Mark 10:46–52

#### **The Lord Jesus Christ Opens Our Eyes to God and Brings Us into His Presence**

As He did for blind Bartimaeus, so does the Lord, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon you. With His Word of the Gospel, "he is calling you" to Himself, to "take heart," to rise up and live by faith in His forgiveness. He opens your heart and mind to see and know God rightly in Him and to follow Him "on the way" of the cross and into life everlasting (Mark 10:49–52). "He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him," because He is the great High Priest, who offered Himself "once for all" as a sacrifice for sins. Since He is risen from the dead and "exalted above the heavens," He "holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever," and "he always lives to make intercession" for His people (Heb. 7:24–27). Along with that, He gathers the children of God to Himself by the proclamation of His Gospel, even "from the farthest parts of the earth." In mercy He calls them, by the waters of Holy Baptism, "in a straight path in which they shall not stumble," unto life everlasting (Jer. 31:8–9).